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Chantal's Chronicle

Hello Weedman Cousins!

As winter begins turning to spring in parts of the country, Weedmans everywhere have an exciting event to mark on our our calendars. **Kenny and Sue Weedman** of Corbin, Kentucky, have been gracious enough to organize this year's Weedman Family National Gathering in Tell City, Indiana, June 16-17th. The weekend is sure to give us all a chance to re-connect with family members from past reunions and events, while we also welcome some new Weedman cousins to the group. **Please check page 8** for all the details and the official registration form. Thanks to Kenny and Sue for all you're doing to make this event special!

Another quick order of business comes with the first newsletter of the year – subscription fees. With postage rates going up, we need to make sure we are able to cover the costs of printing and mailing The Weedman Newsletter. Your one-year subscription to the newsletter is just \$5.00 – a real bargain that lets you stay current on all the Weedman news. **Turn to page 2** for the address where you can send your check and THANKS for continuing to support the newsletter!

Genealogy buffs will enjoy this edition of the newsletter. Nick has pulled together some interesting and useful World War I Draft Records that offer us all some interesting insight into our ancestors who served in the U.S. Military. See **pages 4-6** for a peek at the details.

And as we recognize our ancestors who served in the military during World War I, I would like to encourage everyone reading to keep good thoughts and prayers for our Weedman family members who are serving their country around the world. My brother, **William Lowell "Rusty" Weedman, Jr.** is currently serving a one-year deployment in Kosovo. Rusty left the day after Thanksgiving and we hope he will return to his home in Austin, Texas in time for the Christmas holidays this year. Though we miss him a great deal, Mom, Dad, and I are so proud of his service to our country. We invite everyone who reads the newsletter to share with us the names and locations of any other Weedman family members currently serving in the military around the world. We would love to include well wishes to them in future editions of The Weedman Newsletter. Simply email me information on Weedmans in the Military to cweedman@nc.rr.com.

I look forward to seeing lots of Weedman cousins in Tell City this summer!

With all best Weedman wishes,

~Chantal

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Chantal Weedman assumes the Editor's role in this issue following 38 years of service by Marianne Montgomery!

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Weedman Family Hall of Fame Nominations Now Being Accepted

The Weedman family Hall of Fame was started in 2000 with the first inductees recognized at the Reunion held in Farmer City, IL.

The purpose of the Hall of Fame is to recognize family members whose achievements have brought positive recognition and pride to the family. The tradition continued in 2002 and 2004 and we hope we can receive sufficient nominees to continue the tradition at the 2006 Reunion.

Nominations can be simple enough with only a brief write-up of what the person had done to bring pride to the family. In the past, there has been a good mixture of both men and women. Living family members and those who have died have

been recognized.

A committee will be formed to judge nominees and to make the presentation at the Reunion dinner on June 17. Until the committee is functional, please send your nominations to Nick Weedman at the address shown this page.

Marianne Montgomery's Corner

Kathryn (Weedman) Cook sends news of two who have recently passed on. Both died in December of 2005. Sharon Bryden also lets us know the following:

Garnetta (Weedman) Nash, born and raised in Caneyville, KY passed away on December 23, 2005 at the Norton Audubon Hospital, Louisville, KY. She was born on January 31, 1925, daughter of **Estel** and **Zelma (Sirles) Weedman**. She was a devoted and much loved wife, mother, grandmother, and great grand-

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*Marianne
Montgomery's
presence
remains as she
assumes the role
of Editor
Emeritus for the
Newsletter*

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mother. She was a member of Lone Hill Baptist Church, and a lover of gardening, bird watching, and mountain music.

Garnetta was preceded in death by her beloved son **Larry Haskell Nash** and granddaughter, **Jennifer Lynn**. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, **Haskell**; daughters **Linda (Nash) Arnett** and **Leta (Nash) Weedman**; and son **Leonard Nash**; seven grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Family and friends and all who knew her will miss her.

Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Louisville, KY. Evergreen Funeral Home was in charge of the services.

Her line: Garnetta May Weedman⁷, Estel⁶, James Henry⁵, Willis Green, Sr.⁴, John³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Marvin Jay Weedman, born January 11, 1928, a son of the late **Alton** and **Lena (Anderson) Weedman**; passed away on December 16, 2005 at St Mary & Elizabeth Hospital, Louisville, KY. He was 77 years old.

Marvin was a member of the Zion United Baptist Church, and a US Army Veteran of WW II, and a retired processor of 45+ years for Paramount Pickles.

He is survived by his wife **Gladys L. (Preston) Weedman**, one daughter, **Sharon (Weedman) Bryden (Tommy)** of Springfield, IL; four sisters: **Katy Cook** of Caneyville, **Odean Wheeler**, Louisville, **Erma Spencer**, Hodgenville, and **Wilma Whitehead**, Leitchfield, and four brothers: **Loyd**, Leitchfield, **Henry**, Caneyville, **Elton** and **Howard**, Louisville. He had two granddaughters, and several nieces and nephews. Burial was at the Lone Hill Cemetery, Louisville, KY. Owen Funeral Home, Louisville was in charge of the services.

His line: Marvin Jay Weedman⁷, Alton⁶, James Henry⁵, Willis Green, Sr.⁴, John³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Katy's good news was a surprise birthday party for her 80th birthday November 10, 2005. There were about 75 family, friends and neighbors who attended. She must have felt like a Queen for a Day, but we know Katy is a queen any day of the year. She is a wonderful friend, and relation. Katy is in good health and... (I add my opinion in saying that she looks after her family and can be depended on for help and support.

Obituary

Susan (Weedman) Cameron

Susan Catherine (Weedman) Cameron died on December 10, 2005 in Burbank, CA. She was born January 21, 1916 in Perkins Co., South Dakota to **Claude** and **Mary Ophelia (DeCamp) Weedman**. A memorial service will be held in May 2006.

Susan married **Keith R. Cameron** on 21 May 1938 in Glenwood Mills, Iowa. They were the parents of **John Brice Cameron** and **Kay F. Cameron**.

Susan and her sister, **Edna Rounthwaite**, attended the 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering in San Diego. She was a wealth of knowledge on the family and we were all delighted to have had the opportunity of meeting her and learning more about our collective family.

Her line: Susan Catherine⁷, Claude Henry⁶, William Martin⁵, Jeremiah⁴, Jacob³, George², and Christian Sr.¹.

*We will publish family news as received.
Chantal Weedman is the editor and she welcomes articles to print.
See her address on page 2.*

The image shows two forms side-by-side. The left form is a 'REGISTRATION CARD' for Freeman Weedman, born April 11, 1886, in Evansville, Vanderburg Ind. The right form is a 'REGISTRAR'S REPORT' for the same individual, dated Sept. 12, 1918, with a physical description of height 5'11", weight 145 lbs, and eyes blue.

Example of a World War I Draft Registration Form

On the left is a form for **Freeman Weedman**, whose name in the index appears as Weidman. This is listed so readers can see the type of information contained on the cards. The clarity of this particular card appears to be average. We will copy and send cards when requested by paid up subscribers. Contact Nick Weedman at the address shown on page 2.

World War I - Draft Records Weedman Surname

In the Summer 2004 edition *The Weedman Newsletter*, we listed World War I draft records that were available at that time. Recently, on Ancestry.com, the list from all available states was made available. On the following pages, we are printing the entire list.

The information does contain limited but useful genealogical information. In some cases, the middle name of the person was learned for the first time. In another, we learned the full name of a person whose name was debated within the families of his descendents (this was with Cary Sylvester Seth Weedman).

We included three family members whose names appeared as Weidman (Roy Logan Weidman, Mervyn Earl Weidman, and William Herbert Weidman) on the list. A couple used that spelling for their surname while one, William Herbert Weidman, is apparently a misspelled surname.

For subscribers that are paid up for 2006 we are happy to copy the actual draft record and forward in response to their request. Some records are not highly readable while others are quite clear.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Names</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Registration City,</u>	<u>County,</u>	<u>State</u>
Weedman	Albert Farlow	25 Feb 1881			Wright	Iowa
Weedman	Amos	27 Jan 1883			Piatt	Illinois
Weedman	Andrew	27 Dec 1885		Detroit	Wayne	Michigan
Weedman	Andrew G.	27 Jan 1888	Indiana		Harvey	Kansas
Weedman	Carl C	1 Dec 1889	Illinois	Chicago	Cook	Illinois
Weedman	Carrie Sylvester Seth	22 Mar 1878			Redwood	Minnesota
Weedman	Charles	28 Mar 1889	Florida		St. Johns	Florida
Weedman	Charles Desmond	12 Nov 1881			Wright	Iowa
Weedman	Charles Edward	9 Jan 1881			Humboldt	California
Weedman	Charles Marion	5 Apr 1884			Hamilton	Iowa

World War I Draft Records, continued

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Names</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Birth Place</u>	<u>Registration City,</u>	<u>County,</u>	<u>State</u>
Weedman	Claude	15 Jul 1899			Grayson	Kentucky
Weedman	Claude Henry	9 Sep 1874			Perkins	So. Dakota
Weedman	Clyde	5 Aug 1889			Hamilton	Iowa
Weedman	Cordis	9 May 1888	Kentucky		Ballard	Kentucky
Weedman	Dellis L.	6 Jan 1893	Indiana		Perry	Indiana
Weedman	Denver	24 Jun 1884			Queen Anne's	Maryland
Weedman	Don Vincent	28 Jan 1882		Toledo	Lucas	Ohio
Weedman	Earl Elmore	15 Feb 1886			Redwood	Minnesota
Weedman	Earl Landly	21 May 1884		Stockton	San Joaquin	California
Weedman	Edgar Lewis	18 Feb 1900			Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	Emil	12 Jan 1886			Knox	Illinois
Weedman	Estil	23 Mar 1893	Kentucky		Grayson	Kentucky
Weedman	Eugene Parker	19 Apr 1900			Phillips	Arkansas
Weedman	Fonzo	14 Apr 1883			Ohio	Kentucky
Weedman	Frank Everett	27 Nov 1881			Westmoreland	Penn.
Weedman	Frank Leonard	20 Feb 1876			DeWitt	Illinois
Weedman	Franklin O.R.	15 Dec 1888	Kentucky		Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	Fred Elsworth	22 Mar 1878			Wright	Iowa
Weedman	Fred William	6 Oct 1896	Colorado		Sherman	Kansas
Weedman	Freeman	10 Apr 1886			Vanderburg	Indiana
Weedman	Freeman Perry	9 May 1885		Oshkosh	Winnebago	Wisconsin
Weedman	George Nelson	2 Apr 1876		Salt Lake City	Salt Lake	Utah
Weedman	George Routte	27 Jan 1886			Crittenden	Arkansas
Weedman	George W.				Labette	Kansas
Weedman	George Wilbur	9 Jun 1881			Luna	New Mexico
Weedman	Grover Cleveland	14 May 1886			Lincoln	Nebraska
Weedman	Harry	11 Feb 1882			Mercer	Penn.
Weedman	Harvey Alonzo	19 Jan 1892		Kansas City	Jackson	Missouri
Weedman	Henry John	1 Nov 1892	Oklahoma		Okmulgee	Oklahoma
Weedman	Henry Stanley	29 Apr 1880			Wheatland	Montana
Weedman	Ira Clay	8 Jul 1873		Seattle	King	Washington
Weedman	James Bailey	9 Mar 1893			Knox	Indiana
Weedman	James Edward	8 Feb 1877			Okmulgee	Oklahoma
Weedman	James Fleming	7 Feb 1891	Indiana		Crawford	Indiana
Weedman	James Oscar	11 Sep 1875			Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	James Rollin	15 Oct 1894	Indiana		Posey	Indiana
Weedman	James Taylor	4 May 1882			Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	Jefferson Davis	17 Dec 1899			Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	Jesse	29 Apr 1897	Kansas		Kootenai	Idaho
Weedman	Jesse	20 May 1897			Redwood	Minnesota
Weedman	Joe	18 Oct 1884			Major	Oklahoma
Weedman	John	18 Dec 1898			Ada	Idaho
Weedman	John Jared	5 Apr 1886		Austin	Travis	Texas
Weedman	John Theodore	18 Dec 1879			Salem	New Jersey
Weedman	John William	8 Jul 1878			Wright	Iowa
Weedman	Joseph Benjamin	2 Feb 1873			Phillips	Arkansas
Weedman	Joseph Bennett	9 Feb 1877			New Madrid	Missouri
Weedman	Joseph Marion	13 Sep 1889	Kentucky		Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	Joseph Patrick	10 Jul 1900			Teller	Colorado
Weedman	Judson S.	31 May 1889	Illinois		Piatt	Illinois
Weedman	Kindred	30 May 1896	Kentucky		Grayson	Kentucky
Weedman	Leroy Albert	23 Oct 1898			Knox	Illinois
Weedman	Leslie Raphael	24 Oct 1884			Whitman	Washington
Weedman	Lloyd Denver	18 May 1895	Arkansas		Poinsett	Arkansas
Weedman	Lonzo	28 Apr 1886			Jefferson	Kentucky

World War I Draft Records, continued

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Weedman	Loran Bruff	21 Sep 1892		Redwood	Minnesota	
Weedman	Louis Cornelius	27 Jan 1886	Louisville		Jefferson	Kentucky
Weedman	Lynn	17 Nov 1897	Illinois	Chicago	Cook	Illinois
Weedman	Mark Dominic	23 Aug 1877	Little Rock	Pulaski	Arkansas	
Weedman	Martin Rafley	28 Sep 1884	Indianapolis	Marion	Indiana	
Weidman	Mervyn Earl	23 Feb 1885			Orange	Indiana
Weedman	Milford	12 Aug 1897	Arkansas		Phillips	Arkansas
Weedman	Norman	28 Sep 1895	Tennessee		Dyer	Tennessee
Weedman	Norman Benedict	25 Jan 1876		Prairie	Arkansas	
Weedman	Oscar David	9 May 1889	Indiana		Perry	Indiana
Weedman	Otto Swigart	26 Feb 1884		Piatt	Illinois	
Weedman	Phillip Alfred	17 Jan 1883		Hamilton	Iowa	
Weedman	Ralph	11 Nov 1893	Indiana		Daviess	Indiana
Weedman	Ray	20 Jul 1900		Grayson	Kentucky	
Weedman	Robert Heston	16 Apr 1877		Sangamon	Illinois	
Weedman	Roy	2 Jun 1892	Kansas		Whitman	Washington
Weedman	Roy Henry	28 May 1900		Meade	Kentucky	
Weidman	Roy Logan	21 Jun 1895	Indiana		Crawford	Indiana
Weedman	Roy M.	8 Aug 1886	South Dakota		DeWitt	Illinois
Weedman	S. K.	10 Feb 1879		Marquette	Michigan	
Weedman	Sam	4 Sep 1897	Indiana		Perry	Indiana
Weedman	Ted George	15 Oct 1881			Piatt	Illinois
Weedman	Thomas Price	1 Feb 1883			Ohio	Kentucky
Weedman	Torrance	11 Apr 1896	Indiana		Crawford	Indiana
Weedman	Victor Eugene	26 Nov 1882			Franklin	Kansas
Weedman	Wallace Leonard	4 Dec 1880			DeWitt	Illinois
Weedman	Walter Franklin	14 Jul 1880			Carbon	Montana
Weedman	Ward C.	11 Jul 1892			DeWitt	Illinois
Weedman	Will	6 Nov 1896		Louisville	Jefferson	Kentucky
Weedman	William	18 Jan 1879			Sangamon	Illinois
Weedman	William Deward	1 Jun 1885		Louisville	Jefferson	Kentucky
Weidman	William Herbert	26 Aug 1888			Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	William Milner	21 Aug 1898			Breckinridge	Kentucky
Weedman	William R.	22 Nov 1894	Indiana		Perry	Indiana
Weedman	William Russel	27 Dec 1896	Indiana		Posey	Indiana
Weedman	William Walter	22 Jan 1889	Illinois		Knox	Illinois
Weedman	Willie	1895			Lowndes	Georgia
Weedman	Willie M.	20 Apr 1897	Indiana		Hardin	Illinois
Weedman	Willis G.	20 Oct 1874			Grayson	Kentucky

Weedmans in Southern Indiana

Moving across the Ohio River from Kentucky into Harrison County before 1810 makes **Jacob Weedman** (son of **Christian Weedman, Sr.**) and his wife, **Mary Frances (Fleming) Weedman** the first of the family to migrate into Indiana Territory. Following their uncles lead were Nicholas Weedman into Harrison County and Daniel, William and Stephen Weedman into Perry County. Some Weedmans have moved back and forth between Kentucky and Indiana over the last 200 years and some are still doing to today.

Jacob moved from Harrison to Crawford and ultimately to Jasper Indiana.

To set the mood for you before the Weedman Family National Gathering in June, for what it was like to live along the Ohio River some 115 years ago, here are some item's that appeared in a local newspaper, the *Tell City News*.

Sunday, May 2, 1891: Personals – Weedman and Brenner are cutting lumber with a vengeance. They have more than

ten thousand (10,000) logs in the river now and will receive more.

Saturday, May 23, 1891: Local news – river is very low.

Saturday, June 6, 1891: Personals - Henry A. Huff, an agent of Weedman and Brenner's, bought 300,000 feet of poplar and ash logs in New Amsterdam, Indiana.

Saturday, August 8, 1891: Personals – E. S. Weedman and wife are sojourning at French Lick Springs. E.S. Weedman and wife are going to Old Point Comfort on August 16th. Tell City market: butter – 10-15 cents; eggs – 10 cents; apples – 30 to 40 cents per bushel; peaches 70 to 80 cents per bushel; potatoes - \$1.00 per bushel, pears – 60 to 80 cents per bushel, corn – 50 to 60 cents per bushel.

Saturday, August 15, 1891: From Friday's daily: Mr. George P. Weedman will enter his 3rd year at Cannelton. He is considered one of the most successful teachers in the county. He is a great reader and a busy man.

Saturday, September 5, 1891: Personals – Peter Ludwig and Will Jarboe say they narrowly escaped the wreck. They returned home last Sunday night from their week's sojourn at Chicago.

Saturday, September 12, 1891: Louisville, Evansville & St. Louis Consolidated RR Company Time Table Eastward trains:

	Stations	No. 50	No. 52	No. 54
Lv	Cannelton	6:35 am	10:50 am	5:45 pm
	Tell City	6:41 am	10:57 am	6:00 pm
	Troy	6:53 am	11:09 am	6:20 pm
Ar	Lincoln	7:35 am	11:50 am	7:45 pm
	Evansville	9:25 am	1:25 pm	10:05 pm
	Rockport	9:42 am	1:00 pm	9:30 pm
	Huntingburg	9:30 am	3:45 pm	9:00 pm
	Jasper	9:55 am	4:20 pm	9:25 pm
	New Albany	11:25 am	6:30 pm	6:35 pm
	Louisville	11:50 am	6:55 pm	7:00 am

Steamboats, Louisville, Evansville and Henderson Packet's company line of Steamers. SPEED, COMFORT, AND SAFETY. Tell City – down Tuesday and Friday at 6 a.m. Up on Tuesday and Friday. No extra charges for meals and stateroom. Splendid accommodations for stock and for passage or freight apply on board. 4th Street in Louisville, KY.

Sunday, October 17, 1891: S. R. Basinger and H. Cassidy are going to Derby to shave hoops for Shellman and Company.

Saturday, October 24, 1891: Clark Township. The dance at William Weedman's on Saturday night was well attended by a crowd of our merry making boys and girls. Bristow citizens want their mail sent via Troy as it comes direct on this line.

Saturday, November 7, 1891: Local News. E.S. Weedman has handled about 3,000,000 staves the past season. He has been delayed some in shipping staves on account of the railroad company failing to furnish him with sufficient cars. Tobinsport: the potato market is low only being 25 cents per bushel. A rise in the river would improve the price. The river has risen enough that the large packers will come out. The first will be down today or tomorrow. It will be something new to see the large boats running again.

Kenny Weedman

**Weedman Family National Gathering
12th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion
Tell City, Indiana
June 16 – 17, 2006**

Sue and I look forward to seeing you at this year's reunion. Tell City, Indiana, located in Perry County, and the entire southern region of Indiana is rich in Weedman family history making it an excellent and interesting site. There are still many Weedman's in the area and we hope to meet them as well as see all of our old friends from past reunions. We are going to have a great time in Tell City! Below are some of the details of this year's reunion. Hope to see you there!

Kenny and Sue Weedman

Schedule:

Friday Evening:

We are planning a discussion meeting of Weedman family history at the Holiday Inn Express. Snacks and soft drinks will be served.

Saturday:

We hope to have the Tell City History Museum open to us. Sack lunch at the Bristow Community Center. Two of Bristow's founders were **Elisha Spurrier** and **Letitia (Jarboe) Weedman**.

Visits to area cemeteries and farmland that was occupied Weedman families.

Reunion dinner at Hossier Heights Country Club on Saturday evening

Rooms are reserved for the meeting at:

- 1 **Holiday Inn Express**, telephone 1-812-547-0800. A block reservation will terminate the first week in May. The suites are the best for families as they have a pullout bed and a fridge.
- 2 **Ramada Inn**, telephone 1-812-547-3234, is across the street from the Holiday Inn Express and makes a good alternate accommodation.

Registration is \$40 for adults and children over 12, which includes all meals and other activities.

Please complete and return the form below with a check for the appropriate amount to:

**Kenny & Sue Weedman
81 Man O' War Trail
Corbin, KY 40701**

Name _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children and ages: _____

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2006 Weedman National Family Gathering

By Kenny Weedman

The Weedman Family National Family Gathering was held in Tell City & Bristol, Indiana June 16 and 17 this year an area of southern Indiana and northern Kentucky where numerous Weedman and allied families have lived for over one hundred years. Registration started at 3:00 PM Friday in the conference room where soft drinks, coffee and hors d'oeuvres were served.

Those in attendants at this years meeting were **Billie and Jim Bruce, Jeff and Jane Weedman, Kati Weedman, Alma Ford, Carl and Carolyn Weedman Springer, Jane Weedman Horne, Kathy Weedman Evans, Sharon L. Herke, Diane Hall, Bill and Pat Weedman, Bill and Helen Gregg, Nick and Merrie Carol Weedman, Keith and Melissa Weedman Coots, Emily Coots, Erica Coots, Jan Bruner, Janella Forkum, Gena Lee Theiss, Donna Hosse, Cliff and Shirley Weedman, Hannah Weedman, Jarrad Weedman, Ed and Anne Weedman Smith, Paul Weedman, Russell and Debbie Weedman and Kenny and Sue Weedman.** Each family received a reunion packet that contained the handouts for the photography talk, Perry county map and pamphlets obtained from the Perry County Chamber of Commerce and a

copy of the Weedman Family Food History & Recipes booklet. Every one should thank **Helen Gregg, Jesse and Jerri Weedman, Myrtle Weedman Kenyon, Jan Bruner, Jane Weedman Horne, Keith and Melissa Weedman Coots, Sue and Kenny Weedman** for the recipes and family history they provided for the publication.

The opening program consisted of dating and identifying the people in our old photographs using various techniques. The audience was given handouts of clothing styles from the men's Prince Albert coat of 1840 – 70 and women's day dresses of the same dates on to Boater and Bowler hats of 1890 – 1920's and the Gibson Girl look, the Flapper dress to the 1950's school girl look with a dog on a leash skirt & black leather jackets of the same era into the 1970's & 80's with bell bottoms and beehive hair styles to help us locate the time period of a photograph. A one-page outline

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Kenneth and Sue Weedman hosted the 2006 Weedman Reunion and did a superb job. Thank you, Kenneth and Sue!

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A research update indicated that there was interest in continuing the Ship Anderson project to locate the birthplace of Christian Weedman, Sr.

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for American photographic history was also given to the participations. This outline started in the 1840's with the Daguerreotype image on a polished silver plate then on to the 1850's with the Ambyrotype & Tintype which was one of the most common processes and not as pricy as the Daguerreotype's silver plate images then to the glass plate negatives which lasted into the twentieth century and Kodak's late 19th century camera and then the one dollar 1900 Kodak Brownie Camera with a six exposures film roll for fifteen cents which produced many family photographs then culminating with the 1990 digital camera images we use today. Verbal tips that were given consisted of the following: automobile dates, keys to the seasons, no leaves on trees i.e. winter, photographer's studio name on the card backing can be traced for their dates, the dates of the oldest and youngest people in the photo can give a date range, check the back of the paper for dates, numbers, developers et al, the background of the image--is it real or

painted, if real where and remember the person you do not see in the picture the photographer. With the information in hand the participants dated twelve photographs. (Editor's note: **Kenny Weedman** was the presenter and did a superb job.)

The Friday night program moved to reports on recent research which follows: **Bill and Pat Weedman** had just returned from Germany and although they went through church records and obtained much needed research help it appears to have been in vain as the **Christian Widman** in question was dead before our relative arrived in the new world, **Nick Weedman** had nothing to add to the follow-up on passengers of the Ship Anderson, **Gena Lee Theiss** said she had been doing very little research of late and I had found that Christian Widman appeared in the tax list of 1750 for Philadelphia and a statement by one **Anthony Weedman**, a minor son of **Daniel Weedman**, was given for a law suit in Perry County, Indiana.

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The remainder of the evening was spent visiting and looking at photographs that need identification of some type and others visited the snack bar early and often.

Saturday morning at 9:45 we were all gathered in the conference room for a convoy down to Franklin and 9th Streets and our private tour of the **Tell City Historical Society Museum** and library.

One of the first objects encountered was a wonderful giant rocking chair that was used in the sale of furniture made in Tell City. They have a large collection of historical photographs from the area many of which have been catalogued and organized in albums by category, which many of our group perused. There are manikins dressed in period clothing, which related to our photo identification lesson of the night before. There was very nice display on nineteenth century Ohio River steamboats including a model of the steamer Tell City. This boat model included small people on the deck and one of the children ran over to play with this wonderful toy boat! For any one interested in joining the Society, send a check for \$10 to: **Tell City Historical Society, P.O. Box 728, Tell City, IN 47586**. It was very kind of the four volunteers who gave their time to open the Museum for the Weedman Reunion and we very much appreciate their work. We then loaded in our cars for the trip up Hwy 145 to Bristow.

As the caravan of reunion cars went through Bristow all could see men diligently working at their grills and almost smell the food as we passed by an unknown building and some were heard to say "Now that's where we should have lunch!". But the caravan carried on down Huffman road to the nineteenth century Covered Bridge where the clan enjoyed the craftsmanship of the carpenters that erected the Burr Arch Truss structure.

After taking group photographs at the entrance on the Perry county side of the bridge the family was informed that the grills were indeed at the location that we were to enjoy lunch. (See an article on this historic bridge on page 16 of this edition of the *Weedman Newsletter*).

An excellent buffet lunch of grilled meats and homemade vegetables and desserts was provided at the Bristow Community Center through the generosity of **Carl Weedman**, a former Bristownian. After **Carolyn Weedman Springer** said a prayer we partook of a great meal before we reloaded the vehicles for a tour of some cemeteries.

At the top of the hill off Hwy 145 is Bristow Cemetery where many Weedman and related family members are buried. **Nick Weedman** spoke to the group on the Weedman and related families interred at Bristow. Some of our relations whose graves we visited here were **William T. Weedman** 1855 – 1929 the earliest relative born, **Mary L. Weedman** the second wife of **William T. Weedman**, **James J. Weedman**, **Sarah Ellen "Sadie Weedman, Oscar D. Weedman** a vet of WWI and his son **Clinton D. Weedman** a vet of WWII, **Maxine** and **Maxum** children of **Oscar D.** and **H. Weedman** and **Fred** and **Elizabeth Weedman Lehmkuhler**. We continued up Hwy 145 to Lasher Cemetery where the group looked upon the graves of **Daniel Weedman** 1801 – 1854 and his wife **Nancy Spurrier Weedman** 1801 – 1868, **Nancy J. Weedman**, **George Weedman** born in 1823 and lived 74 year's and 16 days which was well beyond normal for that time, **John Weedman** who made it for 65 year's 1 month and 18 days and **Delina** wife of **Thomas Huff**, the earliest graves we visited Saturday. Lastly we backtracked through Bristow down Hwy 145 to Isadore road

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The lunch at the Bristow Community Center was provided by Carl L. Weedman. He also gave the Community Center building to the Town of Bristow

Inputs and suggestions for the 2008 Weedman Family Reunion are asked to make the event successful.

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to visited Saint Isadore cemetery that lies adjacent to the church of the same name. Here we find interred **Walter A. Weedman** 1828 – 1880, **George W. Weedman** and **Henrietta I. (Cassidy) Weedman** 1839 – 1893 the first wife of **William T. Weedman**. On the way back to Hwy 145 an enormous turkey strutted down the road while a doe grazed beside the road and luckily neither of them wanted to hit any of our cars and we turned onto Hwy 37 returning safely to Tell City.

Back at the Holiday Inn Express the kids went swimming, while the adults relaxed or just visited in the conference room. At 6:15 PM people started arriving at the Hoosier Heights Country Club for the Reunion dinner, which started almost sharply at 6:30. The dinner was opened with a prayer by **Cliff Weedman** and continued with the song “Happy Birthday” led by **Emily and Erica Cook’s** grandchildren to Sue Weedman whose age you will have to look up. Next up on the agenda were the door prizes after all the names were placed in a cup Emily Coats withdrew the names of **Ed Smith** and **Jan Bruner** as the winners. The tables were set with mugs with the family crest and the Weedman Family National Reunion Bristow & Tell City, IN June 16, 17 and 18, 2006 and Weedman address books as favors for the attendees. We were served a tossed salad, prime oven roasted pork with great scalloped potatoes, home cooked green beans, and corn topped off with apple pie and chocolate cake. **Carl Weedman** was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame by Nick Weedman and will be sent a certificate as soon as possible. We adjourned the dinner around 8:30 PM and continued visiting at the Holiday Inn conference room until around midnight.

After breakfast Sunday morning all said their goodbyes after another enjoyable reunion, which we will continue in two years in Uniontown, Fayette County, Pennsylvania.

2008 Weedman Family National Gathering

Billie Lou Bruce of West Lafayette, IN who was instrumental in the 2002 Jasper, IN Weedman Family National Gathering and her brother, **Nick Weedman**, volunteered to host the 2008 Reunion.

It was announced that planning has started to hold the 2008 Reunion in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. **Christian Weedman, Sr.** settled near Masontown in Fayette County in 1765 and remained there until 1799. The County holds great significance to those descended from Christian and Elizabeth Weedman.

Several years ago, Nick and **Anne Weedman Smith** visited Fayette County and found the site of the original Christian Weedman homestead. Visits were made to Masontown and to the Jacob’s Lutheran Church where, we believe, the family worshipped while residents.

In 2008, we will attempt to hold an event at the Church and perhaps have a lunch or evening meal there. If possible, with permission of the current owner(s) of the Weedman homestead, we will visit there as well.

Headquarters will be in Uniontown, the county seat for Fayette County. An excellent library is there and genealogical resources are great. **Linda Tatlinger** resides in Fayette County and is a descendent of a daughter of Christian Weedman, Sr. **Catherine Weedman** married **John Huhn, Jr.** and her line descends

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from **Henry Huhn**, a son of **John** and **Catherine (Weedman) Huhn**. We will see if she is willing to be our local resource person for the Reunion.

Other attractions nearby include Fort Necessity where young **Colonel George Washington** was defeated in a battle of the French-Indian war. A museum at Fort Necessity can give us a flavor for how life was in the mid to late 1700s.

Some interest has been expressed in providing a day long side trip to visit Perry and Licking Counties, Ohio where the family lived after moving from Pennsylvania. If there is sufficient interest, this can be arranged. In addition, some may want to visit Morgantown, WV where a daughter of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman, Barbara Riffle Kerns**, lived with her second husband. Her husband, **Michael Kerns**, was one of the founders of Morgantown.

Stay tuned for more details!

Hall of Fame Induction

Carl Lee Weedman

Carl Lee Weedman was inducted into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame on June 17, 2006 in Tell City, Indiana.

Carl was recognized for his success in business and for the generosity that he and his late wife, Helen, have shown to his birthplace, Bristow, Indiana.

In the course of the Reunion, it became clear that **Carl Weedman** has been extraordinarily generous to his home town. A book on Bristow that was in the Perry County Library in Tell City had been underwritten by Carl and Helen. Few towns of the size of Bristow have had such a

book written about them.

Later, when the group stopped at the Bristow Community Center to enjoy a lunch that had been provided courtesy of Carl, several people commented about how nice facility the facility was. Plaques on the wall indicated that the facility had been provided by an anonymous donor but on further research, it was clear that the donors were **Carl** and **Helen Weedman**.

Carl is known to have had success as an equipment distributor in his adopted home in Arizona.

Gena Theiss nominated **Carl Weedman** to the Weedman Family Hall of Fame and the participants were unanimous in the acceptance of that nomination.

We congratulate **Carl Lee Weedman** as the latest inductee into the Hall of Fame.

Carl's lineage is: Carl Lee⁷, Oscar David⁶, William T.⁵, George Glasscock⁴, Daniel³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian Sr.¹.

Obituaries

Judy Weedman

SOLANA BEACH, CA - **Judy Lee Weedman**, 59, died Friday, June 30, 2006. She was born Aug. 7, 1946, in Burbank. She was a restaurant hostess.

Her daughter and son-in-law, **Jamie** and **Gersham Jones** of Sun City; son and daughter-in-law **Robert** and **Stephanie Weedman** of San Marcos; and two grandchildren survive Mrs. Weedman.

A memorial service was held on Friday, July 7, at Eternal Hills Memorial Park, 1999 El Camino Real in Oceanside.

(Editor's note: we believe **Judy Weedman** may have been the widow of

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Carl Weedman's generosity has been extensive and he has provided support for the Newsletter for a number of years.

A possible Weedman DNA project was discussed at the last Reunion. More on this in the next issue of the Newsletter.

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Robert Raphael Weedman who died in 1986 in San Diego. Confirmation of this or proper identification would be appreciated).

Ward Creel Weedman, Jr.

Ward Creel Weedman, Jr. died on April 1, 2006 in Florida. He resided in North Port FL in the winter and in Champaign, IL in the warmer months.

Ward married **Joy Blakney** in 1944 and after she died in 1987, he married **Christine Graves** who survives him. A son, **Steven**, predeceased Mr. Weedman. He leaves a, a son **Larry Allen Weedman** of Dresden, TN and four grandchildren: **Karla Moore** of San Diego, CA; **Melanie Weedman** or Joliet, IL; **Matthew Weedman** of Aurora, CO; and **Kenneth Weedman** of Dresden, TN. He also had four great-grandchildren.

Ward participated in the 2000 Weedman Reunion in Farmer City, IL and was an enthusiastic supported of the family. Our condolences are extended to his family.

Ward's line: **Ward Creel, Jr.**⁷, **Ward Creel, Sr.**⁶, **Smith Young**⁵, **Amos**⁴, **John Huhn, Sr.**³, **George**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

John Jesse or John Huhn Weedman Which is Correct?

Years ago, research revealed that **John Weedman, Sr.**, the son of **George** and **Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman** was born in Fayette Co., PA on 28 July 1796. Records of the Jacob's Lutheran Church indicated that he had a middle name who appeared to the person who translated those records to be Jesse. So, he has been referred to as **John Jesse Weedman, Sr.**

and his son as **John Jesse Weedman, Jr.**

A more recent examination of the church records make it clear that this was in error and that the middle name given was actually **Huhn**.

This is logical given the fact that this was his mother's maiden name. So, please correct any records you might have to indicate that the correct names for these two family members were **John Huhn Weedman, Sr.** and **John Huhn Weedman, Jr.**

Myers Family DNA Project

The oldest known daughter of **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman** was **Mary**, who married **Adam Myers**.

Because Adam was a Revolutionary War Veteran and because the records of a pension application are known, the names and birthdates for all of their children are known.

We have never had contact with any Myers family members that descend from **Adam** and **Mary (Weedman) Myers**. Recent contact has been made with Bob Myers who descends from **Henry Myers**, a brother to Adam. Bob is undertaking a Myers family DNA project to help clarify family lineages. In order to do this he needs to contact male descendants of Adam and Mary Myers.

If you have had contact with any Myers relations or know of anyone who has, let Nick Weedman know and Bob will be in contact with them.

Nick Weedman

Scenes from the 2006 Weedman Family National Reunion



L to R: Gena Theiss, Diane Hall, Bill & Pat Weedman, Anne & Ed Smith & Billie Bruce
Visting in the Holiday Inn Hotel Conference Room Family Reunion Tell City, Indiana 2006



L to R: Paul Weedman, Anne Weedman Smith,
Billie Weedman Bruce, Jim Bruce and Russell
Weedman in Lasher Cemetery near Bristow, IN.



Tell City Historical Society Museum
Model of Tell City Steamboat



L to R: Bill & Helen Gregg, Sharon Herke at the Reunion
Dinner Tell City, Indiana - Saturday Night June 17, 2006



L to R: Alma Ford, Pat & Bill Weedman visting at
the Reunion dinner.

Huffman Mill Covered Bridge

By Kenny Weedman

Named after the nearby George Huffman Mill, the bridge was identified in 1938 by the Covered Timber Bridge Commission, listed in the "World Guide to Covered Bridges" in 1989 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998. This bridge was visited in June by those who attended the 2006 Reunion and group photographs were taken at the bridge entrance on the Perry county side of the river.

Huffman Bridge spans the Anderson River between Perry and Spencer counties about six miles south of Bristow on county road 1490 and was no doubt crossed by many Weedman's over the years. For a sum of \$5,700 the covered bridge was constructed by William T. Washer in 1864 when the Anderson River was still navigable. The structure consists of a single span Burr Arch Truss of 136 feet that rests on a stone foundation with 10 foot overhangs at each end for an all inclusive length of 156 feet. A Burr Arch Truss is a combination of a timber arch and a Multiple King Post structure. The portal openings at each end are 11 feet 6 inches high and 15 feet 6 inch wide which would accommodate a good sized modern truck.

Before the recent opening of a new concrete bridge, a sign placed just before a vehicle entered the old Huffman Covered Bridge which read "Weak Bridge - Cars Only - Travel At Your Own Risk" which always made drivers feel safe. There is a clipping from The Tell City Thursday News about the condition of three bridges the Baker, Ernst and Huffman Mill in the Weedman Album entitled "This one must be saved for posterity" the article ends with "We wonder if either of the three ...will still be in existence when both counties have money for repairs" and we now know that only one survived.

But even with the warning sign, lack of repair and the closing of Huffman Covered Bridge it still stands as a testament to being well built after 142 years.



The Weedman Reunion Clan at Huffman Covered Bridge, Perry County, Indiana June 17, 2006

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Newsletter Editor

There has been a change in the editorship of the *Weedman Newsletter*.

At the Tell City Reunion, an offer was made to take over the role of editor of the Newsletter in the event **Chantal** and **Bill Weedman** wanted to give it up. The feeling was that **Chantal** had a full time job and the person that offered was retired with time available to perform the role.

Chantal was approached and stated that work pressures were significant. If someone else was willing, she would give up the editor's position.

When the person who offered was told they could have the job, a family situation had occurred that required a significant amount of time and they passed on the job.

As a result, **Nick Weedman** has assumed the role of editor of the Newsletter. While the quality of the output may not come close to that performed by **Marianne Montgomery** or **Chantal** and **Bill Weedman**, we will do our best.

Having said that, we are dependent on people furnishing news items for us to publish. We have received a few, but many more are needed. Your help will be appreciated!

2007 Subscriptions

It is intended to make the Winter edition of the Newsletter a short one and we will be asking for those who want to continue

to receive it, to bring their donations up to date. We will enclose a pre-addressed envelope in the mailing of the next issue to remind those who will be due, to make the \$5.00 annual donation.

We have a large number of subscribers who have made generous donations in the past and, if they are paid up, no envelope will be in their Newsletter mailing. An article will appear in the next issue with details.

Thank you for your continued support of the **Weedman Newsletter**.

Possible Projects Suggested At the 2006 Weedman Reunion

At the Reunion dinner held at the Tell City Country Club, two possible projects were mentioned from discussions after the meal. These were a project to help maintain cemeteries where our ancestors are buried and a genealogical DNA project.

Family Cemetery Maintenance Project. At most of our Reunions, we visit local family cemeteries if they are in the locale where the event is being held. We have

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Two potential family projects were discussed at the Tell City, IN Reunion. Details are here. Feedback is asked.

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The Family Cemetery Project will require some method to select locations to be maintained.

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discovered that as these cemeteries pass on with time, many tend to be poorly maintained and some are in a true state of neglect. Sue Weedman asked if the family generally would be interested in forming a group to help identify these ancestral burial grounds and generating a fund to maintain some of these. Quite a few are well maintained such as town cemeteries but many are small, rural locations where very little maintenance appears to be done. If this project is to become active, a committee will have to be formed to identify candidate sites to maintain, look into state and local laws about ownership, maintenance and access to cemeteries, and to seek funding for maintenance. After that, the committee would have to contract with someone in each location to handle the maintenance which could be as simple as a couple of mowings per year. This project seemed to be well accepted. We are asking for broad feedback on this possible family project.

Weedman DNA Project. Our search to

find origins of the family of Christian Weedman, Sr. is never ending. Questions continue to be raised on whether this family is related to the Florida Weedman family whose roots are known to go back to Mainz, Germany. Or, is this family related to the Swedish Weedman line. We have also found other Weedman families who don't appear to fit into any of the three main branches identified here. There are at least one and possibly two Weedman family groups whose roots go back to England. Some of these have now located to Australia and Canada while some remain in England. Are all of these families related or is it coincidental that we all share a common surname. A DNA project could help solve some of these questions and possibly give us clues as to our origins. DNA use in genealogical research is relatively new. Male lines donate a DNA sample that involves a simple swab from the mouth. The swab is sent to a laboratory specializing in this and the sample is analyzed with results being available to test com-

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About the Weedman Newsletter

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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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monality with others. Apparently, with enough samples, relationships can be determined. This project seems to have been accepted. Participants would pay for their own tests (the cost is \$90 - \$100) and someone would have to spearhead the efforts. A page on the web site can be dedicated to this project. We would need to get participants from the Florida and Swedish lines as well as some from male descendents of Christian Weedman, Sr.

Please let us know if you have an interest in pursuing either or both of these projects, if you are willing to serve on a committee to handle either, and whether a modest donation to the cemetery project is a possibility.

Dr. Gary E. Weedman To Head Johnson Bible College

Dr. Gary E. Weedman currently living in Indianapolis has been selected to become President of Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, TN. The appointment will become effective in January, 2007.

Johnson Bible College has about 1,000 students and is located on the banks of the French Broad River in Knoxville. Founded in 1893, the College is the second oldest Bible college in the United States. It is associated with the Independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ.

Gary and his family will relocate to Knoxville in December. He is currently the Senior Vice President of Training Christians for Ministry or TCM International which has emphasis on serving Eastern and Central Europe since 1963.

We extend our congratulations to Gary

and wish him and his family great success in his new position.

Gary is married to **Janis Jean (Morgan) Weedman** and they have four sons: **Mark Edward, Matthew James, Mica Benjamin, and Joshua Douglas.**

Gary's lineage is as follows: **Gary Edward Weedman⁷, Edward James Weedman⁶, James Monroe Weedman⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman⁴, David Weedman³, Jacob Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.**

Lauren Bruce, Blogger

Lauren Bruce, West Lafayette, IN, recently appeared as a panelist at the 2006 Blogger.org conference in San Jose, CA. The panel was part of a session that focused on community, conversation and the culture of blogging. Lauren has been an active blogger for over six years and ran her own highly successful, award-winning blog for much of that time. She is the daughter of **Jim and Billie Lou (Weedman) Bruce** of West Lafayette, IN. Billie Lou hosted (with her daughters) the Jasper, IN 2002 Weedman Reunion and has volunteered to host the 2008 Reunion in Fayette Co., PA.

Maybe Lauren could help us start a Weedman Family Blog!

Obituaries

Loyd Alton Weedman

Loyd A. Weedman, 76, of Leitchfield, KY passed away Wednesday, (July 26, 2006) at the Grayson Manor Nursing Home in Leitchfield.

He was born Sept. 17, 1929 in Louisville, KY, the son of **Alton and Lena Anderson Weedman**. He was a member of the

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*Congratulations
to Dr. Gary
Weedman on his
new position as
President of
Johnson Bible
College in
Knoxville, TN*

The Social Security Death Index is checked periodically for family entries. Information is sought on several shown here.

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Broadway Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sisters: **Katy Cook** of Caneyville, KY, **Odean Wheeler** of Louisville, KY, **Erma Spencer** of Hodgenville, KY, and **Wilma Whitehead** of Leitchfield, KY; his brothers: **Elton Weedman** of Louisville, KY, **Howard Weedman** of Louisville, KY and **Henry Weedman** of Caneyville, KY. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. His brother **Marvin Weedman** preceded him in death.

Funeral services were on July 29, 2006 at the Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield. **Bro. Jerry Weedman** officiated followed by burial in the Layman Memorial Cemetery.

Carl S. Stewart

Carl S. Stewart, 80, of Millwood, KY passed away on May 24, 2006 at his residence. He was born December 22, 1925 in Grayson Co., KY, the son of **Charles** and **Mertie (Weedman) Stewart**. Carl was a retired tool and die maker for Reynolds Metal and was a Deacon and member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, **Aileen Woosley Stewart**; two daughters, **Linda (Roy) Green** and **Cathie (Keith) Dennis** both of Millwood; three sons, **Carl (Lola) Jr.** of Millwood, **Donnie (Faye)** of Caneyville, and **Ronnie** of Guston, KY; 11 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

The funeral was on May 27, 2006 at the Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield with burial in the Vol Layman Cemetery.

*(Note: we are appreciative to **Kathryn Cook** for providing the obituaries of her brother, Loyd, and cousin, Carl Stewart).*

Bettie M. Weedman

Bettie M. Weedman, 88, Lenexa, KS, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Lakeview Village Care Center. Funeral services were March 28 with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

Mrs. Weedman was born October 24, 1917 in Kansas City, MO, to **Joseph** and **Bessie Reynolds Merchen**. She attended Paseo High School and later graduated from high school in Clinton, MO. She worked for Western Casualty & Surety Co. for 23 years. She lived in Emporia, KS, for 10 years and was active in the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at Newman Memorial Hospital and served as president for the Auxiliary for two years. She also lived in Trenton, MO, for 15 years and later retired and moved to the KC area in 1986. Bettie and her husband bought condominiums in KC and Florida. They would spend their summers in Kansas City and retreat to Florida during the winter months. They enjoyed spending time traveling together. Her husband, Charles Weedman, and his nieces and nephews survive her.

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Social Security Death Index Weedman Family

There have been eight Weedman family deaths shown in the Social Security Death Index. These are:

Judy Weedman, b. 7 Aug 1946, d. 30 Jun 2006 in Solana Beach, CA

Margaret Weedman, b. 28 Mar 1920, d. 27 Jan 2006 in Vancouver, WA

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Lucille Weedman, b. 30 Jul 1929, d. 12 Jan 2006 in Youngtown, AZ.

Bettie M. Weedman, b. 24 Oct 1917, d. 25 Mar 2006 in Shawnee Mission, KS.

Mary A. Weedman, b. 24 Dec 1936, d. 12 Mar 2006 in Paris, TX.

Loyd A. Weedman, b. 17 Sept 1929, d. 26 Jul 2006 in Caneyville, KY.

Roger D. Weedman, b. 4 May 1947, d. 14 Feb 2006 in Illinois.

Ward C. Weedman, b. 13 Aug 1919, d. 1 Apr 2006 in North Port, FL.

Obituaries for most have been published in the Newsletter but information is sought on others. If you have information that we have not published, please let us know and we will print it in the next issue.

Indian Murders in 1840 Near Fort Weedman (Weadman) Florida

(The following article was obtained through the Florida Historical Society by Shirley Weedman Spooner and provides some interesting perspectives of life in early Florida. Family tradition states that an ancestor, Philipe Weedman, had been killed by Indians and scalped. Shirley has found summaries of newspaper articles that state on November 20, 1839, Indians did attack and kill a Mr. Weedman near St. Augustine and wounded his son.

We previously printed articles on Fort Weedman (Weadman). See the 2004 Fall issue on page 18 and the 2004 Winter issue on page 26. Both are available on line at www.weedman.org.

There are some readily apparent spelling errors in the article but it is reproduced as

written.)

On Saturday last May 23, 1840, five men were killed by Indians, a short distance west of **Fort Weadman**, on the Picolata Road; say between 7 and 8 miles from the city of St. Augustine—that city which once belonged to Spain, and many of whose inhabitants were overjoyed when it was transferred to the United States, from the belief that they would enjoy a greater degree of security in their persons and property.

It was a heart-rending sight, in view of the desolations of a fertile country, and the many tragic events that have been acted in it, for the last four years and more, to see five human beings, some of them our fellow-citizens, brought into town, awaiting the last mournful and solemn rites

The circumstances were these: Col. Hanson was engaged in bringing from Picolata, a company of comedians who were under the management of W. C. Forbes, from Savannah, a part of whom, including two ladies, had arrived the day before. Col. H. had a carriage drawn by two horses and a large baggage wagon employed. In these were a Mr. Miller from Brunswick.

(Note--Beside the road leading westward from St. Augustine to Picolata on the St. Johns River there is a permanent marker with this inscription: THEATRICAL TROUP KILLED BY INDIANS, MAY 23, 1840. Varying accounts of this attack suggested a search for a contemporaneous narrative, and this extract from the Florida Herald of St. Augustine, the issue of May 29, 1840, appears to be the most trustworthy of those found. General Churchill (in Sketch of the Life of Brig. Gen. Sylvester Churchill, New York, 1888, p. 45) states that he passed the

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We only recently learned of the existence of Fort Weedman or Weadman in Florida. The article gives a flavor for life on this frontier in the 1840s.

The location of Fort Weadman may still be in the family although no traces of it remain today.

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party of actors shortly before they were ambushed, but was himself accompanied by a guard; also, that Coachoochee (WildCat) stated to him that he with his band made that attack. In the following year when Coachoochee with professions of friendship and accompanied by seven of his warriors came into the camp of Col. Worth for a talk, the Indians were fantastically decked out in the costumes of the actors' plundered wardrobes. (See Sprague, *The Origin, Progress, and Conclusion of the Florida War*, New York, 1848, p. 259.) Geo. Mr. Vose, from Black Creek, Mr. Lynes, Mr. Weiger, and Mr. Germon, and Mr. Hagan, and a negro man, the driver. When within 7 or 8 miles of the city, these waggons were fired upon by a party of about fifteen Indians, who suddenly rose up from a clump of palmettos, about fifty yards from the road, and killed Miller and Vose; the others (except Hagan) abandoned the waggons and ran with the view of effecting their escape. Germon ran towards Fort Searle, pursued by an Indian for some distance, who fired his rifle, the ball of which passed within six inches of G's head. G. finding himself unhurt, and still pursued, as the only means of safety, suddenly turned round and drew a pistol, which the Indian saw and left the pursuit - G. escaped to Fort Searle. Weiger, on leaving the carriage, also ran, pursued by the Indians, but finding that they gained upon him, he stopped, turned to them and begged (in German) for his life, under the impression that, as a foreigner, they would spare him, - he was shot. Lynes ran and concealed himself in a swamp, and was enabled afterwards to get into **Fort Weadman**. The Negro driver made his escape.

Hagan, who continued in the waggon, states that when the carriages were abandoned, he was lying down in the bottom of the one he was in-that the Indians

came up and threw out the dead body of Miller, and then beckoned him out-and that whilst they were plundering the waggons he was enabled to effect his escape.

Whilst the Indians were thus engaged in plundering; a waggon in the U. S. service, approached from town, in which were Messrs. Francis Medices, Nelson Buford, and A. F. Ball, and was driven by a negro man. Buford states that on discovering the Indians, he was driving, and attempted to turn his team, but failing, they all quitted the waggon with the view of reaching Fort Weadman, from which they were absent about a mile - that they were followed by the Indians, and after running a considerable distance Medices was shot through the hand and Ball was killed. Suddenly Medices turned and ran the other way, and his body was found within a short distance of the first action. Buford continued running for **Fort Weadman**, pursued by an Indian, who made a grab at him, and, missing him, fell, which gave the latter such advantage, as to enable him to effect his escape, with the aid of a sergeant and four men, who came from the fort to his relief. The driver of this waggon also made his escape.

Every thing in the waggons was taken; the trunks broken open, and clothing, dresses, and everything that could be of any value to an Indian, was carried away or destroyed.

The Indians were painted red, and in warlike attire - were daring, and exhibited an unsubdued character. One approached **Fort Weadman** within two hundred yards, assumed an air of defiance, and shook his rifle as a challenge to those who were in it. There were only seven men in the fort and they could not make a sally.

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On the receipt of the intelligence, expresses were sent to convey the necessary intelligence, by the commanding officer, Col. Gates, and a body of our fellow citizens at once volunteered, and went forth to meet the Goliath of the Philistines. They were absent till late at night, and were only prevented by the approach of night from having a fight with the murderers.

We can moralize on this subject, but we cannot theorize. It is useless for us to complain, to find fault, or to affect wisdom above our neighbors. The fact is, those of us that remain have been pent up in this little city for the last four and a half years, by a few worthless outlaws. Our friends and our neighbors, one after another, have been hastened to mansions of the dead, and he who is fool-hardy enough to look beyond the gates of the city, may be the next victim. It was most appropriately said by the good man who officiated at the entombment of these fellow mortals, "be ye also ready."

It is proper to observe that when this descent was made, the Eastern section of the St. Johns, was perfectly defenseless, every able-bodied man had been withdrawn (excepting a mere guard at each post) to concentrate at Fort King, preparatory to an expedition into the principal Indian settlements, and the commanding officer here was without a man to render assistance, or to pursue the Indians.

Source: Florida Historical Society

Update on Carl L. Weedman New Hall of Fame Member

Following the induction of **Carl L. Weedman** to the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame**, we asked him to provide an expanded biographical sketch and perhaps a photograph for our Hall of Fame

book.

Carl called several weeks later and advised that what we had written about his occupation was incorrect. He was a contractor and sub-contractor in Arizona. When pressed for more details he declined. And, a picture, is out of the question!

So, we will update the sketch we have and if others can add to it, we would appreciate your inputs. Carl is a modest person but those who participated in the latest Reunion know of his generosity to his birth community, Bristow, Indiana.

Weedman Photographs from the Tell City Historical Society

Evelyn Lasley, the librarian in charge of the genealogical section of the Tell City Library contacted me about a month following the Reunion to advise the Historical Society had located some Weedman family photographs.

They were kind enough to scan the pictures and forward them to me. What a gold mine! Apparently, when a great uncle and aunt died in Perry County, their personal photographic collection found its way to the Historical Society. **William R.** and **Nattie Lanman** had no children and apparently the family decided to donate items to the Society.

What they have are pictures of aunts and uncles I had never seen as well as a number of photographs of people yet to be identified.

You never know what you can find in some of the most unlikely places. I am indebted to Ms. Lasley for her tenacity in getting the photographs to our family.

If anyone can contribute additional information on Carl L Weedman, we will use it for the biographical sketch in the Hall of Fame Book.

Veteran's Grave Sites

Source: Veteran's Administration

Name	Rank	Branch	Conflict	Birthdate	Date of Death	Cemetery	Location
Weedman, Bobby Gene	Pvt	Army	Korea	12 Dec 1934	5 May 2004	Kuykendall Cem.	Carmi, IL
Weedman, Cecil James	Gy Sgt	Marines	WWII	26 Aug 1924	18 Oct 1997	Maple Hill Cem.	Fairfield, IL
Weedman, Clarence O.	Mech	Army	WWI	31 Jan 1893	13 Apr 1978	Black Hills Nat. Cem.	Sturgis, SD
Weedman, Danny Dale	MAMI	Navy	Viet Nam	16 Apr 1953	5 Nov 2003	Glenwood Cem.	Fort Payne, AL
Weedman, Dewey Wilson		Navy	WWII	9 Mar 1918	28 Jul 2002	Odd Fellows Cem.	Madisonville, KY
Weedman, Douglas Earl		USAF	Viet Nam	6 Jun 1947	26 Feb 2001	Crownland Cem.	Noblesville, IN
Weedman, Edwin McRae	Cpl	Army	WWII	11 Jan 1927	6 Sep 2004	Memorial Park Cem.	Blytheville, AR
Weedman, Everett L.	Cpl	Army	Korea	4 July 1930	20 Jan 1999	Bethany Memorial	Louisville, KY
Weedman, Frank A.	1 Lt	AAF	WWII	13 Oct 1923	22 Nov 2002	Montana St. Veterans	Helena, MT
Weedman, Gerald E.	HMC	Navy		14 Aug 1918	23 Jan 1958	Ft. McPherson Nat Cem	Maxwell, NE
Weedman, Harold Vernan	Pfc	Army		21 May 1919	19 Sep 1984	Willamette Nat Cem	Portland, OR
Weedman, Hiram	Cpl	Army	WWI	1 Aug 1887	2 Feb 1964	Little Rock Nat Cem	Little Rock, AR
Weedman, Hubert Lee	BM3	Navy	Viet Nam	28 Dec 1937	31 Aug 2002	Floral Lawn Mem	North Platte, NE
Weedman, J. F.		Army		10 Jan 1846	16 May 1901	Riverside Cem	Denver, CO
Weedman, James Estel	FN	Navy	WWII	23 Dec 1926	24 Aug 1991	Willamette Nat Cem	Portland, OR
Weedman, Jimmie Birch	Cpl	Army	Korea	2 Apr 1932	6 Dec 2000	Bethany Memorial	Louisville, KY
Weedman, John G.		Army	WWII	10 Aug 1922	21 Jun 2000	Beatty Cem.	Fordsville, KY
Weedman, John W.	Cpl	IL Inf	Civil War		12 Oct 1864	Andersonville	Andersonville, GA
Weedman, Joseph S.		AAF	WWII	11 Dec 1919	30 Apr 2002	Randolph Mem. Park	N. Asheboro, NC
Weedman, Lonzo K.	Sgt	Army	WWII	6 Oct 1928	16 Dec 2000	Jefferson Barracks Cem	St. Louis, MO
Weedman, Mary M.	Sgt	Army	WWII	25 Jul 2004	10 Jun 1977	Jerrerson Barracks Cem	St. Louis, MO
Weedman, Melvin E.	Cpl	Army	WWII	15 Jul 1924	9 Feb 1996	Lebanon Nat Cem	Lebanon, KY
Weedman, Murrell M.	Pfc	Marines	WWII	19 Jan 1919	13 Jul 1998	Maple Hill Cem.	Fairfield, IL
Weedman, Myron Wilson	Pvt	Army			16 Mar 1945	Ft. Leavenworth	Ft. Leavenworth, KS
Weedman, Paul Burr	HMC		WWII	21 Jul 1909	6 Jul 2003	Arlington Nat Cem	Arlington, VA
Weedman, Robert B.	Sgt	Army	Korea	17 Mar 1931	17 Jul 2000	Rest Haven Park Cem	Glendale, AZ
Weedman, Robert J.	Cpl	Army	WWII	4 Dec 1918	27 Mar 1996	So. Nev. Veterans Mem	Boulder City, NV
Weedman, Wayne L.	Cpl	Army	Korea	11 Nov 1931	4 Mar 2000	Oneida Cem.	Oneida, IL
Weidman, Charles A.	Pfc	Army	Korea	9 Mar 1931	16 Sep 1996	Maple Grove Cem.	Mattawan, MI
Weidman, Jon Stephen	RMI	Navy	Viet Nam	1 Jul 1947	17 Dec 1998	Fayetteville Nat. Cem.	Fayetteville, AR

This information is from the Veteran's Administration and lists veterans who are buried in either military cemeteries or in private cemeteries with a government furnished grave marker. In some instances, it appears if a military honor guard participated in the burial, that gravesite is also listed. There are apparently a number of veteran's graves well beyond this list.

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2007 subscriptions are due when you receive this Newsletter. The rate remains a donation of \$5.00 per year as it has been since the Newsletter began.

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We have been a little lax in the past few years asking for donations. But, as costs continue to rise, we need to either get more funds to support the cost of publishing and mailing or to trim our mailing list (or both).

This will be the only notification of the donation requested. We intend to adjust our mailing list prior to mailing the next issue in March, 2007.

The support we have received in the past is highly appreciated. There are many that are extraordinarily generous. To all, you have our thanks.

The subscription rate for the Weedman Newsletter remains at \$5.00 per year (unchanged since its inception)!

Obituaries

Hazel Mae (Haddaway) Weedman

Hazel Mae Weedman, 89, of Louisville, KY died Tuesday, December 5, 2006 at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital in Louisville. She was the former **Hazel Mae Haddaway**, a homemaker, a member of Ralph Ave. Church of Christ and attended Dover Chapel General Baptist Church. Her husband, **James Edward Weedman**, preceded her in death. Survivors include five sons, **Mark (Linda) Weedman**, **Steve (Cathy) Weedman**, **Mike (Barbara) Weedman**, **Bill (Janet) Weedman**, and **Jeff (Betty) Weedman**; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville.

Jimmye Ann Holcombe

Jimmye Ann Holcombe died December 10, 2006 in Dexter, MO. She was the first wife of the late **Edwin M. (Manny) Weedman** of Blytheville, AR. She leaves four children: **Julia Lea (Weedman) Harris**, **Jenny (Weedman) Firth**, **Jerry (Weedman) Messick**, and **Edwin M.**

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Weedman, Jr.

Our condolences to the families and friends of **Hazel Weedman** and **Ann Holcombe** on the death of these two family members.

Birth

David James Weedman

David and **Suzanne (James) Weedman** of Louisville are the proud new parents of **David James Weedman** born December 12, 2006 in Louisville. Congratulations to Suzanne and David!

His line: David James⁹, David Glenn⁸, Ronald Louis⁷, Robert Shirley⁶, William Deward⁵, Amos George⁴, Stephen³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian, Sr.¹. David James Weedman's great, great grandparents on his paternal line were both Weedmans! William Deward Weedman and Beverly Ann Lockwood Weedman were both of the Stephen Weedman line.

New Discovery

Weedman Land in Early Northumberland Co., PA?

Linda Tatlinger of Fayette Co., PA has provided us with several pieces of information that could provide some leads for more research into the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** movements prior to 1800.

Linda has been using a web site, www.footnote.com for research purposes and this site has most of the Pennsylvania Archives on line in a searchable format. What she discovered by searching the surname, Weidman, was that **Christian Weidman, Sr., Christian Weidman, Jr.** and **John Weidman** all got warrants for 400 acres of land in Northumberland Co., PA in 1784.

The information is contained in Series 3, Volume XXV, Warrantees of Land in Northumberland Co., PA, 1772-1892,

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Congratulations to David and Suzanne Weedman on the birth of their new son. We would love to print more birth announcements but need your help to do so.

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 150.

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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page 343. We need to determine if title to the land was ever taken, and, if it was, when was ownership conveyed to them and when did they sell.

She further advises that in 1789, **John Weidman** registered a survey on 200 acres of land in Northumberland County. There is no record of either **Christian Weedman, Sr.** or **Jr.** having paid surveyed or registered their land.

From another site, http://www.mypennsylvaniagenealogy.com/pa_maps/pa_cf.htm, it appears that Northumberland County encompassed much of the northwestern 2/3rds of the State of Pennsylvania in 1784! It was the parent county of numerous of the present day counties of the state and thus trying to determine where the land might have been is a daunting task.

There was a land lottery in 1784 and is described in yet another article on the internet which states:

The Northumberland Lottery warrant register indexes warrants that were issued for the eastern section of the Last Purchase (1784), primarily the region that is now Tioga County and the surrounding area. Following the Treaty of Fort Stanwix in 1784 by which Pennsylvania acquired the northwestern third of the state, the entire extent of the new acquisition was assigned to Northumberland County until it was later divided into regions covered by Allegheny and Lycoming Counties. The Commonwealth initially attempted to sell land in the 1784 purchase by lottery.

If you want to see all warrants issued by the State of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Bureau of Archives and History of the Pennsylvania State Archives has a web site: <http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/>

Bah/DAM/rg/di/r17-88WarrantRegisters/r17-88AllCountiesInterface.htm#NorthLottery.

These are all terrific web sites for those doing genealogical research in Pennsylvania.

We will pursue the Northumberland County connections and try to determine if, indeed, the three individuals are actually our line, the Weedman family from Fayette Co., Pennsylvania.

New Article on the Death of Philip Guillermo Weedman

The following article was found by Shirley Weedman Spooner and pertains to the death of Philip Weedman (born ca 1785 in Mainz, Germany and died 20 November 1839 in St. Johns Co., FL as the result of an Indian attack). In the Fall 2006 issue and the Fall and Winter issues of 2004, we published other accounts of the death and this article mentions it as well.

The Planter: or, Thirteen Years in the South by a Northern Man:

David Brown (Northern Man)

BOATING PARTY

It was on an early day of the February of that remarkably delightful sunny winter which followed the mysterious shower of blazing meteors; when three gentlemen left St. Augustine for the St. John's river, with the exciting object of making a boat voyage up the stream to Drayton Island, in Lake George.

The morning ride from the ancient city to

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The Philip Weedman article is from a book that has been digitalized by the University of North Carolina.

The lack of response on the two projects outlined in the Fall edition will not deter interested parties from pursuing both.

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the noble river, was through sixteen miles of an atmosphere, resonant of vernal music, and perfumed by myriads of flowers, whose coral lips were rapidly opening to the genial sun. A happier little party has rarely passed over that quiet, and almost desert, - not long after made unquiet by the rifle crack of the Indian; and its sand and its flowers stained with the blood of inoffensive travelers, and of its few peaceful inhabitants. Than, - till decoyed into the death - snare by the assurance of peace, when there was no peace, - the cheerful and happy **Weedman**; - what passer across that plain ever found, anywhere, more cordial hospitality, than with him and his primitively simple family? Who ever saw any thing in **Weedman**, or in any one of his Germano-Spanish family, but the most delightful simplicity of goodness? Who ever saw any thing more simply beautiful and picturesque, than that almost immensity of a man - the ever cheerful and loving father, and gentle master, leading afield, or to the cowpen, his numerous happy sons and daughters, and two or three laughing negroes? I never did. But, alas! insatiate war gave that peaceful man, and a portion of his family to the Indian tomahawk; and broke up that happy home, where the weary and the benighted traveler had ever found kind and generous hospitality; and where dwellers in the man-made town were wont to visit, to be refreshed by a draught of nature, where

“God made the country.”

Should these lines fall under the eye of any survivor of that long gratefully remembered family, let them be accepted as a trifling tribute due to the memory of the murdered father, whom the author esteemed as one of the best and kindest of men; and also as a cordial thank-offering to his household for the many pleasant hours enjoyed among them, in

their once cheerfully simple, and therefore happy home, untimely desolated. To others, who have never heard of the Weedmans, nor of their humble home on the Picolala road, far away from the haunts of men, I have only to say, pardon this little detour to drop a tear of memory on the bloody grave of an honest man, a noble work of God; - happy in himself, - happy in his family, - happy in love to his God, and to his kind; - nor less happy in being the master of a few faithful slaves, whose *pleasures were not a paradox*.

Of the three gentlemen, with their small; crew of black boatmen, - one a dweller in the land of flowers, was the patron, who generously provided the pleasure; one was "the Doctor," who had been in the South but a few weeks; and the third a sojourner of several months.

Project Updates Cemetery Preservation and Family DNA Testing

Response to the two projects suggested at the Tell City reunion — one to help preserve family cemeteries that are falling into a state of disrepair and another to use the latest in DNA testing to help sort out our lineage was, well, minimal. A single response offered help on the cemetery project. Nothing was received on the family DNA project.

Both are worthy and will be pursued even if done independently. If you have any suggestions or comments, they are always welcome!

2006 Newsletter

This is the final issue in 2006 and will be only 6 pages long to permit the mailing of a renewal envelope to selected subscribers

This is the first in a series of articles on the creation of oral histories as part of collection of items of a genealogical nature. Kenny Weedman is the author and details discussions he had with his parents, Charles Russell and Weedman. The tools and techniques used may be of interest to all of our readers. We print the preface in this issue and will continue with the actual interview in 2007. Editor

Oral History

Kenny Weedman

Would you like to have an audio or video recording of the ancestor you are now researching or just revisit your great grandmother telling you a family story? That might not be possible as they may have passed away before any one did an interview by recording or just writing down their words as they spoke. But it's not too late for you to start your own family's oral history recording library. You can help ensure for later generations what was not possible for you to use in your research.

The only equipment you need to start is pen, paper and a recording device. You are the interviewer so you need only locate a willing interviewee to begin to preserve knowledge of your family's history. I had spoken with my parents and aunts while taking notes and sent out one page follow up questionnaires which did not come up too my expectations. And my ability to take the kind of notes needed for research while interviewing people fell some what short of what I thought was a good secretary's ability. So in 1988 I started interviewing close relatives using a small cassette tape recorder with little knowledge of how to go about the task at hand. Now I am some what wiser through experience and reading articles on oral history interviewing.

The first step is knowledge of how to operate your equipment and this means reading the booklet on usage and practicing with the machine. I would like to recommend that you let the tape run continually while you do the interview or get a voice activated recorder. The reasoning being there are silent spots in conversation and clicking the machine on and off becomes annoying and you may not record the first few words because you failed to turn it on as the interviewee began to speak. A voice activated recorder might not get all of the first word but it will come on when some one speaks or if the machine runs constantly you have every voice in real time. Have batteries in staled in the recorded and bring the adaptor for use in a wall plug along with an extra batteries. And let's not forget two or three blank cassette tapes and a head cleaner. If you have a good microphone to attach to the recorder it will pick up the sound better than the internal microphone. Now place the microphone or recorder close to the interviewee in order to hear them more clearly. Remember you do not know the answers to your questions but you do have an inkling of what you will ask.

Now you will need to find a willing relative to interview. For your first session I would suggest a person that you have a close relationship with and some common experiences. Contact your prospective interviewee to explain that you are working on family oral history project and would very much like to invite them to be part of the project. Be sure to include the fact that you only need an hour of their time. Remember if they are gracious enough to talk with you it did not mean they agree to let you grill them all day. And besides peoples attention span only last so long and you do not want to wear out your welcome. If they agree to your invitation then set up a time and place to conduct the interview and thank them. In general it will be best to conduct the interview session with only one person present but many times this will not be the case. The spouse or other relations may be present during the session and can inject their own response to your questions. Many times they can be helpful but then they can also be a deterrent so you must remember that you are the guest and make the best of it.

Now prepare an interview sheet for that specific person with the following information: Date and place of the interview, full name and nick name, date and place of birth, current address, parents, siblings, grandparents and any other factual items you deem needed. One sheet of paper printed front and back with information is all you need anything more will be a distraction. Now you must define your research goal for this interview. It can have a general goal like "Aunt Eccentric Life" with two or three more specific questions such as her general appearance, Christmas visit and travel exploits. Now you can word questions like this "Did Aunt Eccentric dye her hair?" and receive "yes or no" for answers only. Are you can have more general question like "What did you think of Aunt Eccentric's appearance?" and receive a much more interesting response about her hair, make up, clothing shoes and entrance into a room. You need to keep in mind that an interview will have a life of it own and the interviewee's stream of consciousness might jump from the Aunt to their trip to Paris, France.

Remember they may not want to talk about your subject any more so go with the flow and you can learn something new. You will improve with time at compiling a list of subjects and questions.

Before you leave home check the recorder “saying this is a test” and then re play it. Then enter “your name, interviewer and the name of the interviewee and the date” and write the same information on the outside label of the tape. When you arrive at your dictation thank them for the interview and reiterate why you are doing an oral history tape. Make sure they understand that the information on the tape will be used to write a family history and you are not engaged in a secret conversation. You need to listen for extraneous noises like the television, dishwasher and ask to turn them off. I have actually had to ask that all those things be turned off before starting an interview. After creating as quite an environment as possible you're ready to start the recording session.

Began by asking them to say their name and date of birth on the recording this establishes their voice record for anyone who might listen to the tape later. Start with an easy question and after you have feel you have established a good rapport then you might brooch a stiffer subject with the respondent. Follow up on their answer to your questions before you move to a new subject. Give them your full attention with eye contact and the appropriate body language. Remember you might touch a nerve with the interviewee when they are talking about a love one that has passed away and you can turn the recorder off while they gain control. The interviewee may not speak politically correct, use polite language or they could be overly modest in any case it is their story not yours so just be a good listener. Always be kind to your respondent. End the interview as you started on a happy note with an easy question.

You need a form that grants permission for the use of your interview for publication. There are a number of books that have release form examples. All the people that speak on the tape need to sign the release form so when it is archived future listeners can make use of the information. Be sure to thank them for the privilege of taping an interview. And inform them that you will follow up with a written transcript so they can correct any transcription errors.

You should make any notes that will help with the transcription of the interview as soon as possible. Notes on the interviewee such as a description not only of them but of their environment can also be of value to a later listener. Be sure to catalogue your tapes with the names and dates for all the speakers on the tape. Many people make a copy that is stored in a separate location in case of a natural disaster destroying the original. Save your families history by making some oral history recordings.

To be continued in the next issue....

2007 Articles and Plans

In 2007, we plan to publish articles and features on the following:

- **Oral History** — we will publish the interviews Kenny Weedman did with his parents to show what can be done with this technique.
- **2008 Weedman Family National Gathering** — the Reunion is planned for Fayette County, Pennsylvania on dates yet to be determined. We are hoping that Linda Tatlinger, a resident of Fayette County, will be our local resource person and we will reveal all of our plans as they are developed.
- **John Huhn Weedman, Jr. family** — arguably the most successful Weedman maybe even to this date, we will pursue the line to determine what happened to various children and descendents of this family.
- **Catherine Weedman Huhn Keefover family** — we will show what happened to the descendents of the youngest daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.

We hope to continue with articles on the Florida Weedman family and put additional emphasis on the Swedish Weedman line from Galesburg, IL.

We wish everyone a Healthy, Prosperous 2007!

Nick and Merrie Carol Weedman