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The 2012 Weedman National Family Gathering is the 14th in a series of meetings that started in 1980. This will be the second one at the Rough River State Park.

2012 Weedman Family Reunion

The **2012 Weedman Family Reunion** or **National Family Gathering** will be held from Friday, August 17 through Sunday August 19 at the Rough River State Park in Grayson County, Kentucky. Hosts of the event are **Cliff and Shirley Weedman** along with **Myron and Sherry Weedman**.

Grayson County, Kentucky is where **Christian and Mary (Marshall) Weedman** settled when the area was still part of Virginia. They received a land grant for land on Clifty Creek and lived there until their apparent deaths in the 1830s. So, this is a very significant historic area for many of the Weedman family.

More details are shown on page 16 of this issue and even more will be sent as they become available.

A block of rooms/cabins has been reserved at the Rough River State Park. For special rates to apply, reservations must be made on or before July 31, 2012. To reserve your room or cabin, call 1-800-325-1713.

Hall of Fame Nominations Sought

If we can secure nominations, we will be presenting new inductees into the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame** at the **2012 Weedman National Family Gathering**.

The Hall of Fame is a mechanism to bring recognition to family members who have brought a sense of pride or notable accomplishment to the family. Given the time constraints, a simple nomination with some limited amount of justification will be all that is needed. We will work with the nominating party to create a biographical sketch showing the nominees achievements and family lineage.

The nominee need not have Weedman lineage but could be a person who married into the Weedman family. An example of this is **Dee Brown**, author and historian who wrote **Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee**. Brown married into the family but his accomplishments were deemed worthy of recognition and thus he was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Contact Nick Weedman, Editor of the Newsletter, at the addresses shown on the next page of this issue to nominate someone. It would be helpful to have names in place about **August 1** to have sufficient time to research and prepare presentation materials

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Recent Contacts

Diane Kennedy wrote to advise us of the death of her **Aunt Mary Alice Weedman Fults**. She had Alzheimer's Disease and passed away April 7, 2012. Diane advised that she has information and photographs on a public family tree on Ancestry.com. The tree is called the **Kennedy/Jamison/Weedman/Beard** Family Tree. We believe access to this is free but have not verified the cost. We did access the site and it does have a lot of information on it.

Richard Widmann of New York City has contributed articles regarding some of the **Widmann** family history as well as the distribution of where **Widmann** families currently live in Germany. We are of the belief that our origins are German and that the surname was originally **Widmann**. Now if we could only prove this!

Taffy Walker of Ventura, CA wrote to

seek information on her great grandmother, **Bertha May Weedman**, daughter of **Elisha Franklin Weedman** and his first wife, **Eliza Massey**. Eliza died when **Bertha May** was two years old and she was at least partially raised by her grandmother, **Mary Jane Craig Weedman**. **Bertha May** was the only child of this couple (**Elisha Franklin Weedman** did marry **Vernetta (Nettie) Perkins** and the couple had several children). Bertha married **Thomas Thurston Walker** and the family lived in southwestern North Dakota for a number of years. A divorce occurred and Bertha moved to Portland, Oregon where she died in 1966.

Chester Roistacher has continued to provide some excellent information on the family of **James Edwin Weedman**, the subject of the Featured Family in the Fall 2011 issue of the Weedman Newsletter. Numerous pictures and much supplemental information have been provided and is much appreciated.

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We continue to receive some excellent family information as well as inquiries from families seeking ancestral ties.

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 total for both the printed and electronic versions..

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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In addition, we have received a number of inquires about **Weedman** family history and ancestry.

Obituaries

Mary Alice Weedman Fults

Mary Alice Fults, 90, of Indianapolis, died April 7, 2012. She was born February 7, 1922 in Bristow, IN, to the late **Oscar** and **Hettie Beard Weedman**. Mary was a homemaker who loved her garden and flowers. She was a member of the North Liberty Christian Church, Order of Eastern Star and a life member of the Alpha Alpha Eta Sorority.

She is survived by step-son, **Edward (Janet) Fults**; step-daughter, **Phyllis Fults**; brother, **Carl Weedman**; 2 granddaughters; 1 grandson; 5 great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her husband, **Edward Fults**.

Funeral services were on April 11th with burial in the Bethel United Methodist Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Her line was: Mary Alice Weedman⁷, Oscar David⁶, William T.⁵, George Glasscock⁴, Daniel³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian, Senior¹.

Betty A. (Duy) Weedman

Betty A. Weedman, of Aurora IL passed away May 7, 2012 at home surrounded by her loving family. Betty was born October 14, 1942 in Aurora, IL to the late **Carl** and **Ruth Duy**. She was the wife of **David Weedman** for 51 years; loving mother of **Scott (Tina) Weedman** and **Brian (Karen) Weedman**; cherished grandmother of **Lindsay** and **Andrew**. Betty was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Aurora, IL. Services

were on May 12, 2012 with burial in Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery.

The lineage of her husband, David Weedman, is: David Lee Weedman⁸, Clarence Harold⁷, Albert Farlow⁶, Charles Newton⁵, Asa⁴, John Huhn, Sr.³, George², Christian, Sr.¹.

Edgar George Weedman, Jr.

Edgar George Weedman, Jr., 55 of Hickory NC died on April 30, 2012. No further details are known. It appears he descends from Weedman families with roots in Breckinridge, KY.

Jean Marie (Lenz) Weedman

Jean Marie Lenz) Weedman, 82 of Bonney Lake WA, passed away on March 16, 2012 in Puyallup WA. Committal services were held on March 31, 2012 BONNEY WATSON Washington Memorial Park, Seatac WA.

Her Weedman connection lineage is unclear at this time.

Ralph Cornelius Weedman, Jr.

Ralph Cornelius Weedman, Jr. 56, passed away on June 3, 2012.

He proudly served 12 years in the Navy aboard the USS Sunfish SSN 649 and the USS Flasher SSN 613.

He was preceded in death by his parents, **Ralph** and **Beverly Weedman**; and his sister, **Debbie Bruner**.

Survivors include his daughters, **Lila Asanion (Chris)**, **Denice Weedman** and **Melanie Weedman**; grandchildren, **Hayden** and **Kaleb Asanion**, **Mela Weedman** and **Willow Miller**; his

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If you have knowledge of the deaths of family members, please notify the editor as shown on page 10.

We receive news about family members featured in Names in the News from a Google program that finds our surname on the Internet.

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brother, **Mike Weedman (Robin)**; sisters, **Sheila Hays** and **Patty Thomas**; and many caring and loving nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held on July 5, 2012 at the Kentucky [Veterans](#) Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

His lineage: Ralph Cornelius Weedman, Jr.⁸, Ralph Cornelius, Sr.⁷, William George⁶, Samuel Elisha⁵, George Glasscock⁴, Daniel³, Christian, Jr.², Christian Sr.¹.

Sunny (Warren) Weedman

Sunny (Warren) Weedman, 81, of Evansville Indiana passed away at 7 pm, Monday, March 19, 2012.

Sunny was born June 23, 1930 in Wadesville, Indiana the daughter of **Rufus** and **Lincoyah (Bell) Warren**. She was a graduate of Central High School and Deaconess School of Nursing. Sunny was a member of Seventh Day Adventist Church and a member of River City Clowns. She had worked as Director of Nursing at Bethel Manor for 33 years. Her Weedman connection lineage is unclear at this time.

Kimberly Diane Weedman

Kimberly Diane Weedman, born 4 May 1964 died 15 December 2011 in San Diego, CA. She succumbed to cancer.

Her lineage: Kinberly Diane Weedman⁸, Clifford William, Jr.⁷, Clifford William, St.⁶, Andrew Garfield⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart⁴, David³, Jacob², Christian, Sr.¹.

Names in the News

Shane Weedman, a 2011 Tell City (IN) graduate, pitched a no-hitter for the Owensboro (KY) Oilers in a 3-0 win over Marion in the Ohio Valley Summer Collegiate Baseball League on June 26, 2012.

Weedman struck out nine and walked four as he raised his record to 2-1 in the wooden-bat league. He has a 3.15 earned run average and has struck out 27 and walked 18 in 20 innings. It was the first no-hitter in the seven-year history of the Oilers.

Weedman also threw a no-hitter for Tell City as a junior against South Central April 8, 2010.

He pitched for Vincennes University this spring, mostly as a reliever. He appeared in 13 games, pitching 28 innings and going 1-3 with a 6.75 earned run average. He struck out 23 and walked 23.

He is a 2011 graduate of Tell City High School and is now a sophomore at Vincennes University. He is the son of **Jim** and **Robin Weedman**.

Jeff Weedman, currently Vice President Global Business Development for Procter & Gamble has been named to head an effort in Cincinnati to foster new business and promote entrepreneurship in that City. The assignment is for two years after which the loaned executive will presumably return to a role in P&G. The new effort is called Cintrifuse. Congratulations on the new assignment and we wish you success in the endeavor. Following is a biographical sketch found on the internet for Jeff.



Jeff Weedman has been responsible for P&G's External Business Development organization since its inception in 1996.

Mr. Weedman launched an entrepreneu-

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rial licensing department charged with the commercialization of P&G's treasure trove of patents, trademarks, and know-how. Now transformed into a robust External Business Development organization, the group has a broad mission to create value through intellectual property management, including enabling "Connect + Develop"—P&G's open innovation strategy that looks to access external technologies, "cooked products," capabilities and business propositions. In addition to Mr. Weedman's long and diverse career at Procter & Gamble, he serves as an observing Board Member to P&G's and Clorox's Glad Products joint venture, has served as an observing Board Member with yet2.com, and is currently on the board of Northern Kentucky University's Research Foundation.

Widmann Surname Origins

Contributed by Robert Widmann

The work of Cologne University **Professor Walter Pfeilsticker** needs to be taken into account on this subject. The surname **Widmann** arose, Pfeilsticker claimed, when a certain **Mangolt** of Dagersheim, Wuerttemberg was awarded the town Widdemhof, a barn/stable structure, as a fief circa 1300. Mangolt was appointed mayor of Dagersheim and as one who controlled or managed the income from the **Widdemhof**, became known as **Widdemeyer** or **Widdman**.

The Dagersheim Widdemhof may still stand and may be viewed on the Internet at Zeitriese-bb.de/dagers/zehnt.htm The term "widdemhof" referred originally to a structure where male animals were kept segregated or reserved in order to manage flock or herd size and there is further thought that the root of the term - wid - refers back to the sense of the ram (Widder) as a repeating force/activity as

do many other words in the German language having a wid component (wider - contra, against; widerhall - echo, etc.). The term "Widmen" means dedication deriving perhaps from a sense of a perpetual return to an object, activity or frame of mind.

In Wuerttemberg of the middle ages, the term Widdemhof had come to mean a farm or farm structures reserved for church use, usually to provide income and support for the church and its pastor. However, in Dagersheim as in many other towns in Wuerttemberg, the Widdemhof referred specifically to a structure used as a place for villagers and for farmers nearby to deposit church tithe (zehntscheuer) obligations: so many measures of wheat, of barley, of hay, etc. But as church pastors became political appointees, the income stream of the tithe barn, the Widdemhof, was often diverted to other village "patriziat" ranked higher than pastor by the king or warlord of the region who made such appointments. This state of affairs and other similar abuses was to lead in 1525 to the Peasants War, wherein peasant leaders demanded, among other things, a right to choose Church Pastors, and as noted by Frederick Engels, the red flag was to fly for the first time.

But it was this Widdemhof in Dagersheim that was awarded by **Count Eberhard**, Erlauch, to a certain village mayor named Mangolt as a fief, an income property, that was to be associated with Mangolt's name, first as **Widdemaier** and then as **Widdemann** and that became associated as a surname with his offspring and descendants over the centuries.

Professor Pfeilsticker further claims **Mangolt Widdemann** was an illegitimate son of **Count Eberhard** and a ser-

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Robert Widmann has been a consistent contributor to the Weedman Newsletters. Two articles submitted by him are featured here.

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vant girl. As proof of this he points to the title deed of fief coming from the House of Wurttemberg to Mangolt of Dagersheim. Perhaps this account has truth to it as, over the years, members of the **Widmann Clan** turn up as officially favored local leaders: in Ehningen (1525), **Hans Widmann** presumptive grandfather of **Lienhard** (1606) is Aidlingen Village Shultheiss, **Claus Widmann** in Gueltlingen, **Konrad** and **Mangold** in Marbach and Steinheim (from which **George von Widmann** of Eger and the **Widmann-Sedlitzky** family was thought to emerge).

Below - purported origin of name, "**Weidmann, Widmann**" from HOUSE OF NAMES:

"The **Wideman** surname is derived from the Upper German word "weide," meaning "willow." Thus it was most likely a name originally taken on by someone who lived near a willow tree. First found in the Palatinate in the Rhineland valley, where the name was anciently associated with the tribal conflicts of the area. *(Would like to know more about this. RHW)* Some of the first settlers of this name or some of its variants in America were: **Johannes Widmann**, who came to Philadelphia in 1743; along with **Franz Carl** in 1772; and **Michael Widmann** in 1748; **Johann Friedrich Widmann** came to Philadelphia in 1749."

www.houseofnames.com/xq/asp/s.Wideman/Origin.GR/sId./qx/coatofarmsdetails.htm

Other sources attribute the name origin to the nordic w(j)d, the (j) being a runic vowel similar to i or u and together the w(j)d being the stem for the English word, wood, hence the name **Widmann** has as its meaning, woodsman.

Author's note: The 3 grapes cluster motif

appearing in many **Widmann** family crests is exactly the 3 grape cluster arrangement that appears in the coat of arms of the Nekar Valley town of Weinsburg and appears in the painting of **Carlo Aurelio Widmann**, Admiral of the Venetian Fleet, ca. 1798 and in the portrait engraving of **Erasmus Widmann** ca. 1610 as well as in numerous other **Widmann** family crests.

Note 2. The name **Widimanus** appears in a Obergaaau, Helvetia court document of 861 as a witness in a goods exchange.

*(Editor's note: we found the **Widmann** family crest on a number of Internet sites but none we could download. Those found did have the three grape clusters described by Robert in his article.*

*All of our efforts to locate the origins of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** are based on the presumption that he was, in fact, from Germany. References in County History articles refer to either German or Dutch ancestry. We believe the reference to Dutch is actually Deutsch or the German language.*

*Most references to birth, marriage and death records for **Widmann** in Germany indicate that Wurttemberg is the likely location of the birth of our ancestor.*

*It would appear that if we could get DNA project participation by some of the **Widmann** family in Germany, the hypothesis of the family origins could be proven or discarded.*

Obviously, more work is needed but it could be that we are narrowing the places to look for our ancestral home.)

Widmann Surname Distribution in Germany

Robert Widmann of New York recently supplied us with the location of a site which shows the geographic distribution of the surname, **Widmann**, in contemporary Germany. We had always suspected the roots of the family were in Baden-Württemberg and the distribution map seems to have pointed to origins in southwestern Germany.

The demographic study shows there were 3,563 telephone listings for **Widmann** families in Germany with a total of 9,501 people with that surname living in 249 locations.

Here is a list of where the **Widmann** families currently live:

Munich	167	Furstenfeldburck	97
Rems-Murr-Kreis	144	Esslingen	95
Stuttgart	129	Ludwigburg	94
Ostalbkreis	114	Dachau	91
Boblingen	100	Sigmaringen	87

While this information alone does not mean the family has roots primarily in southwest Germany, it appears this is another indicator of where we should look to find the original home place of **Christian Weedman** (of **Widmann**) in Germany.

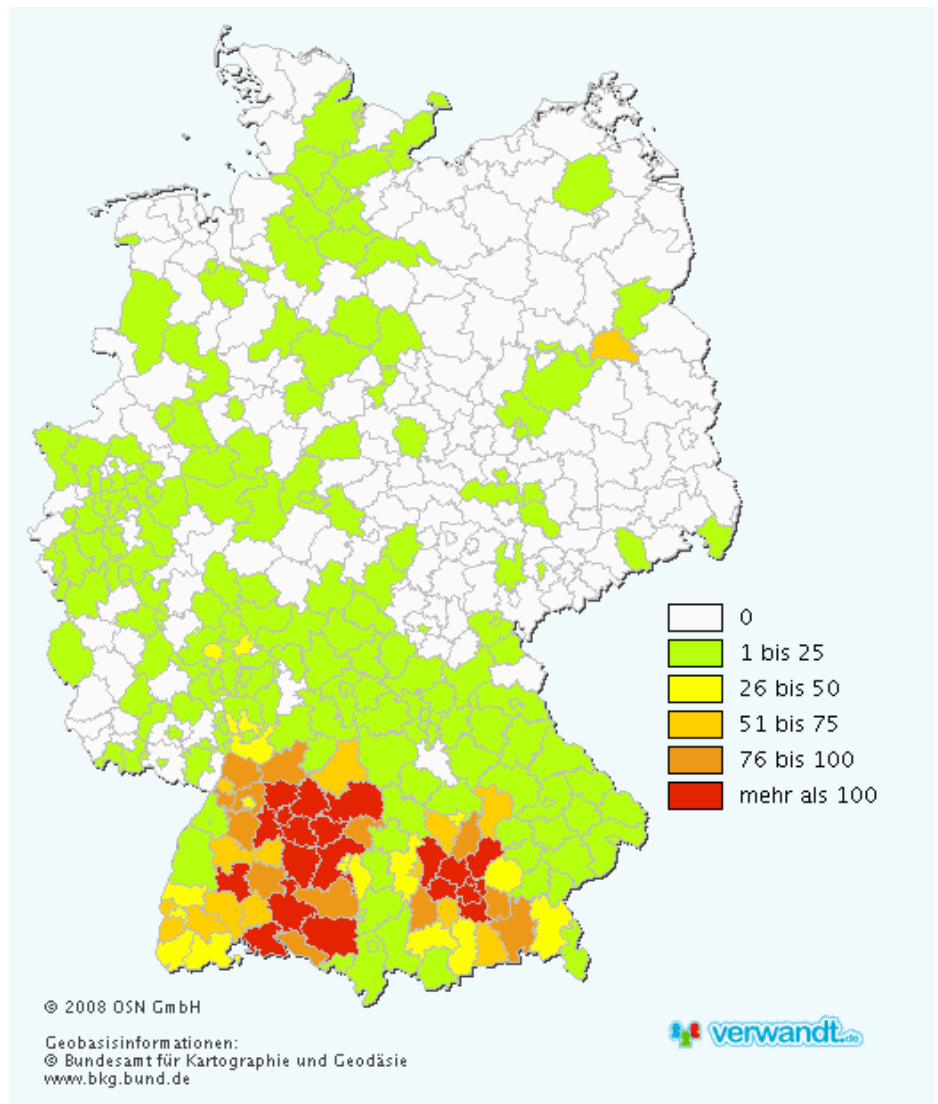
Interestingly, there are few families in Germany with the surname **Widman** (the spelling of the surname with a single "n"). A similar surname distribution map of Switzerland shows few families in that country with either spelling of the surname.

Our thanks to **Robert Widmann** for providing this useful information.

We are hopeful that the color map prints well in black and white for presentation in the printed version of the Weedman Newsletter.

A copy of the surname distribution map is shown on the right and may be found on line at the following:

<http://www.verwandt.de/karten/absolut/widmann.html>



2012 WEEDMAN NATIONAL REUNION

Welcome to Grayson County, Ky

August 17 – 19, 2012

Official Welcome you to KENTUCKY

ROUGH RIVER DAM STATE RESORT PARK /CANEYVILLE REUION<http://parks.ky.gov/parks/resortparks/rough-river/default.aspx>http://parks.ky.gov/userfiles/aParkBrochures/RoughRiver_4Panel_2010_FINAL.pdf**REGISTER NOW TIME IS RUNNING OUT****1-800-325-1713 ask for Weedman Reunion block of rooms**

13 rooms at \$80.96 each and 4 cottages \$107.96 each are being held until July 27, 2012.

Listing Of other lodging near park <http://parks.ky.gov/parks/nearby.aspx?id=18&cats=Lodging&ret=/parks/resortparks/rough-river/default.aspx&lat=37.6100450&lng=-86.502238>**PLEASE RSVP SHIRLEY WEEDMAN at sweed88@yahoo.com****with # attending by July 30, 2012.****Friday:** Check in Friday - met at campground lot # 47 (far end corner lot closest to the dam and tennis courts look for 35' Coachmen Chapperell 5th wheel) 5pm-9pm for itinerary of weekend events.**Additional event going on in the area:**Free fiddle music at the park Friday night. kentuckyfiddler.comThere's a play at Pine Knob Theater at 8 p.m. The show is *Lucy And Ruth's Diner "LARD"* <http://www.pineknob.com/welcome.htm>

Cruises on the lake, canoeing and kayaking.

Saturday: 7:00-10:00 a.m. - Breakfast buffet at Park \$6.95 sausage& bacon on buffet -or go across the street at the Country Porch Swing Restaurant.11:00a.m. - Leave Park to attend Caneyville lunch and **all day event** on 100 year old family farm. **Child friendly event no alcohol please!**

12:00p.m. LUNCH at Weedman family farms.

2:30 or 3:00p.m. - Wagon for rides for fun & also tour 4 graves within 5 mile radius (bring or wear good shoes for little hike to one grave)

There will be swimming, yard games (Corn hole, horse shoes, yard golf, etc) all day.

There will be a "kids kanopy" with games, crafts and activities, bring extra clothes incase you get wet.

Bluegrass music from family band also provided.

Everyone is welcome to spend the day at the farm and get to know extend family. After eating all day you may not even need supper just a nap under the tree!

This year we're offering free time during the evening so you all can attend local events and see the beautiful area around.

8:00 p.m There's a play at Pine Knob Theater. The show is "*Daddy Took The T-Bird Away*" <http://www.pineknob.com/welcome.htm>**Sunday :** 7:00-10:00 a.m. - Breakfast buffet is available at the Park \$7.95 sausage, bacon, and country ham on buffet or go across the street at the Country Porch Swing Restaurant.

8 or 9:00 a.m. Sunday Service & good-byes.