

# WEEDMAN NEWSLETTER

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Hello, Cousins,

With the coming of another Spring, our prayer is that winter has been kind to each one of you. We read of the heavy storms, the cold and the flooding, and we never know how it is going to effect our daily lives or the lives of our loved ones, so we just have to handle it with prayer.

Everybody has written about how much they enjoy the pictures we have added to the Newsletters, and I'm happy that we are receiving them from you. We are featuring GENA THEISS this time, and Celeste and Heywood Weedman will be featured in June. Thank you all, for sending the pictures and telling us about your hobbies, too. This way we get to know one another. Some day when we get to our goal --- a Grand National Weedman Convention ----- we'll all recognize one another.

Goerge and Gena Theiss have been with us since the Newsletter began back in 1968, so you all have been getting the news on Theiss family events. But they have a hobby that we haven't talked about in the Newsletter, and that is; they are avid C.B. enthusiasts. All over the country, clubs are forming and this hobby of having fun talking on the C.B. radios has become a serious and useful occupation. Many lives have been saved by one who had a C.B., and who got help in time. People stalled on the highways, people trying to locate other people in emergency situations, sending needed information, etc. etc. you all can think of situations you have heard of where the C.B. has come in handy. George is Vice President, and Gena is Treasurer of their club, the ODDS AND ENDS C.B. Club, Inc. They are trying to get their first Jamboree together for June 9, 1979. It will



GENA LEE THEISS

be held at Fairdale, which is a suburb of Louisville, Ky. The proceeds from this Jamboree will go to the Kosgar Children's Hospital in Louisville. This is Kosar Cripple Childrens Hospital. George's handle is New York Rebel, and Gena's is New York Moma Rebel. Besides a car CB, they have a Base station, which means they have a stationary CB in the home. I can see how one could get very much involved and derive a lot of enjoyment from this hobby. For the Jamboree they are having a King and Queen contest. Votes are 1¢ each, and Gena's little granddaughter, Amy is a contestant, so anyone wanting to give to a good cause, and see little Amy crowned Queen how about sending your contribution to:

Mrs. George Theiss, 1266 Lucas Ave., Louisville, KY 40213.

Little Amy Turner will be 6 in August. We want to see her as Queen.

As you go through your Newsletters, please call any errors to our attention. This is the only way we can be sure of keeping the Newsletter factual.

✓ Margaret Ann Mitschele became the bride of William George Weedman III Louisville, Ky. He is the son of William George Weedman, Jr. I am sure that this is of the line of JOHN, and the marriage date was Nov. 17, 1978. Bill is a paramedic with the Jefferson County Police Department in Louisville. They were married in the Meadowview Presbyterian Church.

Speaking of errors, we goofed in the Sept. 1978 issue, page 9. In the middle of the page, where it says "On page 16, Sept. 74, we listed one branch of Elisha's family through Norman's son, Marcus..." Change that to read.....through Elisha's son, Leslie R.... As I type this Newsletter, Paul is doing the Index to the 1978 Newsletters, and he catches some errors that way.

Grace Higdon Johnson, descendent of JOHN, and widow of Clarence H. Johnson was married in 1978, to Lonnie Webb. They will be celebrating their first anniversary on Easter. Grace is mother of Gena Lee Theiss, and she and Lonnie are making their home in Leitchfield, Ky. We congratulate, belatedly, both of them.

We have a new cousin to introduce to you this time. He is Carl F. Oran, descendent of JOHN. His grandmother was Drucie Ellen Weedman, daughter of John and Artemitia (Nugent) Weedman. John was the son of William Weedman who married Lucy Duggins. William was a son of JOHN and Polly (Stone) Weedman, and John was a son of Christian Jr. Welcome to the family, Carl, and welcome, also to Bernice (Grosh) Oran, his lovely wife, who sent us beautifully completed records of her family-in-law. Carl and Bernice hail from Kearney, Nebraska.

We had a long letter from Forrest Miller (WILLIAM's line) and it was good hearing from her again. We well recall happy hours spent with Forrest and Herbert Miller in their home near Magnet, Indiana. Forrest makes quilts ..... lovely ones, and is living alone, although 87 years young. Friends and relatives are helpful, and she often has company. Her brother, Walter Davison wintered in Florida, and her sister Jessie, is feeling fine, and is a healthy 90 years old. They all attended the Davison Reunion last fall.

Forrest recalls hearing her mother, Mary Weedman Davison tell of a time when one of Elisha Weedman's children was desperately ill with diarrhea and the Doctor had given up. Then an old German woman living next door to them in Leopold said "Mr. Weedman, I can cure that child if you will let me". He gave his consent, and she said "Mary, come with me" so she and Mary walked to the edge of town where she dug a black berry root and she made tea from that and gave it to the boy, and he was soon well. We are grateful to Forrest for passing this on to us, for we do have lots of blackberries out here, and the roots are easy to get at. The old remedies are often better than the latest miracle drugs you get now, and no side-effects that are harmful.

Even when news is a bit behind, we want to print it, so that you can have the dates for your records, and to keep you informed on those who have been born, married, or passed away, so even if an item is not new, still we want to know about it. I may have mentioned Flora (East) Davison having passed away. I now have that date, and news of another

lovely couple who have left this earthly scene.

Flora East Davison, wife of Wickliffe Davison born Aug 21, 1892, died ✓  
January 30, 1977.

Maurice W. Davison, their son, born March 2, 1922, died of cancer March 18, 1975.

Lorna (McKracke) Davison, wife of Maurice, born Feb. 4, 1925, died of cancer March 16, 1978.

We are indeed saddened to see time pass and take away loved ones from one cause or another. Flora East Davison was a reporter for her area in the Tell City News and she oft reported family gatherings at her table and now the family has lost her and Maurice and Lorna. We all feel the loss, I am sure, even those who didn't know them, but have read about them in these pages. The Davisons are of WILLIAM's line.

Because I'm sending the index with the Newsletter this time, we will have just a three page Newsletter. Since so much news came in, I have decided to print it, and hold the further enumeration of the family of Elisha Weedman till the June Newsletter. This is Elisha Weedman, of DANIEL's line.' This typewriter is really jumpy today!

Hardin Franklin "Tex" Weedman, formerly of Louisville, Ky., died recently in a fire in Colorado City, Texas. He was a native of Millwood, and a retired railroad worker. Survivors include a son, Raymond A. Davis of Thornton, Ind.; a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy E. Yount of Jeffersonville, Ind.; and five grandchildren.

The notice above was clipped out and passed on to us by Mereda Weedman Wright, of JOHN's line.

Mereda tells us that her father, Claude Weedman, of Ohio Co. Ky. recently sold out there and moved to Louisville. This way he and wife, Lorene are close to their children, and also close to the hospital. Claude has developed leukemia. Of late he has been feeling pretty good, and we hope this continues.

Carl Brooks, husband of Catherine Janette Weedman, (daughter of Alton & Lena Weedman) passed away January 31, 1979. They made their home at Leitchfield, Kentucky. We don't have any further details, but will report more on this family in June. Please, Sharon or Lena, let us hear from you.

Keep those wonderful letters coming. We are always happy to hear from you all, even though we have to sometimes pause to wipe our eyes over the passing of a loved one, still we need to know. Keep us informed.

Just one serious word in closing this March Newsletter. We all are affected by the oil crisis, and inflation is not going to ease up, so it seems. Let us therefore, count the blessings that money can't affect, and let us enjoy those things that money can't buy; .....a pretty day, prayer in quiet places, the love of kin and friends who are nearby, and far off, the comfort of a good mattress and clean sheets..... you go on listing the good things we have that we all really take for granted. We can still smile and be happy, can't we? Have a nice spring!!

Love,

*Paul & Marianne*

W E E D M A N      N E W S L E T T E R

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June, 1979

Dear Cousins,

Lots of news for you today!

We are the proud grandparents of an 8 lb. 13 oz. baby boy, Jeffrey David Kershner, born June 13, 1979 to daughter Andrea and Larry Kershner. Jeffrey joins Jonathan, Tommy and Tami in the family circle. Andrea and baby are both doing well.

Gena Theiss writes that their daughter, Patricia (Theiss) Turner married Charles Ricky Wright, son of M. C. & Sophie Wright of Louisville. He goes by "Rick" or "Ricky". Congratulations Pat and Ricky! Also, AMY TURNER, Patricia's daughter, did indeed win the Queen title at the Jamboree! They had a good turnout and a handsome donation was sent to the childrens' hospital. A hearty thank you to all who supported the cause and helped to get Amy that crown!

In the last newsletter we told you about the death of Carl Brooks, husband of Catherine Janette Weedman (page 3). We had the date wrong. He died January 27th and was buried on January 30. Services were held at Broadway Baptist Church at Leitchfield, Kentucky, where he was a member.

Ricky Willis, husband of Mary Frances (Weedman) Willis (daughter of Sherman and Dorthene (Madd) Weedman, passed away April 27, 1979 in an auto accident near Leitchfield, Kentucky. He was 21. We don't know if they had any children. We are very sorry to hear this news. Our sympathy goes out to all the family, especially those in Caneyville and Leitchfield who are so closely connected.

Randy Weedman, Mary Frances' brother (JOHN's line) is married and they have a darling baby girl.....she's about a year old now..... so there is good news to report for the Caneyville Weedmans.

Martin Timothy (Tim) and wife Sheila Geary, (JOHN's line) have had a 4 lb. 11 oz baby boy recently.....I believe in April. His name will be Martin Timothy Jr. and will be called Marty. "Tim" is the son of Marshall Tom Geary and wife, Dorothy (Weedman) Geary, daughter of Claude and Lorene (Davis) Weedman. Best wishes, Tim and Sheila!

Marshall Thomas Geary, JR. and wife, Kathy recently had a baby girl. She weighed 4 lbs. 10 oz. and they named her April Renee Geary. April is their second child, the first being a boy. Congratulations to the proud parents!!

The Weedman family is increasing.... another one is Christopher Michael Weedman, born March 10, 1979 in Denver, Colo. son of Michael and Natalie (Winegarden) Weedman. This makes John Harvey Weedman, and Alice (Woodburn) Weedman great-grand parents. JOHN's line. Congratulations! Michael and Natalie were married on May 7, 1978. Michael is the son of William Burl Weedman. Alice sent me more information on her sons, which we will share in September.

I was to feature Celeste Weedman in this month's Newsletter, but I do want to feature her with her hobbies and interests. I haven't heard

from Celeste with all the information I wanted to include, so we'll hold off till September with our Meet The Cousins series.

In March I got soft contact lenses to replace my thick cataract lenses. I wear thin glasses over the contacts for reading purposes. And I am used to the feel of glasses. It was the thickness I didn't want to put up with any more. I enjoy the contacts very much. By now I am used to them. Then, I've had about 4 months of continuous sinusitis and bronchitis. This has dragged me down sometimes, in the dumps, as I have to take medicine for it that makes me drowsy. Then I don't accomplish much. I am feeling fine now, but I'm way behind on letter writing. I owe some of you who are reading this, letters. I will get to it, and I appreciate you writing and sending the news. Then of course, we were busy with Andrea's family when she was in the hospital with the new baby. Then I had surgery on my right lower eyelid. It seems I have had several ingrown eyelashes which have been a real bother, especially now that I am wearing contacts. The lashes would get under the contacts, and cause a painful problem, as you who wear contacts know. So I had them removed by electrolysis, or something like that, where they kill the roots of the little lashes. So please forgive me for being so slow about things.

We heard from Reberta Dickenson. the gal who's been doing a wonderful job getting the LITTLE-WEEDMAN-JORDAN reunion going in Portland. Well the 3rd annual reunion is to be held July 29, Sunday, Area 15, Blue Lake Park, Portland, OR. We'll gather there at 12:00 noon and eat at 2:00 p.m. Coffee, punch, ice cream and cake will be served; we'll all come with pot luck to make up the rest. Although the WEEDMAN line of Jacob, son of DANIEL has been the line getting this reunion together, all Weedmans are welcome. Jacob Weedman married Sarah Jane Little. Sarah Jane married a Mr. Jordan for her second husband, and the descendents of both of Sarah's marriages have been in attendance. Sarah Jane was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln. So come if you're in the area, and join us.

We welcome Thomas James Weedman, new son of Thomas and Isabel (Flores) Weedman. Tom Sr. is the son of Roy and Clara Weedman of DANIEL's line. Tom JR. was born Feb. 22, 1979. Congratulations to Tom and Isabel, and all the immediate family.

Chestina Stewart reports that her grandson, Richard D. Wilson married Kimberly Moor in the Church of Christ, at Fisher, Illinois on March 30, 1979. Chestina attended the wedding. Ricky is a descendent of Levi and Martha WEEDMAN Jackson of DANIEL's line. While visiting her son and family on Mothers Day, Chestina got the news that his children seem to be scattering all over the country. That's the way it goes, doesn't it. We hate to see them leave, but they all are so anxious to make a new life of their own. Out here in Washington we have so many from the East moving out here because of the energy crunch and the extremely cold weather that the East has been having lately.

We welcome Gary Edward Weedman to the Newsletter family. Gary is a son of Edward Weedman and Virginia(Rose) Weedman. He is married to Janis Jean Morgan. Gary is a preacher in the Christian Church. He is a Doctor of Divinity at Lincoln, Illinois ( the University there, ) and Janis teaches there also. We will introduce you to his family, (JACOB's line) in the September Newsletter.

We were happy to hear from Nick Weedman recently.....another letter I need to answer. It is always good to hear, and maybe now I will be able to answer sooner than in the past.

Does anyone know how this Weedman family fits in? ✓

Norman Fowler Weedman married Bethel Rizely. They were the parents of John Robert Weedman who was born 21 Dec. 1923, at Dyersburg, Tenn. On 31 Dec. 1952 he married Alice Virginia Cook Brassfield. They were the parents of two daughters:

Robbin M. Weedman b. 24 June 1954 Chicago, Ill. ✓  
Johnetta Weedman b. 11 Sept 1955 Chicago, Ill. d. Sept. 15, 1955.

We'd like to know where they fit into the family.

Someone passed me the following information....I believe it came from someone who was at one of the Tacoma Genealogical Society meetings, and I failed to notice who it was, as I was busy when the note was handed to me, so I didn't read it till I got home that evening. It says:

Thomas Fletcher Whitworth 1881-1937  
Lyda Weedman, wife of J. E. Whitworth 1882--1938 MOTHER  
Josie Erwin Whitworth 1869-1940 FATHER  
Charlie G. Weedman 1864-1950  
Martha L. Weedman 1864-1952. ok

This is obviously from a Weedman cemetery plot somewhere. Who can identify it?

In December we had completed the descendents, what we knew of them, of Mark Dominic Weedman, of DANIEL's line. Mark, and Norman, who's line we did in September, were sons of Elisha Spurrier Weedman, who was a son of DANIEL and Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman, and now we will go on to their sisters, Grace and Pearl. For this up-to-date information, we thank Celeste Weedman.

Grace C. Weedman b. 19 Nov. 1880 Tell City, Ind. She married 9 Feb. 1899 Charles DeMotte in Clarendon, Arkansas. She died 7 Jan. 1968 in Little Rock, Arkansas. There was no issue from this union. ✓

Pearl Ann Weedman, b. 19 June 1882 in Perry Co., Ind., married Hugh McDonald, a native of Boston, Massachusetts. The date is not known. ✓ She died 20 Aug. 1968 in Little Rock, Ark. They had one daughter,

Hilma McDonald b. Dec. 15, 1909; d. Dec. 25, 1909..

In the Sept. 1974 Newsletter, on page 16, we listed the children of Leslie Raphael Weedman, third son of Elisha S. Weedman. We had little information at that time to go on, and we have more now, so we will catch you up on it.

Leslie Raphael Weedman b. 22 Oct. 1885 in Perry Co., Indiana, m. Maude Annis Sprague in Stuttgart, Arkansas, in 1910. They had:

1. Harry Raphael Weedman (Ray)  
b. Mar. 1911  
m. 1935 Irene Gourde b. Sept. 1912, d. Aug 26, 1977

Ray and Irene were parents of five children:

- a. Carol Weedman  
b. 1937 Children:  
m. Kurt Schade. Greg, Rosanne, Barbara & Paul
- b. Ross Weedman  
b. 1938  
m. Jean(ne) Hanson. Children: Robert, Lisa,  
and Kari (or Terry)
- c. Robert Weedman  
b. 1945 1 child:  
m. (1) ? (2) ? (3) Judy \_\_\_\_\_, Robert
- d. Adrian Weedman  
b. 1947  
m. ? Son, Scottie b. 1968
- e. Clark Anthony Weedman (Tony)  
b. 1949  
m. Zena \_\_\_\_\_ They adopted a little Korean girl, Mi,  
born 1975.

The third son of Leslie Raphael and Maude Sprague Weedman was

Max Heywood Weedman

b. July 1916

m. (2) Edna Snyder. She has a son, Ray Craig Snyder.

The second son of Leslie and Maude was

Leon Gerald Weedman

b. August 1913

d. 26 Jan. 1969 Longview, Washington.  
m. Jean Reed. Divorced 1940. They had two  
children, Barbara and Gerald. He married (2) Birdlyn Mat-  
teson and they had Edward, Jane and Paul Weedman.

Barbara married Ray Bettsworth, and they have 5 children:  
Stewart, Thomas, Eris, Brynne, Kristine Bettsworth.

Gerald married Janet Bade and they are the parents of 3:  
Kendy, Sheryl and Mitchell Weedman.

Edward Weedman married Marla Updegraff. They have a son,  
Ian Edward, b. 18 May 1975.

The fourth son of Leslie and Maude was:

Harold Vernon Weedman

b. 1918

m. Margaret Stuart. Div. 1969 m. (2) Donna \_\_\_\_\_  
Three children: Hollice, David, Tracy Weedman. Hollice married  
Greg Schmitz; David married Marsha Utter

We'll finish this line in September, also. We will have a full news-  
letter then, and I always look forward to that. I start to panic when  
no news comes in.

Write and let us hear about your summer. Till September then.....

Love,

*Paul & Marianne*

Volume 12 No. 3

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September, 1979

Dear Cousins,

I hope your fall has been as lovely as ours!! We are enjoying real summer weather; it almost looks as though the calander is mixed up some way. Have a lot of news for you this time, as usual. Keep it coming!!

DeDe Weedman (Celeste) has recently retired, and finds that she has less time and more to do than when she was working, and I can surely agree with that! She and hubby, Heywood have been, and are now, at this writing, travelling too, while weather is good. So there's really no retirement for DeDe yet, not until she has caught up on the travelling, home re-arranging, and the million and one little jobs she couldn't get around to while she was working. Heywood and Celeste, fondly known as DeDe, are our feature couple this time.



HEYWOOD & CELESTE WEEDMAN SR.  
(Daniel's line)

Heywood is retired, also, and his hobbies are golf and gardening. He loves to work in his yard, and and has it beautifully groomed. DeDe collects plates, and has the entire Hummel animal plate collection. She collects Jim Harrison prints, too, as well as other prints of like artists. Figurines are another collectable DeDe enjoys. She has many lovely ones. Reading, of course, and genealogy are other hobbies they both enjoy. Her kind of reading: travel, biographies, history and current events.....which we enjoy, also. Travelling is fast becoming a favorite past time with these two. Like all "newly-retireds" they are planning and tripping off thither and yon, getting to some of the places they didn't have time to go till now. Happy travelling, Heywood and DeDe!

DeDe writes that her grandson, son of Marvin E. and Betty J. Weedman, Kirk Allen Weedman, married Catherine Kirkland on June 17, 1979. They were married at Collegedale, Tennessee. Congratulations Kirk and Cathy! They are now living in the little town of College Place, Washington, and he is attending his second year of Electrical Engineering at Walla Walla College. Walla Walla is about 240 miles from Tacoma, south and west. Our best wishes go out to the young couple as they begin their married life in the wonderful Northwest!

Another June wedding was that of Barbara J. Weedman, daughter of the late Jake and Nelda (Dunn) Weedman, JOHN's line) of Tell City, Indiana to Charles A. Pierrard, also of Tell City. I do not have the date in June that the wedding took place. They will make their home in Tell City.

Other Tell City news is that Mr. & Mrs. John "Terry" Dickenson....the former Phyllis Weedman, had a son, Aug. 1, 1979, named John Eric Dickenson. Phyllis is the daughter of Mrs. Catheryn Weedman, and the late



September, 1979

James Weedman of JOHN's line. Congratulations to the proud parents!

Kenneth Weedman SR. of DANIEL's line, Little Rock, ARK. recently suffered a stroke, but is improving nicely. Keep up those exercises, Kenneth! Kenneth JR. teaches at Williamsburg, Ky. We all wish Ken SR. a speedy recovery.

Harry Weedman, WILLIAM's line, has visited the Heywood Weedman SR. several times in the past months. They enjoyed his recounting of his recent trip to Japan. Harry is Nick's father. Merrie Carol and the girls spent the summer with the folks in Blytheville, as Nick was unable to take time for an extended vacation this summer. Now they will be ready to put in another year in the Orient. We hope they don't forget that they have plenty of kinfolk here in the States who will be glad when they come back from their "extended stay" in Japan.

On August 4, 1979, our dear cousin, Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Myers, of STEPHEN's line, whose husband was the late Leon Myers, became the bride of Raymond Bretherick. Like Wiona Ruth, Ray had lost his mate also, and the two who had known each other from childhood, became re-acquainted. We want to welcome Raymond into the wonderful Weedman family and wish him and Wiona Ruth all the happiness they so richly deserve. Our very best to you both! The marriage took place in the Methodist church of Marion, ARK. They will make their home in Marion. Wiona Ruth will be retiring October 6th, after 25½ years of service with the government.

On March 17, 1979, Dr. Wayne Snodgrass, son of Noble and Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass (WILLIAM's line) married Mary Gaffney, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Paul Gaffney. The wedding took place in Orange, New Jersey. Congratulations, Wayne and Mary. We wish you God's best. They are making their home in Denver, Colorado.

Betty Snodgrass writes that the family is well and the grandchildren are doing well in 4-H activities. The 4-H groups have our whole hearted approval, as they are a wholesome and learning experience for young people today, as always. They have high standards, and inspire young people to do their honest best in all endeavors.

This summer Mrs. Harry Weedman, formerly Mary Belle Nichols, had lung surgery. She is recuperating nicely, and we hope she will soon have a full and complete recovery. Our hearts and prayers reach out to you, Mary Belle, and we are hoping you are gaining strength and health daily.

We heard recently from Parmula K. Weedman. She had been working in Narragansett, Rhode Island, but she recently returned to her home town of Noblesville, IND. Parmula is of NICHOLAS' line. Parmula is working on authoring a library reference book, which will be most useful, and we'll give you more details later. Parmula sent some updated family news and I'll include it in the December Newsletter. Need to get clear on a couple of items first..

Sharon Bryden (JOHN's line) writes that she and her hubby have been working on their home, and she's been canning from her garden. Sharon sent us a card last spring with a packet of pansies attached, and they came up just lovely. We had pansies all summer.

It was a lovely day, the last Sunday of July and Blue Lake Park was buzzin' with about 100 of our cousins, Aunts, Uncles and grand parents. There was plenty of good food, and a lot of lost time to be caught up on, as the third annual WEEDMAN-JORDAN-LITTLE family reunion met at Portland, OR. Reberta Dickenson (DANIEL's line) Roy Weedman, and Florene Thompson, with others pitching in, really outdid themselves this year in providing a fun time for all. Reberta reports..... there were sports and baseball for those who were young enough (from 5 to 60) to participate, and several interpretive dance numbers from the South Pacific were presented by the graceful and pretty granddaughter of Bob and Ann Jordan. There were some new faces this year, and we hope they'll return next year. The gas scare had caused some to stay home, and we missed them. God willing, we hope to see as many of you as can be there at our reunion the last Sunday of July next summer. God bless.....Cousin Reberta.

I can tell you it was a wonderful day. The weather, each day of the three reunions, has been just perfect. Everybody seemed to be having a wonderful time. Reberta made a huge chart of relationships, and she included everyone there. It was fun to "get the connections" and see how each one was related to others there. When it comes to food or should I say cooking, the WEEDMAN CLAN and relatives by marriage, need take a back seat to no-one. Good cooks are a natural in this family.

Doris Kizer (NICHOLAS' line) wrote and said she had attended the Ackerman reunion in Mountain Grove, Missouri September 2, 1979. There was a goodly crowd of friends and relatives of Elmer Ackerman, descendant of David and Mary Ann Weedman Ackerman. They came from many states in the nation to attend this gathering. Doris enjoyed herself thoroughly, although she was unable to stay as long as she would have liked. She has been in a recent auto accident, but injury was not too damaging.

September 2 was a sad day for Paul and I, as our oldest grandson, George Paul Bunton of Columbus, Mississippi passed away aged 21. He was a son of Bobby J. & Phyllis (Montgomery) Bunton. George was born with kidney problems, but had seemed to overcome them. Then recently, he was in the process of dieting, to lose weight. He wanted to join the navy. He was losing, in fact he had lost 60 lbs. but he lost it too fast for his kidneys to handle it, and complications arose. They were readying him for the kidney machine when he passed away.. he leaves 1 sister and three brothers besides cousins, friends, aunts uncles, grandparents, parents to mourn his death. There's an empty place in our hearts now, and we will always remember Georgie with love and tenderness. People from all over Columbus came to his funeral and there were many lovely floral peices, much food and the family was indeed touched by the many expressions of sympathy and love from so many of the good people of Columbus.

If I've forgotten any late news, please forgive me; I'll try to get it in the December Newsletter.

On page 6 of the JUNE 1979 Newsletter, Nick Weedman identified the family of Norman Fowler Weedman as being of WILLIAM's line. Also he identified the cemetary, location, and the Weedmans and Whitworths buried there, so turn to page 6, June N'letter, and add in these notes! Martha L and Charlie G Weedman are Nick's grandparents. Charlie Green Weedman is the son of Green Berry Weedman. Martha is Martha Lanman Weedman, both born in Indiana. Lyda Weedman Whitworth was a daughter of Francis A. and Sarah F. Eastern Weedman (STEPHEN's line.)

Charlie G. Weedman and Martha L. are of WILLIAM's line. They are buried (and the Whitworth's also) in the Blytheville, ARK. cemetery.

Not much space left to get in the many lines I had planned for September, so please have patience, dear cousins, I will probably have an extra long Newsletter in December with the Oran line, and up-dates on Alice Weedmans and Parmula's lines, and possibly some new news on Elizabeth Snodgrass's family lines. This will be Nicholas' and John's lines. Oh yes...and Jesse Weedman's of Jacob's line.

Cont'd from page 7, June '79 Newsletter:

The 5th son of Leslie R. Weedman, and wife, Maude is:

Jack Bay Weedman

b. 1921

m. Bonnie Shotswell as her 2nd husband. She had a daughter Sharon by her first marriage, who married Duane Bade.

Two children: Steven, who married Lynn Bradica; and Sheila, who is married to Joe Schieracher.

Steven and Lynn have a girl, born Jan 17, 1978, and Sheila and Joe have 2 boys and a girl.

the 6th son of Leslie Raphael and Maude is:

William "Bill" Howard Weedman

b. 1925

m. Ila Zerby.

Six children: Vernon, Phillip, Michael, Ellen, Kay, Melody.

We want to give a heatty thank you here to DeDe Weedman for the beautiful job she has done on these Weedmans, the descendents of Elisha S. and Letitia (Jarboe) Weedman.

Rather than start a new line with only a little paper to go, I'll ask you all to welcome a new cousin, Rev. Gary Weedman, of Lincoln, Illinois to the family. We'll have some news about him, I trust, for December. Keep those pictures coming! We want to feature another cousin on the Meet The Cousins column in December.

Till December, then.....be careful, be happy, and have a nice fall season

With Love,

*Paul & Minnie*

# WEEDMAN NEWSLETTER

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VOLUME 12 No. 4

December, 1979

Dear Cousins,

I hope this will arrive in your mailboxes in time to wish you a Merry Christmas, and a healthy, happy New Year.

This photo, our feature couple, came too late to be in September's Newsletter, but the news is that Wiona has indeed retired, and like DeDe she is now busy doing the many things she hadn't had time for while working. Raymond is in the Construction business, so Wiona Ruth may be helping out there if she gets "bored" not working. However, she doesn't have time now to think about boredom, she says. She is planning to do some genealogical research into the BRETHERICK family tree.



RAYMOND AND WIONA RUTH BRETHERICK  
(STEPHEN's Line)

We also received a copy of a recent newspaper spread dealing with the telephone in the early days of the industry, and how it affected the lives of the folks in Marion, Arkansas. Miss Willard Rieves was the Marion operator, and the article tells of some early experiences she had. A nice picture of her accompanies the article. It appeared in the 28 Sept. edition of the Marion Evening Times, and I wish you all could get a copy of this paper for the entire article. I have it in the Weedman Scrapbook for you to view who are coming out our way in the future. You have a standing invitation....each and all of you.

On October 25, I sprained my left ankle badly. I am still having some problems with swelling and some pain, but it is healing, slow but surely, and soon I'll be able to forget I had a problem with that ankle.

✓ Word was received from Reberta Dickenson recently that on November 4, 1979, Earl E. Weedman, son of Roy Willis Weedman and Florene (Blackmon) Weedman Thompson passed away. He leaves a wife, Luella, ✓ daughter Debbie Josphehson, and granddaughter, Michelle Josephson.

Earl also leaves two brothers, Roy and Orville ("Pete") and a sister, Reberta Dickenson, and many neices and nephews and cousins. We will greatly miss Earl. Memorial services were held Nov. 7th at the Unity Center Church, Portland, Oregon.

Reberta received word on Sunday, Dec. 2, that Lemman Simmons, husband of Helen Marshall Simmons, passed away. Helen is the daughter of Calla Hugh and Helen Florence ("Nellie") Weedman Marshall. He passed away in Christiansburg, VA. To those who are left to mourn in both these families.....both of DANIEL's line, we say our hearts are with you in these days of grief.

Then, from Jewell and Mareda (Weedman) Wright, of JOHN's line, we received word that her father, Claude Weedman passed away on Dec. 5, 1979. He was born July 15, 1898, son of James and Mary E. (Carter) Weedman, in Grayson County, Ky. He was married Dec. 20, 1919 to Lorene Davis, who survives him. They were to have celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary the 20th. He and Lorene had 7 children, five of whom survive: Mareda Wright, Wilmer, Carroll, Jimmie Birch, and Dorothy Geary. We truly are greived that another of JOHN's line has left the family this year. This has been a heavy year of loss for the dear ones, our cousins in Kentucky of JOHN's line, and we all wish much happiness in 1980 to all, but especially to those who have lost dear ones this past year. God rest their souls!

I am sorry that Christmas came and went before I was able to finish the Newsletter. Hope you all had a happy one. Thanks so much for all the cards and notes. We really appreciate hearing from you.

Lorene (Davis) Weedman, Connie Weedman, and Mary Belle, wife of Harry Weedman (JOHN's, DANIEL's and WILLIAM's lines respectively), were all recently in the hospital. Lorene for eye surgery, Connie for a broken hip, and Mary Belle lung surgery. They are all well now, and we hope they stay that way.

My mother, Louise Shaw, of Sacramento, CA. was here this fall visiting us. It was nice to see her and to take her around the Northwest.

We goofed in SEPT. 1979 Newsletter. I said that Heywood Weedman was retired. I have been looking over my papers and I see that he isn't, he's still a working man, so it'll be DeDe rambling around in the house, catching up on all the things she has always wanted to get at when she was working.

Carl and Bernice Oran made a trip East this summer. As they passed through Kentucky, working on the various ancestral lines, they stopped by and visited with the George & Gena Theiss family of Louisville. They had a wonderful visit, going over the JOHN Weedman lines from which both Gena and Carl are descended. More on the Oran branch as you read further....

Another death which I haven't reported in the Newsletter was that of Norma Jean (Mudd) Chambers. She was the daughter of Gordon Thomas Mudd and Mary Rhea (Higdon) Mudd, of JOHN's line. Norma Jean was in her car when a train hit it at a crossing in Chicago. She leaves her husband, Johnny Chambers and a daughter, Patricia. Norma Jean was buried in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Besides her immediate family she leaves many aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss her. She was Gena Theiss' cousin. We are very sorry to hear it, and our sympathy goes out to the loved ones left to mourn.

A nice letter from Harry Weedman of Blytheville, (WILLIAM's line) tells us that his brother, George, and sister Clarene are spending the winter in Strathmore, CALIF. with sister Orva. George is one who spells the name WIEDMAN. Or is it WEIDMAN? Well we have seen it every which way, but it is interesting to me that in early Fayette County, Pennsylvania, and on the ship's passenger lists, the name was being spelled WIDMAN. Now if you say that with a German accent, it's WEEDMAN. I suppose we could take it one step further and look for early history under WITMAN, but if you are like me, you will rebel inside to think it could be spelled so many different ways. But I am making a New Year's resolution to make myself look under WITMAN and WIDMAN this year, back in the old Pennsylvania records. I kidded George once about the way he spelled his name, but now I think he will have the last laugh.....right, George? (Harry, let George read this!).

Speaking of George, cousin George Weedman of Rapid City, S. DAK. has "retired" and is now vacationing in the sunny southwest, with lovely wife Polly. I'm not saying much now, for they will be our feature couple in the March Newsletter. You will all get to know them better and will love them, I'm sure all the more. George is of the ILLINOIS Branch of Weedmans, descendants of George and Charlotte (Hume) Weedman.

A card and letter from Alice Weedman (JOHN's line) tells me that she is moving back to Michigan. Hope the move goes easy. Moving is upsetting to me, and I always think it is for others, but here's wishing you luck in that move, Alice! In other issues of the Weedman Newsletter, we gave the lineage of Beryl Weedman Poteat, daughter of Alice and John Harvey Weedman, but Beryl's 3 brothers families I didn't have, until now, so here's introducing you to the rest of Alice's family:

William Burl Weedman, b. July 12, 1937, Carlinville, Ill. Married Aug. 24, 1958 to Sandra Jean Charbonneau, daughter of John R. and Alice (Coleman) Charbonneau. To them were born:

Michael Wesley 14 Nov. 1959 married Natalie Winegarden, daughter of Donald and Margaret (Bauman) Winegarden, in Commerce City, CO. She was born Oct. 31, 1960 in Loveland, CO. Mike and Natalie have:

Christopher Michael b. Mar. 10, 1979.

John Russell b. 1 July 1963 Denver, CO. d. Denver 7 July 1963.

Patricia Ann b. 18 Aug. 1966, Denver, CO.

John Robert Weedman was born 28 Feb. 1939 in Virden, Ill. On Sept. 10, 1960, he married Rose Mary Osga, daughter of Joseph J. and Lucille (Francis) Osga. She was born Dec. 21, 1938 at Warren, Mich. To them were born:

Ruth Lynn b. 22 Sept 1961, in Sandwich, Ill.

John Joseph, b. 12 Aug. 1963 Sandwich, Ill.

Lucy Kathleen, b. 23 July 1965 Traverse City, Mich.

Jerome Martin Weedman was born 15 Dec. 1947 at Mt Clemens, Mich. On June 15, 1968, he married Karen Sue Zwalinski, b. May 4, 1948, daughter of Francis and Lavinia(McKenzie) Zwalinski. They were married at Pickford, Mich. No children.

Gary Edward Weedman was born in Evansville, Indiana 10 September 1943, the son of Edward and Virginia (Rose) Weedman; grandson of James Monroe Weedman of JACOB's line. Edward is brother of Jesse Weedman,, who visited back there recently. Gary, Jesse's nephew, is now receiving the Newsletter, and we'll be hearing from him now and then, so let me introduce you to this fine young man, who is -living in Lincoln, Illinois. He married Janis Jean Morgan, born 10 Oct. 1942 in Atchison, Kansas. To them were born four children as follows:

Mark Edward b. 30 Sep. 1968 in Bloomington, IND.

Matthew James b. 27 May 1972 in Knoxville, TN.

Micah Benjamin b. 13 Dec. 1975 in Knoxville, TN.

Joshua Douglas b, 5 Apr. 1979 in Springfield, ILL.

Elizabeth Snodgrass brought us up-to-date on son Bill's family. Bill is married to Patricia Joan Borgman (Nov. 16, 1963) They were married in Mt Comfort, Indiana. Pat is the daughter of Raymond and Mary Katherine (Spell) Borgman . They have three children:

Tamara Joan b. 27 Aug. 1964

Deborah Lynn b. 8 Dec. 1966

Rebecca Alice b. 10 Jan. 1974

It 's good to keep the families updated, no matter how "stale" or "old" the information seems to you to be. It's new to the rest of us.

Carl Franklin Oran has a most fascinating family tree. He is a Weedman, of course, but he also has other interesting family names such as ORAN and ORUM. He has two ORAN's. Names fascinate me....they always have, and I guess that's one reason I'm interested in genealogy. Carl's grandmother was Drusie Ellen Weedman, daughter of John and Artemetia (Nugent) Weedman. John was the son of William and Lucy (Duggins) Weedman, and William the son of JOHN and Polly (Stone) Weedman. So Carl and Beryl Poteat are second cousins, I believe. Rather Beryl is Carl's second cousin once removed, as she is one generation down from Carl.

Drusie Ellen was born May 17, 1869, in Hawesville, Hancock Co., KY. She died Dec. 19, 1935 in Evansville, Indiana. Drusie was married first to a Mr. Bell. They had one son, Jesse, who died about 1940 in Evansville. Mr. Bell died, and she married next Richard Thomas Orum. They had two children,

Bessie May Orum

Myrtle Ivy Virginia Orum b. Dec 16, 1894 in Evansville, Indiana.  
d. April 5, 1954 Evansville. Married June 24, 1912,  
Robert L. D. Oran, in Evansville. He was born Feb 2,  
1891 in Sebree, KY, son of James M. and Serena Eller  
(Oran) Oran. To this marriage there were three children:

Carl Franklin b. 24 Aug. 1913 Evansville, Ind.,  
married 29 June 1943 at Kearney, NEB. Bernice Meredith Grosh, daughter of Oscar Fay and Nina (Kummer) Grosh.

They are the parents of five children:

1. Peggy Kay, b. 15 June, 1944, Kearney, NEB., married 31 Aug. 1968 at Kearney, to Dennis Dean Thompson. Dennis and Peggy have one son, Carl James Thompson, b. 2 June 1969 at Concordia, Kansas.
  2. \*Carol Sue b. 17 June 1946, Kearney, Neb., married 11 Aug. 1968 at Kearney, Ervin Keith Huffman, and they too, have a little boy, Kelly Sam Huffman, born 15 April 1976 in Omaha, Neb.
  3. Gary Carl b. 5 July 1948, Kearney, Neb., married 6 Sept. 1969 at Kearney, Janet Marie Petersen.
  4. Alan Kent b. 25 Dec. 1951 Kearney, Neb.
  5. Curt Ross b. 18 Aug. 1965 Kearney, Neb.
- Carl is a retired Colonel and Bernice is a school teacher. They presently live in Kearney, Neb.

Ralph Lester is the second child of Robert L.D. Oran and Myrtle I. V. (Orum) Oran. He was born 9 Oct. 1915 Newburg, Indiana, and married Evalena \_\_\_\_\_. One daughter, Melanie, was born to this marriage. He d. Portland, Ore., April, 1968.

Ruth Ellen, b. 17 Aug. 1917 in Evansville, Ind. and was married there Feb. 14, 1935, to George William Seitz, known as William or "Bill". He was b. 23 May 1913 in Evansville. To this union were born:

1. Michael Lynn b. 4 Jan 1941 Evansville, and married there to Janice Allbright, b. 15 Mar. 1942. They were married 24 Sep. 1960 and have three children:  
Michael Lynn Jr. 20 Dec. 1961  
Douglas Lee 11 Aug. 1963  
Kimberly Kaye 1 Nov. 1967
2. Sharon Lee b. 15 Sep. 1943, Evansville, Ind. married Bob Herke. They have:  
Lisa  
Kathy  
Kimberly
3. Diane Elizabeth b. 22 July 1946. She married Jerry Baker and they have one child:  
Lori b. 1977

\* Carol Sue and Ervin had a baby girl, Amy Erin b. March 29, 1978. This news item nearly got away from me!

So this is the Oran family so far. We will be hearing more from them as time goes by. My warm thanks to Bernice for this family information.

Parmula K. Weedman, NICHOLAS' line, brought us up-to-date on her lines, and also sent me some phone addresses. I'll ask if anyone out there knows these:

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Daniel W. Weedman Dept. of Physics & Astronomy Vanderbilt, Univ., Nashville, Tenn. 37203

Fred Weedman, 5933 Willard, Ely, NEV.  
Robert Weedman, 59 Atlantic, Henderson, Nev.  
Robert Weedman 224 Carson Hy., Henderson, Nev.



Joe Weedman Winslow, IND.  
Ruby Weedman Rt. 1, Winslow, IND.  
Margaret Weedman 802 Locust, Petersburg, IND.  
L. H. Weedman 1313 Racquet Club N. Dr., Carmel, IND.  
Alva J. Weedman 403 Central Ave., Anderson, IND.  
Dwight Weedman 314 Eastman Rd., Chesterfield, IND.

Perhaps some of the above are folks we should contact. Parmula has had these addresses a year or so, and we can't be sure they would be at these above locations now. But they're out there, somewhere. She met ....or rather, some relatives of hers met a lady in Indianapolis recently who said she was the daughter of Roy Weedman, who was the son of Henry Weedman. Henry was the son of Andrew Jackson Weedman. We need to try to get more on this line of Weedmans, for it might turn out that they are some of NICHOLAS' line. We need to establish more on this line of Weedmans, as we have little to go on as to how NICHOLAS is related to CHRISTIAN, SR.

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Charles Samuel and Elma E. (Jennings) Weedman's children,

1. Chester Parmer, b. July 28, 1913 Carmel, IND. married Sarah Jane Gaerte Aug. 10, 1935, at Sturgis, Mich. Sarah Jane was born 17 Jan. 1915 in Noblesville, IND. They had:

- 1a. Parmula Katherine b. 16 Feb. 1938, Peoria, Ill.
- 2a. Joe Allen b. Feb. 25, 1943, Indianapolis, IND. m. June 20, 1965, at Crawfordsville, IND. Martha Jane Branham, b. July 26, 1943 in Crawfordsville. They are parents of two daughters:

Katherine Jane b. 19 Sep 1966, Indianapolis, IND.  
Michelle Janne b. 31 Oct 1968, Findley, OH.

- 3a. Douglas Earl b. 6 June 1947, Toledo, OH.

2. Vivian May, b. Mar 19, 1916 Indianapolis, IND. She married Fay Barker Sep. 27, 1935 at Noblesville. He was b. 13 Nov. 1910, Westfield, Ind. They are parents of four children:

- 1b. Gloria Lynne, b. Mar. 30, 1936 at Noblesville. She married Donald Eugene Sanders 9 Oct. 1955 at Anderson, IND. They have two sons:

Zenethon Edward ("Ed") b. 22 Aug. 1956  
Donald Theodore ("Ted") b. 30 July 1958.

We will have to continue this family up-date in the March Newsletter. We're sorry we didn't get this out sooner, but we were interrupted by a whole lot of little things....things that took a lot of time and attention, so that's why we're late. Have a HAPPY NEW YEAR everybody, and keep on praying for the soon release of the hostages in Iran.

With Love,

*Paul & Marianne*