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

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## 2008 Reunion

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

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

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

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## Subscription Renewal Time

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

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

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

## Obituary

### Jack Weedman

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

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

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

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

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## Chrystene N. Weedman

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

## Family Recipes Sought

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

West Lafayette, IN 47906-1254.

## Hall of Fame Nominations

Nominations for the Weedman Hall of Fame are being sought.

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

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

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

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## Swedish Weedman Lines Re-visited

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## John Weedman Brodix

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Theresa Grundy Weedman  
A Colorado Connection

Contributed by Frieda Davison

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

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

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

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

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

many, telegraph operator

I did not find them in the 1920 census.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Weedman—Spangler  
Wedding

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

We extend our heartiest congratulations to the couple!

## Widman Family Possible Connections

By Shawn Wiley

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Anna Dortha ZEIGLER**

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

**Johannes ZEIGLER**, born 14 May, 1734

**Johann Jacob ZEIGLER**

**Agatha ZEIGLER**, born 4 Nov., 1739

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

**Anna Marie ZEIGLER**, born 15 Nov., 1743

Source: [http://markcarson.com/Family/Genealogy/Carson/Willie\\_Ann.htm](http://markcarson.com/Family/Genealogy/Carson/Willie_Ann.htm)

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

## Weedman Reunion History

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

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

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



**Registration Form**  
**13<sup>th</sup> Biennial Weedman National Family Gathering**  
**June 20 ~ 22, 2007**  
**Uniontown, Pennsylvania**

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

Here are planned events:

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

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

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

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

Here is what you need to do:

1) **Reserve a room** at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown. Rates at \$99 per night plus a 6% tax and this represents a \$30 discount off normal rates. Call (800) 287-0037, and advise reservations you are with the Weedman Family Reunion (code WFR). Reservations must be made prior to May 20<sup>th</sup> to obtain this room rate.

2) Make your **travel plans**!

3) **Complete the form below** and **mail** to: **Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731-8531**. The cost per participant is \$45 which will include the Reunion dinner, a box lunch at Fort Necessity and incidentals to host the Reunion. A check for the appropriate amount should be enclosed.

Names of each participant:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_

5) \_\_\_\_\_ 6) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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



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## 2008 Reunion Issue

Belatedly, we are going to press with the 2008 Reunion Issue. Because the Reunion was held in June and we have slipped on time, there will be only three issues of the **Weedman Newsletter** this year. The article on the Reunion begins on page 12.

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## Widman (n) Connections

We received an interesting e-mail from **Robert Widmann** of New York City recently and publish it here. Robert is a serious Widman(n) genealogical researcher. Here is his note:

*Dear Nick and Weedman relations -*

*Congratulations to **Shawn Wiley** for some excellent scholarship regarding family origins. I have in the past contributed some ideas re these origins and may have included information about a piece published in Germany on the mid-1950's having to do with the origin of my family line and that of many if not most present-day Widmann's. (The double n is often dropped by English speaking record makers who in general tended to Anglicize German names and who were also unfamiliar with the German custom of writing the name with one n, but indicating a double n by an underline of the last n.)*

*My 1st translation of the above article: **Two Doctors Named Johann Widmann** may be found on [www.worldroots.com/brigitte/widm.htm](http://www.worldroots.com/brigitte/widm.htm) (I did not place the copyright marks, Brigitte did.)*

*Also, my notes show immigration of **Johannes Widmann** on Oct. 7, 1743 via the ship **St. Andrew** sailing from Rotterdam. My notes indicate there seems to have been also a Wittman (sp.?) aboard.*

*The following books may prove helpful: **Pennsylvania Pioneers** by Strassberger & Hinke and also the **Volumes of The Pennsylvania German Society**. (As of a few years ago, this Society was still very active.)*

*Best wishes to all Weedmans and hoping the above will be of help,*

**Robert Widmann**

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## Web Site Update

Since the inception of the Weedman Family web site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org)), it has graciously been hosted by Affiniscape based in Austin, TX. The founder of this firm which specializes in providing web services to various Associations is **Adam Weedman**. When he learned we were going to have a web site, he offered to host it for us. Recently, as the firm shifted its focus, we felt it was best to change hosting services and, with Adam's understanding,

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*The timing of the 2008 Reunion conflicted with the scheduled publication of the Summer Newsletter. Due to this, there will only be three issues of the Weedman Newsletter in 2008*

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*E-mail forwarding to a limited number of family members is being offered.*

recently moved the site to GoDaddy.com.

We are highly appreciative of the support shown by Adam and Affiniscape over the years.

The move will be transparent to subscribers and although we lost e-mail service for 48 hours in the transition, we are now stable. One thing we found was that many links were inoperative and thus made a number of changes to update or remove those links.

We will be making more changes in the near future to put a report of this Reunion on the site and to better document the San Diego reunion. In addition, we will be listing helpful sites that family genealogical researchers have discovered.

### **E-Mail Forwarding Through Weedman.org**

With the move to a new hosting service, we are able to offer a limited number of

e-mail forwarding accounts. Initially, if you have attended any Reunion and are a current subscriber to the **Weedman Newsletter**, we will offer the service at no cost.

Essentially, what this does is to provide an e-mail address which is forwarded to your current e-mail service. For example, [nick@weedman.org](mailto:nick@weedman.org) is the address that I use. My actual e-mail address is [weedman54@mchsi.com](mailto:weedman54@mchsi.com). When an e-mail is addressed to [nick@weedman.org](mailto:nick@weedman.org), it goes to that address at GoDaddy.com and is immediately forwarded to [weedman54@mchsi.com](mailto:weedman54@mchsi.com).

The advantages are several. First, if your surname is Weedman and you advise someone that your email address is [yourname@weedman.org](mailto:yourname@weedman.org) it is easy to remember. Second, your actual e-mail address does not change so no action is really needed on your part. Third, if you do change your e-mail provider, no action is needed by people who send you e-mail since the administrator simply changes

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the address where the e-mail is forwarded. This is probably the most significant advantage.

So, if **Paul Weedman** or **Cliff Weedman**, for instance wanted to establish a new e-mail address of [paul@weedman.org](mailto:paul@weedman.org) or [cliff@weedman.org](mailto:cliff@weedman.org), all they have to do is let **Nick Weedman** know and confirm their current e-mail address. Establishing the account can be accomplished in minutes. No other action is needed. Once set, you can advise people to send e-mail to the Weedman.org address and it will work.

One e-mail that will be established will be [reunion@weedman.org](mailto:reunion@weedman.org) and any messages received will be forwarded to the hosts of the next Reunion.

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#### *Obituaries*

### **Joseph F. Anderson**

**Joseph F. Anderson**, 81, died on April 19, 2008 a Meadow View Nursing Home in Louisville, KY.

He was retired from Southern Standard Cartons in the Printing Department where he had worked for 25 years. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, WOW, and the American Legion. He had also worked for J.C. Penney Company. He was a member of the Beargrass Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, **Doris Bruner Anderson**, and a brother, **John Anderson**. He is survived by his son, **Daniel J. Anderson**, and daughter **Kimberly Dye**.

Services were held on April 22, 2008.

*His lineage: Joseph F. Anderson<sup>7</sup>, Pearl Weedman Anderson<sup>6</sup>, John Franklin Weedman<sup>5</sup>, Willis Green Weedman, Sr.<sup>4</sup>, John Weedman II<sup>3</sup>, Christian Weedman, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, and Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>*

### **Melvina Sanders Weedman**

**Melvina Weedman**, 92, of Portland died on May 6, 2008 at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, KY. She was a homemaker and member of West End General Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, **David Henry Weedman**; a son, **David Clifton Weedman**; two granddaughters, **Paula Fagan** and **Della Phillips**; four sisters, **Bridget Bargee**, **Zelma Heston**, **Stella Young**, and **Ethel Boling**; and one brother, **Herman Sanders**.

### **Greta W. Weedman**

**Greta W. Weedman**, age 77, died May 29, 2008, at Akron City Hospital after a brief illness.

Born and raised in western Kentucky, Greta lived most of her adult life in the Akron area. She was a retired buyer from the M. O'Neil's Company. Her husband of 45 years, **Rodney Weedman**, preceded Greta in death in 1992. Greta is survived by a daughter, **Roslyn Zane Weedman (Martin Tyckoski)** of Frankenmuth, Michigan; granddaughter, **Cristin Crawford** of Flint, Michigan; grandson, **James Crawford** of Doha, Qatar; sister, **Betty Zane Sparks** of Jeffersonton, Kentucky; brother, **Philip Morrison** of Greer, South Carolina; many nieces and nephews; dear friend, **Mark VanSweringen**; and best friend, **Barky**.

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### **In the Next Issue**

**Brent Weedman**, a boxer in the family? Excerpts from an article in the Louisville, KY newspaper.

**Sidney Weedman** is serving on a Committee to design a celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Indianapolis Speedway.

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*We have other obituaries to publish in the next Newsletter. Assistance is needed to identify some of these family members.*

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## 2008 Weedman National Family Gathering

The **13<sup>th</sup> biennial Weedman Family Reunion** was held June 19-21 in Uniontown and Masontown, PA. There were 58 participants at the event.

The event was based at the Uniontown Holiday Inn and hosted by **Billie Lou Weedman Bruce** and **Nick Weedman**.

Participants arrived on Friday afternoon and were greeted by a meeting room filled with Weedman memorabilia and posters. An evening session was held to discuss plans for the Reunion and why it was being held in Uniontown.

The theme was a "Visit to New Holland" to recognize the name of the homestead that **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.** gave to the land they received by grant from the Pennsylvania government. It appears they first settled the land between 1765 and 1769 and remained there until it was sold in 1799.

Using land maps, GIS systems and help from the Fayette County government, we have been able to confirm the location of the land with certainty. So, the event was to take interested ancestors back to the original homestead.

There are no original buildings left from the homestead but it is still relatively undeveloped. The northern boundary of the 400+ acre tract is common with the City of Masontown city limits. It was felt that many would be interested in seeing how the land appeared and nobody was disappointed in the beautiful site.

There were a number of displays, some of which had been used at previous reunions but there were many new ones as well. Following the Friday evening structured session, quite a few stayed to visit and socialize.

## Jacobs Lutheran Church Visit



*Viewing related family tombstones at Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery*

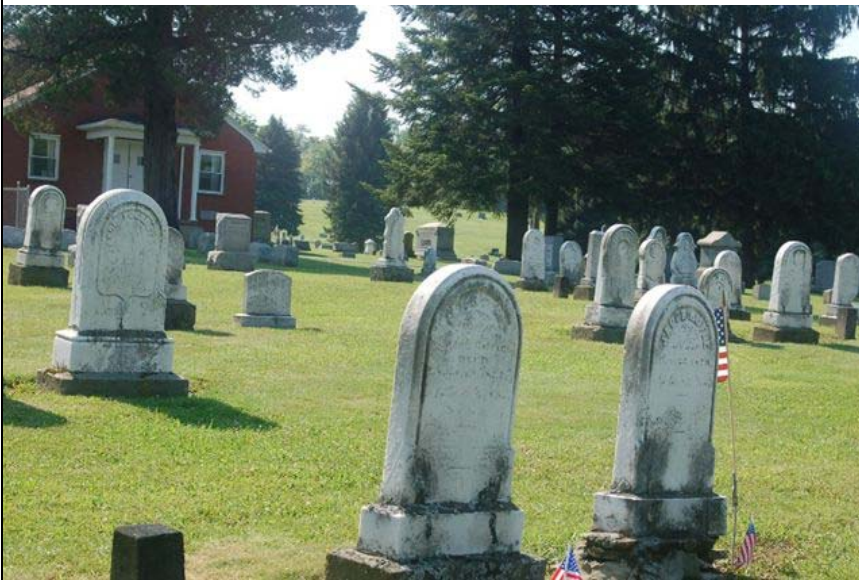
On Saturday morning, a cavalcade of vehicles headed toward the **Jacob's Lutheran Church** located near McClellandtown. This is where at least one of the children of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** were married (**Catherine**, the youngest daughter married **John Huhn, Jr.** here) and where many of the grandchildren were christened. Interestingly, while we find repeated reference to the children and grandchildren, we cannot find a single instance of Christian and/or Elizabeth sponsoring a grandchild at the christening ceremony.

We toured the old part of the cemetery and found the grave of **Nicholas Riffle** who was the husband of **Barbara Weedman**. In addition, a number of Huhn and Riffle burial sites were viewed. Of particular interest were the graves of **John** and **Dorady (Dorothy ?) Huhn, Sr.** who are progenitors of everyone in the **George Weedman** line.

Two of the Huhn offspring married children of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman**, so several of the participants had the opportunity of seeing graves of their direct ancestors.

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*A view of the old section of the Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery*

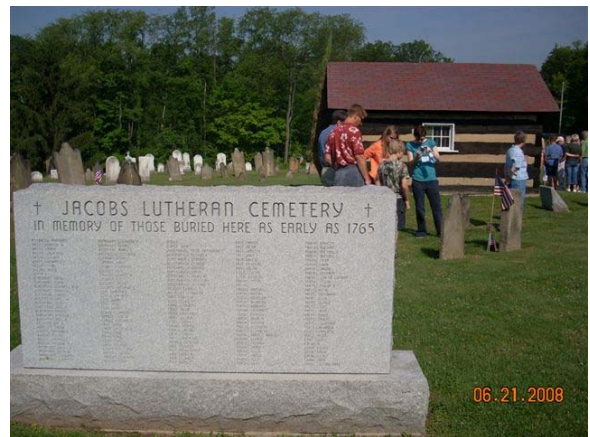
The Jacobs Lutheran Church cemetery is well kept and has a number of Revolutionary War Veterans buried here.

In the old part of the Jacobs Lutheran Church cemetery is a marker that shows the names of people known to have been buried there. There is a story that when the road passing in front of the Church was constructed, a number of graves were simply built over and stones were simply discarded. Whether this is actually true is not known. The stone is shown above right and while the names are unreadable here the idea has great merit. We have seen this one other time and that was in the old cemetery in Jasper, IN in which **Jonathan Weedman** is buried.

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There is a marker in the cemetery that the first burial was that of a child of **A. M. Riffle**. The marker, a bronze plaque mounted on a granite stone, states that the child's burial was handled by **Barbara Brandenburg** who, from other records, was active in the church and was a talented singer. The relationship of this Riffle family with that of **Nicholas Riffle** is unproven at this point.

Subsequent to the Reunion, we contacted the cemetery sexton to ask if our family could install a similar plaque or something similar. The Cemetery Committee has asked for specifics for their consideration.



*A marker listing all who are known to be buried in the Jacobs Lutheran Church Cemetery*

## New Holland and Fairview Brethern Church

**Christian Weedman's** homestead was named "**New Holland**" for reasons unknown to us. In Fayette County, homesteads were usually named with many having an obvious origin. Whether he was naming this for his native county or whether he had lived in New Holland, PA prior to the move to Hampshire County, VA where his first child was born is unknown.

Maps of the area showing the original land grants abound. A book known as Horn's Papers is well known although many scholars feel that some of the work was fabricated. But, we have copies of the original land maps from the Pennsylvania Archives and have located the land on Fayette County records. It is known that there were some 302 1/2 acres in the grant.

Because the land was in a disputed area that was claimed by both Pennsylvania



*Connie Honsaker at Fairview Church  
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*Reunion participants at the Fairview Brethren Church*

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and Virginia, it was only when the Mason-Dixon line was accepted as the boundary between the states did settlers bother to record their grants.

It was known that the Fairview Brethren Church was on land of the original homestead. This was confirmed with a court house search in which land was donated by **Ephraim Walters, Jr.** to the church board for a church site. So, by going to this Church, we know we were on "New Holland". We were able to find the deed in which it states that the land originally belonged to **Christian Weedman** who sold it to **Ephraim Walters, Sr.** who in turn sold it to his son, **Ephraim Walters, Jr.**

**Connie Honsaker**, a descendent of the **DeBolt** family (**Ephraim Walters** married **Mary DeBolt**), met us at the Church and let us use the facility to brief the family. Connie is a member of the Church. While there, we discussed the history of the Weedman and Walters families in this area. Connie's picture is on the preceding page.

Outside, we took the view that our ancestors had. Clearly, they selected the highest elevation in the area and had an excellent view to the north toward Masontown. In an article that **Dr. Jefferson Walters** had written for a Fayette County newspaper, the ***Genius of Liberty***, in 1879, he told of the land being conveyed from **Christian Weedman** to **Ephraim Walters, Sr.** to Ephraim Walters Jr. and finally to the German Baptist Church of George's Creek. He stated that the log home built by Weedman was "across the road" from the Church. Numerous pictures were taken on the visit.

The 300+ acre site goes from the location of the Fairview Church to the southern border of Masontown. On the advice of the mapping office at the Fayette County Courthouse, we believe that some of the hedgerows running north and south delineate the east and west borders of the property. It is in deed a beautiful site that only be appreciated with a personal visit.



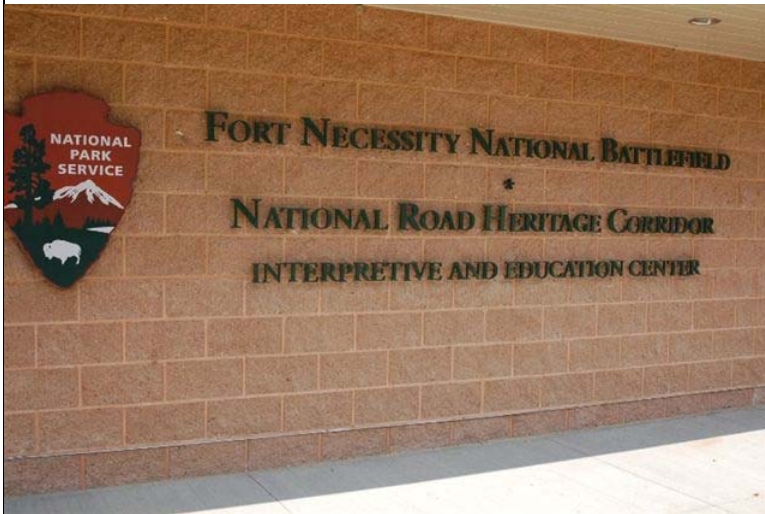
*A panoramic view looking north from the Fairview Church. New Holland was located on one of the highest elevations in the immediate area.*

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## Fort Necessity



Following the visit to New Holland, the group traveled to the eastern side of Fayette County to visit the site of Fort Necessity. This was a site of a battle in the French and Indian War (also called the Seven Years War) in 1754 in which General George Washington participated and was the only battle in which he surrendered to an enemy.

There are displays and demonstrations at this site that shows what living conditions were like in the late 1750s which is about the time our ancestors came to the area. Clearly, they were pioneers and this visit enabled us to see what they faced.

Lunch was served and the group participated in tours of the newly built visitor center and the surrounding displays.

Many went to an historic home on the Fort Necessity Battlefield National Park called the Mount Washington Tavern. This was built as a stage coach stop on what became the National Road. The value of this visit was the excellent displays to provide a flavor for living conditions in the second half of the 1700s.

Another point of historical significance relates to what became the National Road. The Colonial Government hired Indians to cut a road through the wilderness going from the Potomac River in Virginia (now West Virginia) to a point on the Ohio River which was in Fayette County. This was called Nema-colin's Path or Braddock's Road. It is likely that our ancestors travelled this road when they left Hampshire County, VA to settle in Fayette County.



*Our Reunion Group entering Mount Washington Tavern on the grounds of Fort Necessity.*

A number of participants visited the Frank Lloyd Wright designed home named Falling Water.

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## Reunion Dinner

The Reunion Dinner was held at the Uniontown Country Club and provided an opportunity for more visitations as well as a brief business meeting.

A brief business meeting was conducted to determine if there was interest in a Reunion in 2010 and, if there was, who would be willing to host the event. **Cliff** and **Shirley Weedman** volunteered or, almost volunteered. See below.

Following dinner and the business meeting, photographs were taken of the various family groups that participated. Some of these are shown on the web site. Space limitations do not permit showing those here.



*Reunion participants enjoying dinner at the Uniontown Country Club*

## Hall of Fame

After the meal, inductions into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame were announced. There were three nominations and a selection committee of **Betty Myers Yahn** and **Bill Weedman** made the review and announcements. Inducted at this meeting were:

**Colonel Freeman James (Jim) Weedman**, USAF (retired) selected because of his distinguished military career and his success as a businessman following his retirement.

**Carl Oran**, another family member who had a distinguished military career and a successful business following that career. Carl is a Weedman descendent.

**Edward Ellsworth Smith**, a Reunion participant, who had a successful career as a journalist and cartoonist. Many of his cartoons appeared in the Wall Street Journal under a title of Pepper and Salt.

## 2010 Reunion

We think we have someone to host the 2010 Reunion. **Cliff** and **Shirley Weedman** of Eighty-Eight, Kentucky are about 98% certain they will host an event probably in Grayson or Meade County, Kentucky.

Photos of participants were taken and appear on the Weedman Family web-site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org)).

There were many compliments for the event and despite high gas prices, we were pleased participation.

*(Photographs in this Newsletter were furnished by Megan Smith. Her work is also used on the 2008 Reunion page of the Weedman web site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org))).*

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*We hope to expand coverage of the Swedish and Florida Weedman families in 2009. But, help is needed to do this.*

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## Happy New Year!

We trust everyone had a great holiday season. Ours was fine and occupied most of our time so this issue is about a week later than we had hoped.

There are only three issues in 2008 since the 2008 National Family Gathering occurred in June which is a month we normally produce one. So, Issue 3 in Volume 41 is the final one for 2008.

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## Plans for 2009

We are hopeful of adding a periodic update on the Swedish Weedman family history as we move into 2009. We have been in contact with a descendent of **Olaf Weedman** who for years we thought was the sole Weedman immigrant from Sweden only to find that he had two brothers who also came to this country. Our prospective contributor has actually been to the family farm in Sweden and we hope she will be willing to do an article on this line in each issue. Keep your fingers crossed!

It would be wonderful to find someone to do the same on the Florida Weedman family. We know this family came from the area around Mainz, Germany and ended up near St. Augustine, St. Johns County, FL. As far as we can tell, virtually all of the family stayed in Florida and has deep historical roots there. One early family member was killed by Indians and there was once a Fort Weedman where the family lived. Maybe we can find someone to write a periodic article on this family.

## What's New on the Weedman Web Site?

Here is a list of new items on the Weedman web site ([www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org)).

Biographies – new biographies have been added for **Addison Meriwether Weedman**, **Captain Daniel R. Weedman**, **George Route Weedman**, and **Dr. Charles Benton Weedman**. Most of these come from old county history books that were popular for publication in the late 1800s. In addition, for family members who have written a biography of an ancestor, we have selectively added those. And, when we find an interesting newspaper article, this may be added to the Biographies page.

Photographs of the daughters of **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** including **Fern**, **Fay** and **Lois** are on the site as well as a sister of **Zadock**, **Jennie Weedman Neal**.

We will be adding obituaries over the coming months and a DNA project page.

Any suggestions for additions or for changes to the web site will be given seri-

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ous consideration. Please contact Nick Weedman ( see the About the Weedman Newsletter below for the address, etc.).

### **Indianapolis Speedway 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Sidney Weedman – Executive Committee Member**

"If you are a fan of the Speedway, who wouldn't want to come to the 100-year birthday party?" asked track President **Joie Chitwood**.

To make sure the party is a big success, Chitwood enlisted an impressive list of former 500 Festival board chairmen to help plan the festivities as the search for sponsors begins. "We feel like we have a really good group of community activists that are helping us put together a great event," Chitwood said.

That executive committee includes **Mary Clare Broadbent, Cindy Simon Skjodt,**

**Marge Tarplee, Betty Stilwell, Robert McConnell, Kenny Hauck, Andre Lacy, Jerry Semler, Tim Worthington, Steve Stittle, Sid Weedman and John Walsh.**

The evening will include a cocktail party in the 500 Ballroom, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Sagamore Ballroom. Tickets for the dinner are \$2,000 a table or \$200 per person. Tickets for the cocktail party and dinner are \$3,000 a table or \$300 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the foundation that operates the Hall of Fame Museum on 16th Street. The Indy 500 will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2011.

"We want to have a great birthday party that the community just enjoys," Chitwood said, "but the chance to generate some proceeds for our foundation is as important, so I think we have a really nice win-win."

Source: **IndyStar**, August 26, 2008

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*Sidney Weedman has played a number of roles in the positive development of downtown Indianapolis.*

## **About the Weedman Newsletter**

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

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

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

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Queries regarding the Weedman family or allied lines are welcomed. Attention will be given to each and for those which cannot be answered by family genealogists, publication in the **Newsletter** will be made.

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**Sidney and Sharon Weedman** reside in Indianapolis and are the parents of two daughters. One, **Lauren Weedman** was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame at the San Diego Reunion for her success as an author and comedienne.

## Weedman DNA Project

The use of DNA analysis in genealogy is a relatively new but rapidly growing feature in this field. We suggested at one of the Reunions that we consider doing a Weedman family DNA project but, until recently, that suggestion went unheeded.

**Bill and Thea Weedman** recently contacted us and advised they wanted to pursue DNA testing. Here is what they said:

*“Thea and I are thinking about taking DNA testing for both the paternal and maternal sides (both for male and only maternal for female). There is an excellent article in the November/December issue of AARP, The magazine. If you do not receive the magazine, you can check out [www.aarpmagazine.org](http://www.aarpmagazine.org). There are several companies listed and we are considering [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com); we recall that you had written something about the Weedman males participating in a project but have not been able to find the information. On the Family Tree DNA web site, there is a one member Weedman DNA participant, I don't know if this is you or some one else.”*

That prompted a deeper look into the possibility of DNA testing for genealogical purposes and I am convinced this could be an excellent tool in our pursuit of our ancestry.

Here are some objectives that could be pursued with such a project:

1) Determine if the Christian Weedman, Sr. line has any relationship with the Florida Weedman line. We know where the Florida line originated in Germany and if we establish there is a common male ancestor within a reasonable number of generations, we might have a better clue of our origins.

2) Determine if the three apparent Swedish Weedman lines do indeed have a common ancestor. We know there were apparently three brothers who came to this country but proof they were siblings has not been established. There may not be male descendants of each of the three brothers but there are from two.

3) Determine if the Christian Weedman, Sr. line has a common male ancestor with the Swedish lines.

4) Determine if the Widman(n) family and the Christian Weedman, Sr. lines share a common male ancestor. If this proves correct, it may show that the original spelling of our surname was in fact, Widman or Widmann.

5) Determine if the Weidman family which has numerous connections in Lancaster County, PA is closely related to the Christian Weedman, Sr. family.

We found there is already one Weedman family member who has completed DNA testing with FamilyTreeDNA and the editor will be the second. This will be a start and we encourage others to do the same to help provide increased confidence in the conclusions that may be reached in the study.

**We will need volunteers for this project and the cost will be about \$100 for a Y-DNA12 test. See the Family Tree DNA site for more details.**

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*The use of DNA in genealogy is growing. A successful project could help us find our European roots.*

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## Photographs of the children of Zadock Sinclair Weedman

My daughter, **Amy Weedman**, recently ran across a number of photographs of the children of **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** on eBay. She purchased those and gave them to me as a gift. I have put all on the web site ([www.weedman.org/zadock.htm](http://www.weedman.org/zadock.htm)) and will show one in this article.

Zadock S. Weedman was the third son of **George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman** and was born 22 November 1862 in Farmer City, IL. He married **Matilda Jane (Jennie) Romine** on 28 February 1887 in Farmer City. They had four children, all of whom were born in Illinois. They were: **Minnie Fern**, born 21 December 1887; **Daisy Fay**, born 12 February 1890; **Georgia Sinclair**, born 16 January 1893; and **Lois B.**, born 18 December 1893.

In the 1900 census, the family was living in McLean Co., IL where **Zadock** (or Dock as he was known) was shown as a grain merchant in West Township where the town of Weedman, IL was located. Some time between that census and 1907, the family moved to Kansas and they appear in the 1910 census living in Holy-



rood, Ellsworth County. **Zadock** was shown as the proprietor of an automobile garage. This is a town near Great Bend, KS.

By 1920, the family had located in South Haven, Sumner Co., Kansas. **Zadock** died 8 August 1925 in South Haven and is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery there. **Jennie** died in South Haven 28 February 1949 and is also buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

The two oldest daughters married brothers. **Fern** married **Maximillian Ebenezer Church** on 16 May 1907 in Kansas City while **Fay** married **Philip Merrick Church** on 21 February 1909.

**Georgia** never married. **Lois B.** married **Clifford Nelson-Smith** on 10 December 1914.

The families appeared to remain in Sumner County, KS or in Tulsa, OK. A long time supporter and subscriber of the Weedman Newsletter was the eldest child of **Fern** and **Max Church**, **Hila Bernadean Church** who was born 7 December 1907 and died 14 January 2001 in Tulsa, OK.

The photographs we have obtained include:

- **Fern Weedman** in 1888, 1891 and 1899
- **Fay Weedman** about 1907/08 in Holyrood, KS
- **Fay** and **Philip Church**
- **Hila B. Church** with **Lois B. Weedman** in 1910

Post card photograph of **Minor and Jen (Weedman) Neal** sent from Hot Springs, AR in 1914. She was a sister of **Zadock Weedman**.

Shown on the left is the photograph of **Fay Weedman** which was taken by the **F. A. Wesely's Photo Art Studio** in Holyrood. This could be a high school graduation photo but we are uncertain about this.

We are extremely pleased to have obtained these photographs and are happy to share them on our web site.

It should be noted that **Abraham Lincoln Weedman**, a brother of **Zadock**, and his family also moved from Illinois and settled in Anthony, Kansas which is near South Haven.



## Obituary

**Gary Dean Weedman**

**Gary Dean Weedman**, 65, of Springfield, MN died Wednesday, October 29, 2008 as the result of an automobile accident. He was born on May 25th, 1943, to **Clifford & Noreen (Weber) Weedman** of Sanborn at the Springfield Community Hospital.



Gary attended Zion Lutheran School in Sanborn until his confirmation in 8th grade. He graduated from Sanborn High School in 1961, and attended Mankato State College where he was a member of the football team. Gary was united in marriage to **Judith Meyer** on April 17, 1965 at Sundown Lutheran Church. The couple resided briefly in Sanborn before moving to Springfield in 1967.

Gary worked for the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Springfield for 22 years. The past 20 years he was an independent financial consultant in the areas of insurance and securities until the time of his death. In his younger days, Gary was very active playing amateur baseball for Mankato, Owatonna, and Springfield, as well as, fast-pitch softball for Lucan and Windom. He served as a member of the Minnesota National Guard, Springfield's City Treasurer, American Legion, School Board, and was a volunteer fireman for 22 years.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and especially golfing. If Gary wasn't at home, he could probably be found on the

golf course. He served as a director of the Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) for 9 years. Another passion of his was playing cards, as he was a bridge club member for many years. Gary was currently a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Springfield Golf Club.

Gary is survived by his wife, **Judy**, of Springfield - mother, **Noreen Weedman** of Sanborn - children, **Jon (Nicole) Weedman** of Jordan, **Kelly (Brent) Weber** of Sartell, **Koree (Jim) Boyle** of Morgan, **Greg (Miranda) Weedman** of Janesville, and **Kim Weedman** (fiancé **Stetson Shoen**) of Springfield; 10 grandchildren - **Michael** and **Nicklaus Weedman**; **Blake**, **Abby**, **Morgan**, and **Mal-lory Weber**; **Lauren** and **Luke Boyle**; and **Aubrey** and **Gavin Weedman**. He is also survived by his brother, **Dennis (Marilyn) Weedman** of Sanborn, and his sister, **Janice (Stuart) Juhnke** of Sanborn. Gary was preceded in death by his father, **Clifford Weedman**, in 1991. Gary's wife, children, and grandchildren were the loves of his life; he never missed his kids' sporting events, and always looked forward to a visit from his grandkids. He will be deeply missed by all of them. Services were held in Springfield on November 3, 2008 with interment at the Springfield City Cemetery.

*The lineage of Gary Weedman is: Gary<sup>8</sup>, Clifford Donald<sup>7</sup>, Loren Bruff<sup>6</sup>, Henry Linas<sup>5</sup>, Asa<sup>4</sup>, John Huhn, Sr.<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>*

*(Editor's note—I never met Gary Weedman in person but did have a number of opportunities to be his bridge partner on the internet. I just happened to see that a Weedman was playing and asked if I could be his partner. He agreed and we played over a period of months. He was a good bridge player and was always seeking suggestions to improve his game! My condolences to his family in the loss of Gary.*

*Nick Weedman)*

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*Gary Weedman was very active in his community in Minnesota.*

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Obituary

## Pauline Weedman

**Pauline Weedman**, 77, of Hickory, NC passed away July 27, 2008, at Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley, NC. Born, Aug. 14, 1930, in Grif-fithsville, W.Va., she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Dingess**. Mrs. Weedman was a faithful member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, a homemaker and a wonderful mother and grand-mother. In addition to her parents, a son, **Ernest Joe Weedman**, and a great-grandson, **Dillon Weedman**, preceded her in death. Her survivors include four children, **Edgar George Weedman Jr., Elsie Joyce Justice, Michael Frank Weedman** and **Paula Denise Phillips**; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on August 2, 2008.

*We do not know the lineage of her husband, Edgar George Weedman, Senior.*

Obituary

## Fredrick Francis Weedman

**Fredrick Francis Weedman**, 67, of San Jacinto, CA passed away Sunday, July



13, 2008 at his residence. Mr. Weedman was born in Cloquet, Minnesota on November 22, 1940. Fred was a teacher for Ocean-view School District for 36 years.

He enjoyed hiking, golf, but most of all riding his motorcycle. He lived in Hemet for 5 years and moved to San Jacinto 3 years ago. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, **Sandra Lea (Arbuckle) Weedman**; loving daughter, **Mary Berger** of Rancho Santa Marga-

rita, California; loving son, **Tad Weedman** of Aliso Viejo, California; two sisters, **Mary Erickson** of Hayward, Wisconsin, **Theresa Miesbauer** of Goleta, California; four grandchildren, **David, Allison, Aubrey, Hunter**. Services were held on July 22, 2008.

*The lineage of Fredrick Francis Weedman: Fredrick Francis<sup>4</sup>, Roy Francis<sup>3</sup>, Perry<sup>2</sup>, Peter<sup>1</sup> Obituary*

## Paige Marie Weedman

**Paige Marie Weedman** loving daughter of **Vaughn Weedman** and **Marianne Boechler**, passed away Thursday, Octo-



ber 9, 2008 at home in Redmond. She was 20. A funeral service was held on October 16, 2008.

*The lineage of Paige Marie Weedman is:*

*Paige Marie<sup>10</sup>, Vaughn<sup>9</sup>, Rueben Delgard<sup>8</sup>, Henry Leonard<sup>7</sup>, Carey Sylvester<sup>6</sup>, Henry Linas<sup>5</sup>, Asa<sup>4</sup>, John Huhn, Sr.<sup>3</sup>, George<sup>2</sup>, Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>*

Obituary

## Birdlyn Matteson Weedman

**Birdlyn Carol Matteson Weedman** died Dec. 29, 2007, after a short illness.



Birdie was born July 5, 1915, in Bryant, S.D. She was delivered on the farm with the help of a neighbor.

The family moved to the Thomas, S.D., area in 1917, where Birdie went to school and graduated in 1933. Her junior and senior years of high school she

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*Most of these obituaries were found on the internet. We will publish these and other family events as they are learned.*



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spent working for the school principal's family, earning room and board while finishing school.

Birdie traveled west in 1936 by train. She landed in Hillsboro, Ore., where her brother, Paul, and sister, Gladys, were living. Birdie continued working while attending School of Commerce in Portland.

She met **Leon Weedman** in 1942 and married him in Beaverton, Ore., on March 22, 1947. She was immediately blessed with her stepchildren, **Barbara** and **Jerry**.

While Leon was in the service, Birdie became the first woman at the Hillsboro Airport to earn her private pilot's license in 1945.

Birdie was a member of Longview Community Church. She was also a longtime member of the Longview Country Club and, at age 92 years, was still an active member of the ABWA.

She enjoyed many travels and spending time with her nine brothers and sisters. Her backyard brought her much joy and peace and that's where you would often find her on a nice day.

Birdie was preceded in death by her husband, **Leon Gerald Weedman**; her parents, **Edward** and **Mary Matteson**; and eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children, **Ed (Ruth) Weedman** of Longview, **Jane (Kent) McMullen** of Eltopia, Wash., **Paul Weedman** of Longview, **Barbara (Roy) Bettesworth** of Federal Way and **Jerry (Elaine) Weedman** of Rochester, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and her 96-year-old brother, **Paul Matteson**.

*The lineage of Leon Gerald Weedman is: Leon Gerald<sup>6</sup>, Leslie Raphael<sup>5</sup>, Elisha Spurrier<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>*

Obituary

Lorraine Britzius Weedman

A memorial service was held on May 29, 2008, in Montavilla Baptist Church in Portland OR for **Lorraine Weedman**, who died May 22 at age 86.

**Lorraine Britzius** was born Jan. 28, 1922, in Great Falls, Montana She lived in Coos Bay and Chicago, then moved in 1942 to Portland, where she was a painter in the shipyards during World War II. She was a volunteer advocate for people with disabilities. In 1950, she married **Pete Weedman**.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, **Suzanne Reid** and **Robin J. Wright**; brothers, **Harry Britzius** and **Bob Britzius**; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

*The lineage of Pete Weedman, husband of Lorraine Britzius Weedman is: Orville William (Pete)<sup>7</sup>, Roy Willis<sup>6</sup>, Homer Willis<sup>5</sup>, Jacob Willis<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>*

Alabama Newspaper Article

Subscriber **Shirley Spooner** recently sent reference to an article in the 3 May 1878 Vernon AL *Pioneer* newspaper. The article stated: "A reward of \$500 is offered for the arrest of Weedman, who recently murdered **Henry Runn**, at Stevenson". In the 1880 Alabama census, we found a **William Weedman** serving as a convict in a coal mine in Jefferson County. **William** was born about 1853 in Kentucky. We are unable to determine who this might have been. If anyone has a thought on the identity of this **William Weedman**, please let us know.

*Help is needed to identify the family member found mentioned in an Alabama newspaper article.*

# A Portion of the Application for a Pension or Bounty Land Warrant of Col. Gaddis

August 25 1777 Thomas Reed.  
 George Springer  
 Christian Weedman  
 Jacob Sutton  
 Caleb Reed  
 Joshua Reed  
 August 26 Edward Hufst  
 Benjamin Brownfield  
 Obadiah Stillwell  
 Isaac Sutton, Senr.  
 James McCoy  
 Charles Brownfield  
 Jerimiah Goad  
 Conrad Walters, Senior  
 Robert Jackson  
 George Sroughtman  
 John Drake  
 Arthur M. Coats  
 Jerimiah Goad  
 Conrad Walters, Junr.  
 Michael Walters  
 Christian Davis  
 Andrew Jackson  
 Thomas Beasley, Sr.  
 James Beasley  
 John Province  
 Joseph Cox  
 John Mason  
 Wm Paulshty  
 Peter Barnhill  
 Christopher Capely  
 John Hufman  
 Reubin Waits  
 Ephraim Waits  
 Wm Hetherington  
 John Cox  
 John Cox  
 Elias Gaddis  
 Michael DeBolt  
 Henry Bently  
 James Brown  
 Jacob Branks  
 Valentine Cooper  
 Philip Mason  
 John Borchman  
 John Range  
 Michael Moor  
 Arminas Bently  
 Nicolas Crutten  
 John Artman  
 Jacob Riffle  
 George Gatt  
 Conrad Brandelberg  
 John Wait  
 John Andrews  
 Lewis Bonnett  
 Richard Poundstone  
 Abraham Herber  
 Phillip Lawrence  
 Isaac McDonald  
 Samuel Broadsmith  
 James White  
 Jesse York  
 James Stewart  
 Daniel Wood  
 Bagel Bowers  
 Jerimiah Sharkey  
 James Sharkey  
 David McDonald  
 Lewis Savall  
 John Bunting  
 John Holt

The item above is a portion of an application for a pension or a bounty land warrant by Revolutionary War Veteran, Colonel Thomas Gaddis, who served in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The list is the names and dates of citizens who swore an oath of allegiance before Col. Gaddis. We wonder if these were members of a home guard or militia in the Revolutionary War. There are a number of familiar names including Michael DeBolt, several Walters and others who lived in Fayette County. More research is clearly needed on this. **Note Christian Weedman on line 3.**