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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

It seems like an eternity has passed since our last Newsletter. It was written and sent out to you just a few days before the September 11 tragedy in NY, PA and Washington, DC. I believe I'd be correct in assuming that we all were in a state of shock at the news of this terrorist attack on our native soil. Our lives have been changed in a way, but I believe that we have been jolted out of our complacency into the reality of knowing that "it can happen in America!". Nevertheless, and in spite of the grief we all feel for those who have lost loved ones in that disaster, as Americans we have banded together to protect and fight for our country and to honor those who died on that terrible day.... September 11. We will never forget it. So now we have proven our ability to sniff out and deal with the terrorist groups who have brought this present war to our very doorstep.

Well dear ones, let us show the American spirit by steadfastly supporting the national stand, and at the same time, let us not be fearful to the point of being unable to carry on. Let us show the World that America is not a soft, fearful, do-nothing nation. As our ancestors did in times past, let us courageously carry on with our prayers and best wishes for our nation and its people.

I am still planning to fly to Evansville next summer, and head for Jasper and the Weedman Reunion. I'm not going to

let them (the terrorists) deter me from my people! I'm not going to shrink into depression. I'm sure if the fallen could speak up, they would want us to show our spunk and carry on, not shrinking in fear and doubt, but knowing we have the terrorists on the run. We will not give up as we did in the Gulf War, before the job has been done and the world is safe from the present fanatical terrorism.

Plans are going on, to be sure, for the next reunion. We want to emphasize all the places in the area where the entire family could enjoy. The children would love to visit Santa Claus Indiana, and the other places nearby where family fun abounds. Why not make a week of it, and see all there is to see in the area. Read over the news of the Reunion in the Summer and Fall newsletters, and on page 32 of this issue.

Gena Theiss is grateful for your response in updating your family lines and sending the information on to her or Nick. Nick passes the information to her unless you contact her directly. See her address in the Fall newsletter page 19. Her e-mail address is trees4gena@aol.com. You might want to send her a GEDCOM file of your

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*We extend to all
our Holiday
Wishes for a
Merry Christmas
and a Happy,
Healthy 2002!*

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condolences to
Helen Gregg
and her family
on the loss of
two of her
siblings
recently.*

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entire line if you're not sure if it is or is not in the latest book. She is working hard on this project and we appreciate all of your co-operation to see that all lines are as current as possible.

Now to bring you our latest news: **Helen (Basinger) Gregg** has lost her sister **Nancy Lee Thomas** and her brother, **Kenneth Basinger** recently.

Obituary

Nancy Lee Thomas

Nancy Lee Thomas, 78, of Newman, Georgia formerly of Evansville, IN, died August 24, 2001 at her home, of apparent heart failure. Surviving are two sons, **Larry** of Newman, and **Wesley** of Mechanicsburg, PA; three sisters, **Helen Gregg** of Evansville, **Geneva Joseph** of Peoria, IL and **Mary Wessels** of Vero Beach, FL: a brother, **Kenneth Basinger**, of Evansville, IN, two grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, three great grandchildren and nine step-great grand-

children Services were held August 25, 2001 in Newman, GA with burial in White Oak Cemetery, in Clay, Kentucky.

Obituary

Kenneth Basinger

Kenneth A. Basinger, 75, of Evansville, died Friday, Nov. 30, 2001, at Regina Continuing Care Center of cancer. He retired from Norman Levy & Co. He was a World War II Merchant Marine veteran and a member of Epworth Methodist Church. Surviving are three sisters, **Mary Wessels** and **Helen Gregg**, both of Evansville, and **Geneva Joseph** of Peoria, Ill.; and nieces and nephews. Services were on December 2, 2001 with burial in Alexander Memorial Park in Evansville, IN with military rites. Source: Evansville IN *Courier & Press*, December 1, 2001

Nancy and Kenneth were descended from DANIEL's line. We join the Gregg's and Basinger's in their grief and for their loss.

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About the Weedman Newsletter

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50th Anniversaries!

We received a message from **Jesse** and **Jerri Weedman** of Joshua Tree, CA (JACOB's line) to bring us up to date on their news. They celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Sept. 2, 2001 and their daughters, **Jean**, **Joanne**, and **Judy** gave a wonderful reception for them on this occasion. **Judy**, the oldest, with her husband **Ron**, drove out from Missouri to be there and son Jim did his share, too to make this a wonderful occasion for **Jesse** and **Jerri**.

Jean's daughter, **Melissa Joy** married **Jim Reid**, July 14th at Bridgeport, CA. Jesse didn't give details but we can be sure that the young couple has now settled in and we wish them much happiness and a great future.

Neil Munch, and lovely wife, **Eleanor**, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary Sept. 10, 2000. I should have had this information in a year ago, folks, but better late than never.... And of course they've gone on to the 51st this year.... a day before the tragedy of Sept. 11. No doubt they celebrated with family and friends on the Big Day.

Family Weddings

A letter from **Diane Hall** (John's line) arrived with some family news. **Lori Hall**, daughter of **Diana** and **Jack Hall** was married to **Marcus Alan Briody**, son of **LaVern** and **Nettie (Hunt) Briody** of Evansville, Indiana. **Marc** was born July 30th 1978 in Evansville.

The wedding took place in a beautiful picturesque setting on October 15, 2001 in Canada at a park at Niagara on the Lake, where the Niagara River joins Lake Ontario. The lovely park and ga-

zebo, is situated on the banks of Lake Ontario, and as the marriage took place, the panorama of seagulls flying overhead and sailboats on the lake was a sight to enjoy. As one looks across the water, Fort Niagara (in NY state) can be seen. The fort was built in 1726. Besides **Jack** and **Diana**, daughter **Lydia** and her son **Nicholas** drove up from Indiana. **Nicholas**, age 7, was ring bearer. **Marc** and **Lori** enjoyed a second reception in Evansville, given the following Saturday. We wish this young couple the very best. Some of you will remember **Lori** at several of the past reunions. (JOHN's line).

Jonathan Ryan Kershner, son of **Lawrence** and **Andrea (Montgomery) Kershner** and grandson of **Paul** and **Marianne Montgomery** (DANIEL's line) graduated summa cum laude, from George Fox University, at Newberg, OR on April 29, 2000. **Marianne** joined **Andrea** and **Lawrence** on the drive to Newberg to attend the ceremony, which was very heart-warming and beautiful.

Then on June 9, 2001 **Jonathan** and his high-school sweetheart, **Jessica White**, were married in Centralia, WA. **Jessica** is the daughter of **Stephen** and **Carmen White** of Castle Rock, WA. They were married in the Baptist Church there in Centralia, and had a lovely reception following the ceremony. Jonathan's brother **Jeff** was a groomsman in the wedding party. **Grandma Marianne** was as proud as punch to be witnessing such a lovely ceremony. May **Jon** and **Jess** (as we call them) enjoy a wonderful happy life in their chosen field; religion. **Jon** will be going to Seminary at Princeton University next year. At least that is the plan at this time. Princeton is located close to Newark, NJ. **Jess** will be attending classes at Dyer University nearby. **Jess** graduates in June of 2002 from George Fox University also.

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Congratulations to those celebrating their 50th Anniversaries and to the newly married!

Due to more traffic on our web site as well as that of Gena Theiss, we are getting more family inquiries!

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I was looking through the Newsletter to see if I had added **Mischelle (Schelly) Weedman's** marriage in either the Summer or Fall newsletters, and like Jonathan's wedding, I did not have Mischelle's either.

Mischelle, the daughter of **William L. and Patricia (Scharf) Weedman** and granddaughter of **Gordon L. and Alma (Westerfield) Weedman**, was married to **Christopher Michael Davis** of Bellevue, WA on June 23, 2001 at Port Townsend, WA. Port Townsend is a lovely quaint town at the tip of Washington State on the shores of Strait of Juan de Fuca. The happy couple is living in Seattle, WA (JOHN's line). We wish them much joy. **Mischelle** is a lovely, caring, energetic person. She is Director of North American Marketing Inc. of New World Commerce, Bellevue, WA. **Schelly and Chris**, we wish you the very best.

Inquiries

Emily Ellen Weedman

We received an e-mail from a person whom we can only identify by their e-mail address which is: Windward-shore@lycos.com. They want to know more about the family of **Emily Ellen Weedman**. **Emily Ellen** was a child of **Harvey W. and Sarah A. (Hazelwood) Weedman** of Meade County, KY. **Harvey** was a son of **William and Lucy (Duggins) Weedman**, son of **John Weedman**, son of **Christian Jr.** **Emily Ellen** was born in Meade County KY 04/09/1882 in Grayson County, and died 01/12/1960 in Jefferson County. She is buried at Cap Anderson Cemetery in Brandenburg, KY (Meade Co). The writer would like to know if **Emily Ellen** had siblings, and if we know the **Duggins** line. **Cathy Stone** has a way of sniffing out the answers to our mystery

questions, so Cathy, what do you say? You can e-mail this person direct, but we'd like a copy of what you found out for our information.

Another mystery...where does this family member fit in? **James Wilson Weedman** of Sudlersville, MD, (deceased) son of **Denver Weedman**. As Nick mentioned in the Fall Newsletter, that although we have discovered two **Denver Weedman's, James** according to dates we have, doesn't belong to either one of those. **James Wilson Weedman** worked as a mechanic for Phillips Garage in Sudlersville. In his youth, he enjoyed playing soccer. He was a member of Calvary-Asbury Methodist Church in Sudlersville. Any clues?? Additional information on page 22 of the Fall Newsletter.

Then, although I mentioned it in a newsletter many years ago, we still don't have the answer as to who the **Christian Weedman** was, who was in the 1840 census of Bucyrus Township in Crawford County, OH. You will remember that **OUR Christian Weedman Jr.** of Grayson Co., KY 1830 census, didn't show up in 1840. Now it seems odd that I didn't check this out before this. Although the names of everyone in the family were not given until 1850, the ages of every male and female in the family were given in columns such as: "males between 0-10, 10-20, 20-30, 30-40, etc and same for females. We could tell by fitting the age is halfway between say, 50-60 (which would be the approximate age of **Christian Sr.**) ...he'd probably be at least 60. We hope to have the answer to this in the next Newsletter.

We received a message from **Cassiopeia Weedman** (Cassie for short). She is a daughter of **Carl Lavon Weedman**. **Cassie** believed that his father and his grandfather were also named **Carl**

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Lavon Weedman. We have located **Carl Levone Weedman** who was born in 1935 in Paynesville, KY, son of **George William Weedman**, born in 1909 in Paynesville, KY. **Carl Levone** had a son named also **Carl Levone Weedman** born in 1957. This could be the father of Cassie...depending on when Cassie may have been born. Also Cassie spells his name LAVONE and we have it spelled LEVONE in our records. Cassie's e-mail is: **CassieSoSweet@aol.com**.

Who's Who in the Weedman Family

At the 2000 Weedman Family Gathering held in Farmer City and Weedman, IL we had our initial induction into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame.

To qualify, the person must have made a positive and distinctive contribution to society that would bring honor to the family. We will make the second round of inductions at the Weedman National Family Gathering to be held in July 2002 in Jasper, IN.

Following are short sketches of those who were inducted in 2000 with posthumous awards first and living awards next:

Mary Weedman Myers, the oldest child of Christian, Sr. and Elizabeth Weedman. Born 1 January 1762 in South Branch, Hampshire Co., VA, Mary was recognized as the first American woman to ever cross the Ohio River from Virginia to settle the Ohio country. This was discovered in an article in a book, *Just Like Old Times*, Book VI, 1987-1989 published in Huron Co., OH.

John Jesse Weedman, Jr. The son of John and Rachael (Wilson) Weedman, he

was a highly successful businessman, banker, farmer, and stock dealer. He founded the John Weedman National Bank in Farmer City, IL and was a wealthy man when he died in 1885 at Weedman, IL. He was recognized as probably the earliest highly successful business man in the family.

Freeman Burford Weedman. He was the son of Guy and Harriet (Weedman) Burford and was a very successful oilman and businessman in Dallas, TX. He was born in 1900 in Farmer City, IL, educated in Oklahoma, and was a resident of Dallas. He once was considered as a strong possible candidate for governor of Texas. His first wife was Carolyn Skelly who was a daughter of the founder of Skelly Oil Company. Their home in Dallas is now a famous hotel called the Mansion at Turtle Creek. Freeman died in 1967.

Catherine Bishop Weedman. The widow of Jacob Weedman who was a son of George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman, she raised her six children in Ashland Co., OH. From that family have come a number of medical professionals. She was recognized for being the maternal head of a family that produced a line of successful professional descendents.

Dr. James Clyde Munch. Dr. Munch was an internationally recognized pharmacologist and toxicologist. Born in 1896 in Farmer City, IL he was the youngest recorded graduate of Bloomington, IL high school and continued his education at Illinois Wesleyan University and took his Ph.D. degree from George Washington University. He wrote what has been considered the leading textbook on pharmacology. He descended from the line of Jacob and Catherine (Bishop) Weedman.

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Nominations for the 2002 Weedman Hall of Fame are now being accepted. A simple statement of achievement will do the job.

Welcome to several new subscribers to the Weedman Newsletter.

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George Perry Weedman. Born in Perry County, IN to Green Berry and Susan (Cart) Weedman, George was an education pioneer in his native county and in North Vernon, Jennings Co., IN. He was born in 1861 and died in 1914. He was recognized as a pioneer educator.

Awards to living family members included the following:

Dee Brown. Married to Sally Stroud who is a Weedman descendent, Dee is a renowned author and historian. His most famous work was *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*, which has sold more than 5 million copies. Sally Stroud descends from the William Weedman line.

Gena Lee Theiss. Gena wrote "*Christian Weedman and his Descendants, 1735 – 1986*" and a second edition and update. She is a tireless researcher and has her own web site. She was recognized for her outstanding contribution in forwarding the genealogy of the Weedman family. She is from the line of Christian, Jr., John, Willis Green, Sr. from Grayson County, KY.

Marianne Montgomery. Marianne lives in Tacoma, WA and was married to the late Paul K. Montgomery. Together, they started the *Weedman Newsletter* and she has continuously edited the publication since its inception (34 years at this point!). An enthusiastic genealogist, her contributions to the family are of immeasurable value. Paul was a Weedman descendent whose line is from Christian, Jr., Daniel, etc.

Dr. Daniel Wilson Weedman. Dr. Weedman was a professor of Astronomy and Astrophysics at Penn State University and is now at NASA. He is a well-known astronomer and invented the

Hobby Eberly Telescope along with Lawrence W. Ramsey. Dr. Weedman descends from the line of Christian, Jr., John, Willis Green, Sr., John Franklin, Fonzo, and Roy Lee Weedman.

We are accepting nominations for the 2002 Weedman Family Hall of Fame nominations. Send your ideas to Nick Weedman (see contact information on page 26).

New Subscribers

We welcome several new subscribers to the Weedman Newsletter. For those who haven't done so, we suggest a contribution of \$5.00 per year to help defray copy and postage costs. Send your check to Nick Weedman whose address appears on page 26 of this issue.

Betty Weedman Moore of Belpre, OH is originally from California. Her line: Betty Weedman Moore⁷, Emerald Rose Weedman⁶, Abraham Lincoln Weedman⁵, George Weedman⁴, John Jesse Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Shannon Weedman Strack of Portland, TN is originally from Perry County, IN. Her line: Shannon⁹, Melvin F.⁸, William Mose⁷, Herbert⁶, James David⁵, William⁴, John³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Billie Livingston Lenchner lives in Florida but is from Illinois originally. Her mother was Shirley Jean Weedman whose line is: Shirley Jean⁸, James Henry⁷, William Thomas Bell⁶, Harvey Willis⁵, William⁴, John³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Two daughters of **Jessie and Jerri Weedman, Jane Thornburgh and Judy**

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Pownall, have been added. Their line: Jessie Earl⁶, James Monroe⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart⁴, David³, Jacob², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Lines Being Researched

We have been contacted by two people doing genealogical research on the Weedman or related families.

Dr. John Bishop Maxwell descends from the Bishop line which has two connections to the Weedman family. **John Bishop** married **Hannah Cooper** and in Ohio in the early 1800s had two children who married Weedmans. One, **Catherine**, married **Jacob Weedman** who was a son of **George** and **Charlotte Huhn Weedman**. **Catherine** is one of our Hall of Fame members. A son, **Jacob Bishop**, married **Mary Ann Weedman** another child of **George** and **Charlotte Weedman**.

John Craig wrote to say he has letters and photographs he is willing to share on the Craig line of Southern Indiana. The **Craigs** and **Weedmans** have a number of connections and we are very interested in getting material promised by John. We hope to have him participate in the 2002 Reunion but, at least, hope to have his material.

Last Call for some Subscribers

There are still a few people who receive the *Weedman Newsletter* who need to make their contributions for 2001. Some are probably no longer interested and no longer wish to receive this publication. For those, please let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list. For those who wish to continue, we suggest you send a donation for both 2001 and 2002.

As a reminder, we have put a small reminder slip in the envelope of those we feel are still due. Having said that, we may well have not properly recorded donations. Simply let us know and we will continue your subscription.

Finally, if you are interested but unable to contribute, let us know and we will gladly furnish complimentary copies.

We have received outstanding support from most of our subscribers with several contributing \$50 to \$100. But, we should all help to defray expenses of the *Newsletter* and we do appreciate those contributions!

Web Sites

If you are "surfing the web", please visit our family web site at:

<http://www.weedman.org>

And, Gena Theiss' site is at:

<http://hometown.aol.com/gentheiss>

Your comments and suggestions are always welcome!

Holiday Greetings

Nick and Marianne extend to our warmest holiday greetings to family and subscribers. 2001 has proven to be a difficult year and surely 2002 will bring more happiness for most. So, Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous Happy New Year to all!

Marianne Montgomery
&
Nick Weedman

We have received some good information on the Bishop family and look forward to the Craig family data which we hope arrives soon.

Weedman Family National Gathering

10th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

July 19-21, 2002

Jasper, Crawford and Perry Counties, Indiana

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 10th Biennial Weedman Family reunion. Southern Indiana was a hotbed of Weedmans for generations. Let's get together and learn more about our ancestors from this part of the country as well as meet and mingle with today's Weedmans!

Here's what we have planned:

Friday July 19, 2002

- **arrival and registration** at the Jasper, Indiana Holiday Inn
- **Weedman Gene Pool Party**, in the Sycamore Room (this will be a pool side party, where the kids can swim and the adults mingle, along with light refreshments)
- **Jasper Walking Tour** (for those folks who get into town early and would like to know more about Jasper, this tour is self guided and points out many historical sites in the lovely downtown)
- **Jasper Historical Society** (a great place to visit for the historians among us)

Saturday July 20, 2002

- **family breakfast**, catered at the hotel, 8 am
- **Cemetery Tour** (guided by Nick Weedman, we will be visiting various burial sites in Perry and Dubois Counties)
- **Lunch** catered at the Marengo Caves, in Crawford County (also games and canoeing for anyone interested)
- **Dinner** at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant (German food--what a treat!), Hall of Fame presentations, Planning Next Reunion, etc.

Sunday July 21, 2002

- **family breakfast**, catered at the hotel, 9 am
- short non-denominational **Closing Service**, after breakfast

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$35 per child (under 8). Hotel accommodations are not included. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn in Jasper for this Reunion. Each party will have to make their own reservations. The telephone number there is: 1-800-872-3176 or to call direct 1-812-482-5555. Be sure to mention you are with the Weedman party, when you call.

Reserve **NOW!** Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Send a note to Billie Bruce advising how many adults and how many children will attend along with your check to:

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