

Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

First of all, please forgive me for not answering some very nice letters some of you have written me lately. I have been on a big typing job for a friend of mine. Her mother is very ill, and not expected to live. I'm trying to "beat the grim Reaper" get this family history done for her, so she can read it to her mother. So please be patient, and may God bless you as you wait. I hope it won't be long before I'll be doing something other than typing her family history.

Now for our own. We have been making an effort to reach new Weedman cousins. We feel there is much Weedman material.....stories, hopes, dreams, recipes, family history, you name it.....out there in the attics and shoe boxes all over the nation, just waiting to be rediscovered and shared. We have contacted and heard responses from nearly all of our first mailing. Those who wanted to be placed on our mailing list are receiving this, their first regular copy of the Newsletter. I'd like to introduce you to them this month, only first the latest news.

There have been two deaths reported. We are very saddened to tell you that Mrs. Willard Rieves Weedman, widow of George Weedman, and mother of Wiona Ruth Weedman Bretherick, passed away December 11, 1981. She was 89 years old, a former telephone switchboard operator and school teacher. She was the oldest native of Marion, Arkansas. She was a member of the DAR, the Crittenden Historical Society, and belonged to the Marion United Methodist Church. She is laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery, Midtown, Memphis. Besides Wiona Ruth, she leaves three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. We were indeed sorry to say good-bye to Miss Willard.

Then a letter from J. Ed Weedman, Louisville, Ky., telling us that his sweet mother, Belva Ann Lockwood(Weedman) Weedman passed away on 1 March 1982 in Louisville. She had been ailing for some time, and a recent fall resulted in a broken leg. She had surgery for that, but she never completely rallied.

She was born 20 Jan. 1897 near Payneville, Ky., a daughter of John B.C. and Sarah Ann (Meador) Weedman. She married the late William Durward Weedman in 1914. They were the parents of seven children. She is buried in Cap Anderson Cemetery beside her beloved husband, William.

As a tribute to her, Ed testifies that she was a living example of the pioneer spirit of the women of her line: Sarah Ann Meador, Louisa Brown, Mary Ann Gilbert, Mary Marshel and Elizabeth Craddock. Belva was faithful, too, to pass on to her children the stories of the Weedmans as far back as she remembered. The loss of Belva and of Willard.....both from STEPHEN's line.....is a loss we all must bear. Our deepest sympathies to the immediate families.

We lost two, but two were born. We received word from Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass that she and Noble are grandparents to two little girls.

Sarah Jo , born July 21, 1981 to Joseph and Anita Snodgrass, of New Palestine, Indiana.

Mary Beth, born 29 April 1981 to Wayne and Mary Snodgrass of Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Both little girls are doing well. Betty reported that Noble's father passed away at the age of 90 on July 24 of 1981. We extend our sympathy to the Snodgrass family. The new little babies are of WILLIAM's line. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents!

We got a wonderful Christmas letter from Christine and Jim Wickman. Jim had been very ill last year, had surgery for a malignant tumor on Aug. 10th, which had left him weak. Besides chemotherapy. However on Dec. 8 when he had his last check-up, the surgeon was pleased with his progress. This is good news for all of us, don't you all agree? Here's to your health, Jim!

Another Christmas letter.....this one from Carl and Bernice Oran, telling us that the children are well, and that they had a super summer. It's always fun to travel, and the Orans went East to La Crosse, Wisc., took a trip on the Love Boat to Emerald Seas in August, and went to Biloxi, Miss. for a National Guard Conference. Bernice topped it all off with a visit to Evansville, Ind. to visit her sister, Ruth Ellen Seitz and family.

I thought that was all.....but I missed Bernice's trip to Salt Lake City to visit the fabulous genealogy library there. ~~That~~ was in October! Fantastic! Bet she's hibernated since! We gather all those records then it takes us six months to sort it all out.

Doris Kizer informs us of the ACKERMAN Reunion June 19 and 20th at Glendive, Montana. Sat. noon lunch will be hamburgers and hot dogs and refreshments, with the main meal Sat. evening. A brunch will be served Sunday morning. If you want more details, please contact Ray and Ruby Ackerman, 7 Mile Drive, Glendive, Mont. 59330. David Ackerman married Mary Ann WEEDMAN, so if any can attend, let Ruby know, and meet some more Weedmans named Ackerman, etc.

When we go to a reunion out of town, as we do when we go to the WEEDMAN-LITTLE-JORDAN reunion in Portland, we buy fresh salad dressing and fixings at a local Safeway store, and bring with us a bowl, knife, and then we prepare it right on the picnic site. There is always plenty of water and things can be cleaned and nicely prepared. I'm sure it would be the same at Glendive. There will be facilities for RV's at the Fairgrounds, Doris says. Ray and Ruby can let others know about other accomodations.

The WEEDMAN-LITTLE-JORDAN reunion will be this July, probably the last Sunday of the month, July 25th. Several of you have expressed intentions to be there. Goodie goodie!! Let's contact our cousin, Reberta Dickenson, 8204 SE 74th Avenue, Portland, OR 97206. Write that down before you forget where you saw it.....or am I the only

one who has that kind of problem?

Heywood B. Weedman, DANIEL's line, retired from Wrape Forest Industries last July 17. He was a valued employee. The gold pen and pencil set and presentation of a plaque honoring 60 years of dedicated service were presented to "Weedy" by Jerry Wrape at the Combined Lumberman's Club meeting held August 2-4, 1981 at Biloxi, Mississippi. To quote part of Mr. Wrape's speech in Heywood's honor:

"I would like to recognize a lifetime of dedicated effort, of which we as his associates have all benefited. This man began as an employee of E. L. Bruce Co., at the age of 15, and has retired 60 years later, having progressed from the bottom rung of the ladder to the top. His example, inspiration and integrity will always remain in my memories and I hope you will all share with me tonight in honoring him. We appreciate you, Weedy, and hope you will have many more years to enjoy the fruits of your business life....."

I quoted this to allow us all to share in the pride and sense of accomplishment that Heywood has demonstrated as a member of the Weedman family.....and of course, as a first class American. He in his field, George Weedman of Rapid City, in his, have put the Weedman name "in lights" so to speak, as well as Ed Weedman of Louisville, and many others who have given honor to the family name and to the American people as a whole. As I write this I feel humbly grateful to be a part of this wonderful family.

Dee Brown, husband of Sally, a WILLIAM Weedman descendent, has again scored a bulls eye in top honors as an author. His best seller, "Bury My Heart At Wounded Knee" is to become a five part mini-series on TV. Another topnotch book "Creek Mary's Blood" should be presented also, although I know of no plans for that just now. These two books give the Indian the status and dignity he deserves as a part of the American scene. Both are very well written, authentic in presentation and depict the very heart of the Indian in a most touching way. Truly these are "must" reading for any who wish to understand the Indian's viewpoint in his struggle for recognition and equality. Dee, we are all proud of you for taking up this worthy cause.

Beginning in June we will present the Weedman Picture Gallery. Since we have last year's index this time, we usually have a short newsletter, but there is so much to say this time.

One "new" cousin, Harold R. Weedman of the ILLINOIS branch of the Weedman family tells us that some of this family got together at Wenatchee, Wash., last summer and had a reunion. HOORAY! Let's have more of these get togethers! Please let us know if you are planning one for this summer, let me know by May 31 so that I can get it in the June Newsletter. Try to get a date firmed up by then, and specify if it is open to ALL Weedmans, or if it is to be a private Weedman reunion for one main family only.

Now I want to introduce you to the new cousins we have acquired since December. We welcome you, each and every one, with your families, to our ever-growing Weedman family. Next to each name, I have included the line of descent according to the father's line.

William Charles Weedman (Bill)
1051 Glen Martin -
Sparks, NEV. 89431

Roy Edward, James Edward, William Thomas, STEPHEN, Christian Jr. Christian Sr. = STEPHEN's line.

Mark Weedman III
11733 Copper Place N.E. -
Albuquerque, NMEX 87123

Mark Dominick Jr., Mark Dominick Sr., Elisha Spurrier, DANIEL, Christian Jr., Christian Sr. = DANIEL's line.

Freeman J. (Jim) Weedman Jr.
1507 Wayne St. -
Bellevue, Nebr. 68005

Freeman J. Sr., Jesse H.S., David, JACOB, Christian Sr. = JACOB's line

Curtis Glen Weedman -
7575 NE Hwy 99W
Corvallis, OR 97330

James Fleming, Allen, Jonathan, JACOB, Christian Sr. = JACOB's line

Harold Riley Weedman
7729 - 212th St. SW -
Edmonds, WA 98020

Carey Sylvester, Henry Linas, Asa, John Jesse, George, Christian Sr. = ILLINOIS branch line.

Elmer Weedman
R.R., Box 7 -
Amiret, Minn. 56112

Earl Elmore, Henry Linas, Asa, John Jesse, George, Christian Sr. = ILLINOIS branch line.

Lon Edward Weedman
1913 Hiltop Dr. -
Garland, TX 75042

Harvey Alonzo, Harvey Shinn, Asa, John Jesse, George, Christian Sr., = ILLINOIS branch line.

You see, we all go back to Christian, Sr. I wonder if this is easier for the rest of you to understand, and if you would like us to list everybody who is receiving the newsletter this way, let us know. We try to send each of you your direct line back to Christian Sr., but this way, you can see how the rest of us get back there.

Just a thumb-nail sketch here of one of our new cousins.....all of their lines will appear in the Newsletter as the succeeding issues come out, but let me introduce today....Freeman J. Weedman. Just call him Jim.

Jim married Ardes M. Sorensen June 4, 1948. They have three children: Douglas, a Dr. in Nevada; Terri, married to Dick Grady, living in Springfield, Ill., and Becky, married to Bob Hamilton, 2LT, Patrick AFB., Fla. Jim is a retired Colonel in the Air Force. He entered WW II as a Pilot and at that time it was the Army Air Corps. He has had 32 years active service. Bellevue is near Offutt AFB in Omaha, Neb.

So till next time....just keep the news coming, and Bill, Lon and Mark, how about some news about your work, hobbies, projects, etc.?

*Love,
Paul, Marianne,*

Weedman Newsletter

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June, 1982

Dear Cousins,

Hope you all are enjoying a healthy happy summer as the mailman brings this Newsletter to your door. I've had some gall bladder problems, and will likely have to have some surgery soon, so if you don't hear from me till fall, that may be one reason why.

Other than that problem, everything is coming up roses around here. Literally. We have lovely roses this year, as summer started off cool and gradually got hot. Carrots and onions are doing well, too. We decided not to try tomatoes this year. We usually end up in October with a lot of green ones we'd hoped would have been table ripe in early Sept.

REUNION NEWS - Reberta writes that the Weedman - Little - Jordan reunion will be held on July 18, 1982 at Mt. Scott Park. The park is located at SE 72nd Avenue, located between Harold and Knight Sts. This is Portland, Oregon. Reberta's address is: Reberta Dickenson, 8204 SE 74th Avenue, Portland, OR 97206. We were able to find it on the Portland map we have, but for those who want more details, write Reberta. You'll bring your own fixings and a dish or two to pass (potluck).

Don't have any news about other Weedman reunions, but there may be one in Wenatchee this year. Harold Weedman of Edmonds would know. His address is on page 4 March 1982 Newsletter. Harold is a descendent of the ILLINOIS Weedmans, from Asa, grandson of George and Charlotte (Hume) Weedman. George was a son of Christian, Sr. Oh, what a gathering that would be if all the Weedmans from the ILLINOIS branch could get together!! (And of course, we know other Weedman branches would be welcome. Am I correct, Harold?

Jim and Christine Wickman wrote to say Jim's health is holding well. His complete recovery is slow, but steady. He and Chris are going for walks daily, and Jim's gaining some weight now. Christine was such an encouragement to me when I was thinking back there in 1968 to start a Newsletter. I am, as I know you all are, happy to hear their good news. Christine is a descendent of JACOB, son of Christian, Sr. & Elizabeth (Craddock) Weedman.

We received a lovely letter from Wilma Weedman Maxwell, 5640 e. 21st. Apt. 1203, Wichita, KS 67208. She's a daughter of Harvey Shinn and Cora Helen (Barker) Weedman. Harvey Shinn Weedman was of the ILLINOIS branch of Weedmans. Wilma wrote a precious letter, sending family information, also. Oh, how I'd love to sit down at her table and listen to her telling what she can recall of the former generation. I'll just share a couple of tidbits with you now. She writes that her grandfather, Asa Weedman, died before any of them came out to Kansas. We see that he died 21 June 1866, and his widow, Delilah (Hand) Weedman married an old soldier with a peg leg. She is well known for her excellent cooking and bountiful table. Everyone in that area referred to her as Grannie Adams. Wilma's Uncle Clarence Barker and wife, her dad, Harvey Shinn Weedman and wife were married Sept. 18 and Sept. 19 respectively, in 1883, in

Louisburg, Kansas. They went on their honeymoons and returned to a beautiful reception at Grannie Adams' where all the in-laws and both the young couples were treated to a scrumptious dinner of turkey breast, ham, and all the trimmings! Grannie Adams served the breast only of the turkey. She served up 30 young turkeys to the pleased guests. Grannie raised turkeys, so there were plenty to pick and choose from.

Wilma tells us that her father, Harvey Shinn Weedman was fond of sorghum molasses on cottage cheese. Her aunt referred to him as "Pennsylvania Dutch". Wilma tells us that her Uncle John William Weedman was killed in the Civil War in 1864.

Wilma says she will lend or send me a copy, of a picture of Grannie Adams flanked by three husky sons, so you all will soon see a picture of this fine family. And Wilma, please send one of yourself! She shares that her father had a fine tenor voice, and led the choir in the Christian Church. His wife, Cora Helen Barker Weedman died in 1901, and Wilma being only 8 months old, was raised by her maternal relatives, the Barkers, but always kept in touch with her father and brothers, who, for the next three or four years lived at the home place. But then the family went separate ways. John, b. 1886 to Austin, Tex., Harvey.....Jr. & Sr., and Harvey Jr.'s sister Nell went to Kansas City, Mo. Gussie and Lila Curline went to Webster City, Iowa to live with their Uncle Charles Weedman. Thank you, Wilma, for taking the time to write all this down.....and more.

A letter from Diane Hall tells us that her mother, Ruth Oran Seitz, died April 7, 1982 from a heart condition. She was buried with her late husband, William G. Seitz, who passed away in 1978. His ashes were placed in the casket with his wife, Ruth. We are very saddened to get this news, as Ruth was so keenly interested in the family tree. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her, and her three children mourn her passing greatly. Our love and sympathy go out to them, and to Carl and Bernice, and the rest of the family. Ruth was of JOHN's line. Diane tells us that the awful June 8th storm that hit the Evansville area did a lot of damage to their property. They were 9 days in cleaning up the trees that fell, (or parts of trees) and they were without electric power for days! She has tasted some of the trials of the pioneers! We have all become so used to the modern conveniences. She and hubby, Jack Hall, are going to Germany this summer, God willing, and while there, with Jack's people, they will try to do a little genealogy on the Seitz family tree.

George and Gena Lee Theiss are moving this summer. Besides that, they are expecting another little grandchild, as Wayne and Martha, are going to be parents. Gena is of JOHN's line. Will keep you informed as to their current address.

Each Newsletter will feature some old photographs. They may not turn out so well in our form of reproduction, but you will be able to see the features mostly and get a pretty good idea of the WEEDMAN resemblance among ALL the Weedman lines. So please let us borrow your oldies or make us a copy, and send to us, so that we all can share. Thanks so much, good cousins!

Several years ago, we put out family pamphlets on some of the main branches of the Christian Sr. and the Christian Jr. Weedman families. These were for NICHOLAS, son of John, who was a son of Christian Weedman Sr.; JOHN, who was a son of Christian Jr.; DANIEL, who was a son of Christian, Jr.; and JACOB, son of Christian, Sr. One is being worked on for WILLIAM, and several have put together quite a bit on STEPHEN's line, and we have the material for the Illinois branch of Christian, Sr.'s family.....that is, sons of George and Charlotte Hume or Huhn. J. Ed Weedman, Celeste Weedman, and Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Brethrick have sent enough material for a good view of the STEPHEN line, so we will include it here. Please note the material on this line in the following past Newsletters:

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1972 - Dec. Page 14
1974 - June Pages 8,9,10,11

Now....could you all stop reading just now and go over those old Newsletters mentioned above, and catch up on this STEPHEN line? It'll mean a lot more to you if you do, for I won't have to repeat what has already been stated. I noticed, in reading my back issues, that some are getting "faded". I don't know if my typewriter was all that bad, or if the Newsletters are fading out, but I had a poor typewriter at that time. Some of the letters were warped.

Go get your newsletters.

Okay. Now that you've read the ones with STEPHEN's data in them, I want to correct an error on page 10 of the June, 1974 newsletter. In the second paragraph where it says 2. William Durward Weedman..... change the word neice to cousin. On page 11, nearly half way down the page, cross out the two names under "Martha F. Weedman"..... John Weedman and James Weedman. John and James were not sons of STEPHEN. STEPHEN had 10 sons, and they are accounted for in the earlier Newsletters, in fact, on page 8 of this June 1974 Newsletter. The John and James that were somehow discovered perhaps in a census, were no doubt from the JOHN descendants.

As we find errors, we will correct them, and note them in a Newsletter so that you all can correct yours, too. If any of you finds some that we have missed, please call them to our attention.

Now to STEPHEN's line. We are able to fill in some of the gaps, and add some missing information, thanks to those mentioned already, who have supplied information on this line.

Amos Weedman had a son, Lewis Weedman, born of his first marriage to Elizabeth Brown. Lewis was born 23 July 1858, and he died the following year. He is perhaps buried at Bald Knob Cemetery at Paynesville, Ky. We will continue with the descendants of William Durward Weedman, son of Amos and Angeline (Davis) Weedman, (his second wife)

William Durward Weedman, son of Amos and Angeline V. (Davis) Weedman, was born in Payneville, Meade County, Ky., on 1 June, 1885. He was married to his cousin, Belva Ann Weedman, 5 Oct. 1914. Belva was a daughter of John Breckinridge Weedman, (of whom we shall hear later) and Sarah Ann meador Weedman. The marriage took place in Boonville, Indiana. Places they lived were: Meade County, Ky., Ann Arbor, Mich., Hazard, Kentucky and Louisville, Ky. They were parents of seven children, all born in Louisville, Ky.

1. James Edward (Ed) b. 3 Jan. 1919 m. Hazel Mae Haddaway
30 June 1949. Five children.
2. Robert Shirley - b. 21 Sep. 1920 m. Minnie Reichle
died 19 Apr. 1970 in Louisville. Three children.
3. Curtis Louis b. 13 Nov. 1922 m. Dorothy Cash. Died
21 Feb. 1974. Three children.
4. Dorothy Louise b. 1 Feb. 1926 m. Martin D. Fisler
5. Thelma Jean b. 14 Nov. 1933 m. David R. Cash. Three
children.
6. John Kendrick b. 11 Feb. 1939 twins lived one day.
7. Gilbert Kenneth b. 11 Feb. 1939

So these are the seven children of William D. and Belva. We'll leave the genealogy of this family now till Sept., when we'll continue with the children's families. Ed Weedman sent the following family story passed on from Addison on down, and we thought you all would enjoy it, too. Thanks Ed, for sharing it. I'm copying it just as he typed it.

"My mother Belva, relates the following story that concerns her grandpa Attison (or Addison) and his brother, Great Uncle Myram as it was passed down by her parents. I will try to tell it exactly as she told it to me, pointing out to the reader that this story is a prime example of why these revelations cannot always be taken at face value.

It seems that at the time when great grandpa Addison and great grandma Louisa (pronounced Loo-EYE-Sa) were expecting the baby that was to be my maternal grandfather, Uncle "My" came from Breckinridge County to make one of his periodic visits to his brother's family in Meade County. The trip took him two days on horseback. He always stopped overnight at "one of the others" (brothers?) After he was settled in, Uncle My announced that his wife Lydia was also expecting, and that if it was a boy, he intended to name him John Breckinridge Weedman. Addison then countered that he could not do so, because he had already determined to name his own son to be, John Breckinridge Weedman. The two brothers then had a few words between themselves but finally came to an agreement. Addison was to name his son John Breckinridge after Breckinridge Co. and Myram would name his son John Meade after Meade County.

After a time the babies were born (both boys) and named as was previously agreed.

One day when the boys were about five years old, here comes Uncle My calling again on Addison and family. On his saddle in front of

him was his little son, wrapped in a quilt (for the weather was rainy and cool). They were welcomed and brought into the kitchen where the little cousins were seated upon milking stools in front of the fireplace, facing one another. The two little boys refused to talk or play together, and just sat there, glumly looking at each other.

John Mead Weedman of Breckinridge County and
John Breckinridge Weedman of Meade County.

This is the way I heard it, but that's not all there is to the story.

During the 1930's I can remember sitting in front of the old fireplace cracking and eating walnuts and hickory nuts and throwing the hulls into the fire. When my mother recently retold this tale to me, I thought it would be nice to try to contact the descendants of John Meade Weedman to see if they had a similar version.

So I consulted my family charts. There was no John Meade listed as a son of Myram! What could have happened to him? Did he die young? Then I saw the answer; but before I tell you what happened, several things must be explained.

To start with, the Kentucky counties of Meade and Breckinridge were named for two U.S. Army Officers, heroes of the Mexican War, George Meade, and John Breckinridge.

When the Civil War broke out, Breckinridge became a General in the Confederacy while Meade remained in the Yankee Army and was general of the Army of the Potomac.

Now during the Civil War, Addison and Myram were strictly pro-south. Myram was a Confederate soldier; wounded twice, captured and exchanged. Addison did not join up with the confederates, but kept himself and his powder and guns "hid out" from the Federal recruiters and patrols. And they had at least one other brother in the Confederacy; Great Uncle Daniel was a Captain in the First Kentucky Regiment of the Confederate Army. His unit was escort for General Breckinridge and President Jeff Davis.

There was no way that either Myram nor Addison was going to name his son after the Yankee General Meade. As a matter of fact, they didn't even have his name right. It was George Meade, not John, (they probably cared less). They were just spoofing one another. It was no wonder the two little cousins refused to talk or play together. Each was wondering if he would be the one to lose his beautiful name and take on the disgraceful stigma of John Meade. Check your family charts to see if I am right.

Little John Cabell Breckinridge Weedman of Meade County
and Little John Cabell Breckinridge Weedman of Breckinridge
County.

We checked our charts.....and he is right. Both Addison and Myram named their sons for the illustrious and honored Gen. John Cabell Breckinridge!!

Several members of the STEPHEN WEEDMAN family are featured in our gallery today. Send yours.

Love, Marianne, & Dick



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TOP LEFT: Amos George Weedman father of William Durward Weedman.

TOP RIGHT: (Top) Sarah Ann Meador Weedman and George Meador. (center) Matilda Meador, Sarah's mother, and Ivy Daley Meador, holding Palmer Linden Mason Holstner. (bottom) John Meador, dog, and John C. Breckinridge Weedman (of Meade County).

LOWER LEFT: Belva (Weedman) Weedman, daughter of John C.B. Weedman, grand daughter of Addison, and mother of Ed Weedman.



Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

Fall kind of caught me unawares. Summer went by so quickly! We hope you had an enjoyable summer. We did.

The WEEDMAN-LITTLE-JORDAN families in the Northwest got together again this summer on July 18. It was held at Mt. Scott Park in Portland. This was an easy park to find, and it had nice facilities and plenty of room. Surprisingly there were many people in the park, but it was not crowded or noisy. There was plenty of parking in the area. It was a good choice for a reunion. Reberta Dickenson, Roy Weedman, and Florene Thompson made most of the arrangements. Perhaps others were involved, so I won't say "all". There was softball, swimming, horseshoes, and other games for young and old. Plenty of food was on the table, and plenty of pop, coffee and icecream and a large cake. It was a wonderful day, and everyone was having a fun time. We had a fine turnout, but we always miss those who couldn't make it.

We were hoping for news of another reunion in Wenatchee or thereabouts, but haven't heard that there was. Harold probably would have written if they'd all gotten together this year. Then in South Dakota, George Weedman's family has a mini-reunion or have had in the past, but perhaps it will be in winter and in southern California from now on, George? George is of the ILLINOIS BRANCH Harold is of the ILLINOIS branch, too, and of course Roy, Reberta, and Paul, as well as the rest who got together in Portland are of DANIEL's line.

Ruth (Weedman) Hammond, daughter of Homer W. and Sarah Jane (Little) Weedman tells two interesting stories which I will pass along to you in an upcoming newsletter. Need to get names and places clear first.

I'm still waiting for surgery. Getting cold feet now, too. When I was so sick earlier this year I was anxious to get that surgery over with. They put me on a waiting list. Since gallbladder surgery isn't top priority surgery like accidents or cancer or other things that are a whole lot worse, and since we are retired and not active Military, why we have to fit in where and when they can take us. Since Paul is a retired Air Force man, we get our medical care at Madigan Army Medical Center. This is just 15 miles south of Tacoma. But since the draft has been eliminated, there are few doctors joining the Army, so there is a great doctor shortage, and retired people have to wait, but they do help me with medication, and have advised me on a diet, and how to stay free of further attacks of gallbladder trouble. So far I've had a few close calls since the last newsletter but no full-blown attack since. Thanks for your concern. And keep praying. You'll see me through, I know.

Connie, wife of John Earle Weedman (DANIEL's line) Deceased, spent a

month in Las Vegas with her daughter, Audrey (Weedman) Mead and son-in-law, Virgle L. Mead. She was there when granddaughter, Gayle Mead Pasquinzo married Robert DePeal. The wedding took place on May 1, 1982, at 7:00 p.m. in a lovely outdoor setting in Las Vegas. Sherilyn Mead Bianchi was maid of honor for her sister. Both are daughters of Virgle L. and Audrey (Weedman) Mead. Besides Connie, other out of town guests included Joseph DePeal, brother of the groom, from Anchorage, Alaska, Louise Mead, an aunt from Maine, (I think) and Ron Mead from Portland, OR, brother of the bride. Congratulations, Bob and Gayle!

A letter from Doris Kizer (nee Ackerman) NICHOLAS' line, says that they had an ACKERMAN reunion at Glendive, Mont. Mary Ann Weedman, Nicholas' daughter, married David Ackerman, and that branch of the Ackerman family spread out over the West. Quite a few in Montana, Idaho, and the far west. They had their reunion in the Fairgrounds at Glendive. Folks had plenty of trailer space, and the food was "out of this world". I can attest that food does taste better in the Big Sky Country. Ab and Gabby Ackerman from Oakville, Ontario Canada were from the furthest distance. A wonderful time was had by all, and those who couldn't make it were missed.

Let's plan more reunions. How about one for Nebraska or for Kentucky or Indiana? There'd be plenty in attendance if one were held in Weedman, Illinois. I'll give it plenty of announcement space in the Newsletter if someone back East will take the bull by the horns and plan it. All who would like to be a part of it, write me. I'll see that you get in touch with one another.

Letters from Wiona Ruth Bretherick and Celeste "DeDe" Weedman tell of busy summer months. Lots of folks visiting, and lots to do. We all can say the same, right? And we love it. But we do also enjoy that peace that usually comes after the canning is done in the fall. Or freezing.

Calling all JACOB WEEDMAN descendents!! Do any of you have any information on a Charlotte Weedman b. about 1849 who married a Mr. Squire Steele in Pike County, Indiana sometime after 1870? Was she Charlotte, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Stubblefield) Weedman, who first married J. L. McBride in Feb. of 1869/70? Did Mr. McBride die or were they divorced? This comes from Ann Foster, 376 Spreading Oak Lane, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Two new additions to the ever-growing clan! Martha (Theiss) and Wayne Cadarette are parents of a girl, Sarah Elizabeth Cadarette, born in Louisville, KY 12 June 1982. She is their first child. Both parents are just thrilled to have a baby after waiting 7 years! Martha is George & Gena Lee's daughter. JOHN's line.

Melina Rose Fleisher was born 19 Dec. 1981 to Richard Davidson Fleisher and Rose (Cordero) Fleisher in Reno, Nevada. Little Melina Rose is the gr. granddaughter of Al and Doris (Ackerman) Kizer - NICHOLAS' line. Congratulations to both of these families, and we know these little girls will be warmly received by many relatives!

Back to the STEPHEN WEEDMAN family. We laft off with the names of William D. Weedman and Belva (Weedman) Weedman's children. There were seven.

James Edward Weedman married Hazel May Haddaway, daughter of Charles M. Sr. and Hattie Isabel (Heinke) Haddaway of Louisville, KY. To them were born 5 sons: (All born in Louisville, KY.)

1. James Mark b. 23 May 1950, married 12 Feb. 1977 Linda Sue Walters, daughter of William Jr. and Nellie (Higdon) Walters.
2. Steven Douglas b. 18 July 1951
3. Michael Alan b. 18 Oct. 1952, married Barbara Jane Simcox 8 May 1976, daughter of Kenneth and Dorothy (Pinkston) Simcox. They are parents of two children:
 - a. Clifford Michael, b. 21 June 1979 Louisville, KY.
 - b. Megan LeeAnn, b. 14 Oct. 1981 in Louisville, KY.
4. William Edward b. 18 Oct. 1952, twin to Michael Alan, and married on 12 Apr. 1975 Janice Lou Thrasher, daughter of Bobby and Alice (Wissel) Thrasher. They have one daughter:
 - a. Chrystal Dawn b. 22 Nov. 1978 in Louisville, KY.
5. David Jeffrey b. 1 Oct. 1955, married on 20 May 1978 Betty Jo Mayfield, daughter of Joseph M. and Mary Elizabeth (Bowen) Mayfield. Dave and Betty have one son:
 - a. David Andrew b. 13 Oct. 1981 in Louisville, KY.

James Edward ("Ed") was the first child of William and Belva, and of the seven children, we have information on only two just now, so we will give the fifth child, Thelma Jean Weedman's family next. We'll give the other information on the other children of William and Belva when it comes in.

Thelma Jean Weedman married David Ralph Cash on 12 Aug. 1950. He is the son of James Arnold Sr. and Amy Agnes (Nichols) Cash. To them were born three daughters:

1. Linda Jane b. 21 Oct. 1952 Married John Joseph Patterson III, son of John J. Patterson II and Kathleen Rose (Newton) Patterson. Linda and John have one son:
 - a. Michael Paul Patterson b. 26 Jan. 1976 Louisville, KY.
2. Sheryl Ann b. 5 Dec. 1954 , married (1) Richard Lee Wells. Divorced. Married (2) Bobby Clyde Smith, son of Clyde and Nancy (Engle) Smith. Married on 5 June 1976. They have one daughter:
 - a. Carolyn Sue Smith b. 20 Dec. 1978 Louisville, KY
3. Amy Marie b. 24 Apr. 1958. Married (1) Lacey Logan Bohannan. Divorced. Married (2) on 6 Dec. 1980 Daniel Duane Johnson, son of William A. and Delta May (Husk) Johnson. Dan and Amy have no children at this time.

I neglected to list the date of Linda and John Patterson's marriage, which was on 8 May 1971. We'll continue with more of STEPHEN's descendants in December.

We're continuing our Photo Gallery. Do you see a family resemblance? Send us your ancestors' pictures so we can compare, too. We'd prefer copies, but if you send your old originals, we'll do our best to see that nothing happens to them, and get them back to you. You don't need a negative, you know. Just take a photo to your trusty photo shop and they can make a negative for you and several prints from it if you care to have several.



Left to Rt.:
Sarah (Little)
Weedman, hold-
ing son Jesse;
Homer Weedman
holding Nina E.;
Roy Willis W.
Jacob W. Weedman
hold'g. Helen F.
"Nellie". Taken
Kirwin, KS. 1896
DANIEL's Line
Nina died 1902/3.
John, Guy & Ruth
born later. Jacob
W. Weedman, son
of DANIEL. Homer,
son of Jacob W.



Left to Right:
Top: Elmira, Alice,
Walter, Mandana, Bot-
tom: Anna, James (fa-
ther) Olive, Nancy
(Weedman) Huff, hol-
ding Floyd, Theresa.
This is the James
Huff family. Manda-
na is Paul's mother.
Nancy dau. of George,
son of DANIEL.

Hope explanation of who these people are is clear. Wish we had more space.

Till December.....keep the news coming.

*Paul, Marianne
& Nick*

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Dear Cousins,

We want you to know you are wished a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Healthy New Yearwhether this newsletter reaches you late, or early. Each of you is wished the very best life can offer in this coming year. May your holidays be holy days, remembering in who's honor we celebrate Christmas.

Tad and Deborah (Landers) Pry, grandchildren of Chestina Stewart, (of DANIEL's line) want to show the family the recent picture of their five children. The little ones are joining in wishing us all a Happy Holiday Season. We wish them the same.



The children are: Sabrina, 9, holding Matthew, 1, Chrystal, 3, Timothy, 1, and Phillip, 5. Matthew and Tim are twins. Chestina tells us that little

Sabrina is her mothers' helper for sure. Debbie hasn't felt

CHILDREN OF TAD & DEBBIE PRY

too chipper after the birth of the twins. It took a lot out of her, but thanks be to little Sabrina and friends and neighbors, Debbie got the help she needed. Tad is a truck driver, making a good living for his family, but unable to be with them as often as he would like. Keep your chin up Debbie, and keep on truckin' Tad, and thank you Chestina for sending us this picture to share with all the cousins.

It's going to take me awhile to answer the letters you have sent. On October 10 we were hit head on by a 1982 van. Monty and I received cuts and bruises but no broken bones. We have recovered from those, and he had insurance so his insurance paid for our medical and dental bills and fixed our car. Then on October 26 I had surgery for gallbladder. It turned out to be more serious than a gallbladder removal usually is, and a part of my liver had to be removed, and some bowel surgery. This is going to take awhile to get healed, and after 5½ hrs.

surgery, the effects of so much anesthesia still seem to have me a bit spacey. The Doctors told me I'll be feeling fine with a little time and patience, so we are having a reelly calm kind of Christmas this year. It's like I'm sitting on the sidelines watching the world go by.

We have some sad news to report. Our faithful Chestina is undergoing some testing, and not feeling well these days. She has been a faithful contributor to the Newsletter, and we feel so helpless out here in not being able to be near enough to drop in on her to see if we could help. Take care, Chestina!

Wickliff Davison, son of Joseph S. and Mary Etta (Weedman) Davison passed away on Nov. 16, 1982. Wickliff was the husband of the late Flora (East) Davison and brother to Jessie Bowman, Forrest Miller, Joseph, Walter, and Hettie Goffinet, and the late Iva Lee and Charles. He was the father of Mary Lee Dennison, Dorothy Stephenson, Joseph, and the late Maurice Davison. He leaves many neices, nephews and grandchildren to mourn his passing. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the Davison family at this time. They are of WILLIAM's line. Burial was in the Stephenson Cemetary, Perry County. Wickliff had been a life long resident of Perry County, Indiana, by the way. Forrest still lives in that lovely area where the old Davison homestead is. Speaking of Forrest, she's not feeling too pert these days, either. Eyesight not so good and arthritis. Let's remember her as we say our prayers, too. Take care, Forrest!

We have two great grandchildren to add to our family tree. Lynn and Dawn (Carberry) Burman had a son, Carl James, born 28 Aug. 1982 in Minneapolis, Minn. Dawn is the daughter of Gary and Linda (Montgomery) Carberry, also of Minneapolis.

Then in August of 1982 our grandson, Steven Robert Bunton, stationed in Korea, married Lee, Kyung Cha, daughter of Yi, Sang Sok and Yun, Wol Yong of Uljingen, Korea. Steven is the son of Bobby J. and Phyllis (Montgomery) Bunton of Columbus, Miss. On November 6, 1982, they had Christina Lee Bunton, born in Uljingen, Korea. Steven and Kyung and Christina will be stationed in the states this Spring. Congratulations to them and to Dawn and Lynn. Both are of DANIEL's line.

Douglas Allen Pierce, grandson of Farryle (Ackerman) Schafman, and son of Billy and Bertha (Schafman) Pierce married in Glendive, Mont. Sept. 18, 1982, Claudia Gail Reetz. Congratulations to the newlyweds from all of us! His cousin, Robert Verlin Jones and wife Susan (Yslas) are parents of a third child, Daniel Nolan Jones, born 26 Aug. 1982. Robert's parents are Verlin and Kathryn (Ackerman) Jones. Daniel was born in Lancaster, CA. Congratulations to Robert and Susan. Douglas and Robert are of NICHOLAS' line.

Nick and Paul are reading the 1900 Federal censuses from all states and they have come up with some unknown facts, at least unknown to us. We didn't know, for instance, that Jacob Weedman (son of DANIEL) and his son Homer and family ever lived in Wood County, Oklahoma. They were living there in 1900. In a future Newsletter, I am going to bring you Nick's work, for he has typed it neatly....(Paul has done his in a loose-leaf notebook and in pencil, and that'll take some figuring on my part to transcribe it, but Nick has done quite a few

states, and you will all recognize your forebears in these locations. Perhaps we'll do this for March.

I know I promised a lot more on STEPHEN's line, and we'll get to it in 1983. I may get to 1 branch of it today if space permits. We will also continue with the old photographs. I had hoped to hear more comment from you on those old pictures. Come on, now, let us know if you like them and if you see a strong family resemblance among all the cousins.

I hope you will forgive us if you don't get a card from us this Christmas. It's just a bit too soon after my surgery to be able to sit up that length of time, and I have to do first things first. But we do wish you all a very Prosperous and Healthy and Happy 1983, and may your Christmas be spent doing the things you like best to do on that wonderful day. The way I'm doing this newsletter is a paragraph or two at one sitting, and when I'm able, I come in here and sit to do another paragraph or two. This will explain, too, if it is late.

Gena Lee Theiss, you will all remember a regular contributor to the Newsletter, has been inspired by what the Higdon family has done in setting up yearly reunions, and by publishing a nice HIGDON GENEALOGY. Gena Lee, bless her, has even offered to do the same for the WEEDMANS, but she isn't saying it is a quick project, and she's not quite ready to commit herself to it without knowing if it would be a good idea for us. I am all for it, and in fact, this is the reason the Newsletter was started; in hopes we would someday have enough for a book. The Weedman family deserves a book. Maybe this is the wrong time of year to ask you to write but I am asking you, and please let Gena Lee know if you would be willing to help by contributing your family information so that the book will be as complete as possible? She will try to keep the price of the book as low as possible without sacrificing quality. Whatever your thoughts are on this subject, please drop Gena Lee a linesoon. Her address:

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Or call her on the phone. Rates are cheaper week-ends, and the Louisville operator will give you her # unless it is unlisted. But you can call 1-(502)-555-1212 Information Kentucky, and get the phone # free.

Diane Hall and hubby, Jack visited Germany this summer. Diane had the name of her Great Grandfather, Michael Seitz, his birthdate and the name of the town he was from, although they had a wrong spelling for that. They remembered he used to say that he was from the "black Forest" so that gave them the area of Germany in which to begin their search. So they went to the city of Karlsruhe, . Their first stop was at the Archives. A lady there took time from her lunch hour to help them. In a few minutes, Diane says, she returned to them with the date and hour of Michael's birth, the name of both parents, and the father's trade! This was a church record, so it showed the christening date for Michael, too. They got the correct name of the village where he was born, and the lady there gave them a map, and marked on it the place where this little village is located. The village was Liedolsheim. So they drove there. The first thing they saw was a little grocery store with the name SEITZ !! Since Jack speaks German, he was able to talk to the owner, a charming spinster who invited them to her home behind the store, for cake and coffee. There they met her unmarried brother. But talking of ancestors was something these two

had not been prepared for, so a positive relationship could not be established at that time, but Diane may know more by now about them. After a nice visit, Diane and Jack went to the church where her great grandfather was christened. In the cemetery they found many stones with SEITZ on them, but none were old graves. Diane then learned that in Germany it is the practice after 50 years to bury someone else in the spot where an old grave was, so the old graves are removed and a new one placed on the spot. Germany has a space problem, and they must do it this way or else the whole country would be cemeteries and little else! But they have pictures of the town and church, and so the next day they drove back to Karlsruhe, to the Archives, for there, for the small fee of \$50.00, they had been promised more work would be done on their line by a professional. Diane was eager to pay this fee, as the time factor for them to do anything themselves would be a problem. So when they got back, the researcher had six more lines for them!!! He had gone back into the old records and traced the family way back! The old records were written in old German Script and only the elderly and specialists in this kind of work can read them. The young man read the records to Jack, and Jack transcribed them into English. The young man felt that Jack had helped him not only in English, but in knowing how best to serve Americans who might come that way in search of their roots. Since Jack helped translate the man refused any pay for his time. Since Jack's parents live in Germany, and speak German, Diane left information she yet wanted with her mother-in-law, and more will come later. Before they left, Diana asked me if I knew where in Germany the WEEDMAN's were from, but I didn't know, and I have never been sure that they were German and not Dutch, English or Swiss, but if she had had any information to go on, she'd have helped us all. I write this about Diane's trip to show you that it is not so difficult in a foreign land to find your roots. You just have to have some idea of where your people were from.

DeDe sent me a letter from a Mr. Frederick James Weedman, born 1918 in England of English ancestry. Nick heard from him, too. His ancestor, William Weedman was born in 1828. (Our family was already in America by this time, but these could be cousins). I wrote, but as yet have had no reply. He may have written to many Weedmans and been swamped with mail, so patience is the key here. We'll publish his line in a future Newsletter.

Our newest cousin is Ruth (Weedman) Hammond. She is the youngest child of Homer and Sarah Jane "Jenny" Little Weedman. (DANIEL's line). She tells this story that was passed down to her. Her father, Homer, and his sister Louisa were playing out in the yard in the backwoods of Perry County. Their home was a log cabin, and wildlife was in abundance in the area. Suddenly, a large bird, perhaps an eagle, swooped down and grabbed Homer and was about to fly off with him. Louisa grabbed onto Homer and hung on for dear life. The bird, unable to fly with both of them, dropped them and flew away. Homer was just a little tyke and Louisa was his just younger sister. Her bravery saved Homer's life. This incident took place about 1880, when Homer would have been 8, and Louisa, 6. Ruth wasn't sure of what kind of bird it was, but Perry County is still quite primitive today in the back woods. Homer and Louise were children of Jacob Willis Weedman, son of DANIEL.

Keep the letters coming.....send copies of your oldest pictures, and any family stories you care to share. Take care now, and try to keep welland happy.

Love Paul, Marianne & Nick