

# Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

Since March's Newsletter is always a short one due to the inclusion of the index, we'll squeeze in as much as possible on this two-sided sheet.

You will all be as saddened as I am to learn that Nick will be in Australia for about three years, more or less, and that we will see very little of him till his return, but he is hoping to manage a trip back for the reunion. In the meanwhile, his daughter, Sara is our able assistant in putting out the Newsletter. We hope to feature Sara in the June Newsletter, which, by the way, will come out in May, and you'll all receive it before the reunion. We will have "company" throughout the summer and to try to get it to you after the reunion, and still in June (or even in early July) is going to be impossible. By Sept. you'll have a nice fascinating newsletter to read. Nick's address will be: 3/19 Hammond St., Brighton, Victoria 3186, Australia. Tel. (03) 592 4443. He's 19 hours ahead of our time here on the West Coast, so you can figure it out for your area. We wish Nick and Merrie Carol the best while in Australia. And for all of you who just fell in love with his dad, we expect Harry to be at the reunion, too.

## ATTENTION EVERYONE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER !!!

If you have been putting off getting your reservation fee to one of the hotels/motels handy to Falls of Rough (Rough River State Park), and have put off sending your registration fee to Ron, put it off no longer!!! Please .... take care of this matter today. We want to see you ALL there. Registration fee: \$18.00 each person to Ron (children 2 -9 \$9.00 only). All those registering will have a special souvenir.... but this means that we must be registered now for we don't want Ron to be worrying about us at the last minute. These things take a lot of planning and work before the reunion begins. Please phone the lodge or motels now to be sure you can get your reservations with them. No time to lose. Do it today. Thanks so much.

Lodge - (502)257-2311  
St Clair Motel - (502) 257-2561  
Server's Motel (502) 257-2771

Reunion dates: June 20-22.  
Send one night's lodging  
when confirming your lodge

or motel reservations. Got a nice letter from the Orans who are planning to attend. Lots of others, too, of course, so come along and meet your cousins. Send your registration fee to Ron Weedman Rt. 4, Box 94, Beaver Dam, KY 42320. I have a few more registration forms, & of course Ron has some, so let us hear from you.

Thanks to Geneva Grohler and Chestina Stewart for recent contributions for publication in a future Newsletter. Geneva sent some

recipes and some family group sheets. She is a descendent of JOHN Weedman's line, and Chestina, DANIEL's.

I forgot to mention that you can bring your camper and camp at Rough River State Park. No reservations; first come first serve.

Marcia Libby and Rod Fleisher were married on Dec. 29, 1985 in Reno, NV at the first Christian Church. She is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arch Libby of Carson City, and he is a son of Mr. & Mrs. Terry Fleisher of Reno. They are making their home in Reno. Congratulations to the happy pair. Grandparents are Al and Doris Kizer. Doris is of NICHOLAS' line.

This is also the time of year we like to ask you to drop us a line a post card will do if you have no time for a letter. We want to know if you are reading the Newsletter and if you enjoy it, still want to receive it or don't want to receive it. We don't need to be sending it to those who are not reading it and enjoying it. Also we'd like to hear from the rest of you who didn't vote for or against making our group a Weedman Family Association. We published the proposal in the June or Sept. Newsletter and some of you responded. Now's the chance for the rest of you to kill two birds with one stone, vote for or against the Association plan AND vote to continue your receiving the Newsletter. Those of you who have let us know need not so advise us again. Thanks to all who have contributed in one way or another, just writing now and then has been encouraging to us.

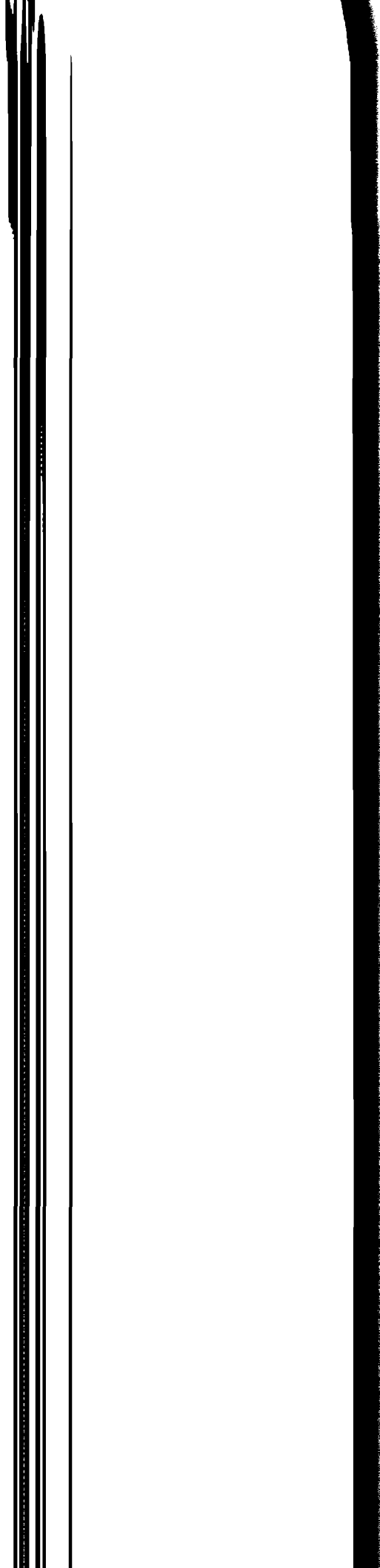
Betty Weedman Moore 21006 Claretta Ave., Lakewood, CA 90715  
Robert J. Weedman, 59 Atlantic, Henderson, NV 89015  
These two are our latest additions to our "family". Betty is of the Illinois Weedman descendents, and Robert is of DANIEL's line. All the Illinois Weedmans are descended from GEORGE and Charlotte (Huhn/Hume Weedman. George is a son of Christian SR. He moved to Ohio, and his descendents moved on into Illinois. He later moved into Illinois, too, and married Phoebe Halsey.....probably about 1833, but it isn't clear. We have him having his first child in 1798 and his last in 1842.....at age 80 or so, and you'll have to admit, if this is so, he was quite a man! We don't know when Phebe halsey was born for usre, but there must have been 30 years difference in their ages. Any information to clarify this will be greatly appreciated.

Betty Moore and Robert J. Weedman, did I answer your letters? I put you on the list to receive the Newsletter, but can't remember if I answered your letters and thanked you for your family group sheets. If not, I do so now.

Monty has been in the hospital with Sick Sinus Syndrome, a heart condition, and is home now, but what with the fact that I'm working for the syndicated columnist (genealogy) Myra Vanderpool Gormley, who writes Shaking Your Family Tree, for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, seen every Thursday in the VIEW section, and appearing in newspapers all over US, and Monty's illness, I'm a bit foggy as to who has and has not been thanked. Did you all know you have sinuses in your chest which control your heart? You do. It was news to me, too. I still don't understand it. Till May.....Love from

*Monty, Marianne, & Sara*

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# Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

Although it's May as I write this Newsletter, we'll call it "June" for the sake of uniformity with past years' publication times.

Thank you so much for the many letters we have received lately. And thanks for the information for future Newsletters. I will publish it little by little as we go along.

Chestina Stewart has had a heart attack and has been in Burnham Hospital which I believe may be in Champaign, IL, but for those who wish to send her a card, please send it to her at 302 West Street, Mahomet, IL 61853. You will remember Chestina has always been so good about sending news. She gets the Tell City papers and clips out the news that comes to that paper for our Weedmans and related lines. Through the years Chestina has been awfully faithful, and I hope you'll send her a card. You know, she was coming to the reunion last year and had to have surgery, so missed it, and now it looks like she'll miss this one as well. So a card will cheer her up. (I said last "year".....I mean 1984 Reunion).

William Everett Lindsey, son of Claud and Cloria (Smith) Lindsey, and grandson of William Marshall and Sarah Veronica(Weedman) Smith. (John's line). We are sorry as he was fairly young....August 24, 1920 - November 2, 1985. Our sympathy to the family.

Baxter Floyd, husband of Stella Mae (Weedman) Floyd (JOHN's line) passed away on Sept. 28, 1985. They were married in January, 1939 and he, too, was rather young, as you count age today. About 65. This Stella Mae Weedman was a daughter of James Oscar and Sarah Jane (Weedman) Weedman. Since we have two Stella Mae & May, I thought I'd best make it clear which one we're referring to. We have no further data on these men, or their funerals, or whether they had children or not, but to the families we extend our sympathy. We hope to have this information for the book, when it is published.

Speaking of the book, we will be there with our Weedman Lines Family Group Sheets so that you may make additions and corrections to your own lines at the reunion. This will be the time to do it. And for those who are not planning to attend the reunion, see that Gena Lee Theiss gets the latest on who has been born married, divorced, widowed, or whatever. Any memories you wish to have included in the book must be turned in to Gena Lee as soon as possible. Don't put it off. Her address is:

Mrs. George Theiss, 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219

We want to have each family's data as correct as we possibly can get it, and as up to date. So send us any news that has occurred that you think we may not have on hand.

We will leave for Kentucky June 11, and return June 25th. We are looking forward to seeing as many as possible there.

Sara's address is:

Sara Weedman, 26266 Via Roble, Mission Viejo, CA 92691, She again is the one who is helping us out with the printing. Our thanks to you, Sara!

Sara is twenty-four years old, and is an environmental scientist, working for a private firm in Laguna Hills, CA. Her hobbies are bike riding, running and cross stitch. Her dog, Cricket enjoys accompanying Sara running, and he's a lot of company indoors as well. Sara's getting to be quite a traveler and will go to Australia to visit her parents later on this year. We'll have a picture in the near future for you of Sara. It'd be grand if she could attend the Reunion. By the way, a note from busy Sara says "Thanks, everyone, for the letters! I enjoy them, and hope someday to meet many of you."

Mr. & Mrs. James Weedman (Violet Royer) celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary in Virden, IL April 13. They were married April 12, 1936. They are the parents of four children: James, Douglas, Shirley (Mrs. Livingston) and Sharon (Mrs. James Smith of Chatham. James is now deceased.....that is, James Weedman, their son. (JOHN's line). What a handsome couple they are. These pictures will be in the Weedman Scrapbook and Photo Album which we will carry to Kentucky for the Reunion.

Gena Lee would like a copy (black and white) of the oldest Weedman.....by oldest she means, the furthest back ancestor of each line. For instance, I have one of George Weedman, DANIEL's son and I believe I've one of DANIEL's son John & possibly Eli-sha. I'll see to it that Gena Lee has a copy of these. George was born in 1822. Children of JOHN, WILLIAM, NICHOLAS, STE-PHAN, as well as the ILLINOIS Weedmans .... all have children born in this time period who might have a picture somewhere in someone's trunk in the attic. Let's see how many of the earliest Weedmans we can get for the book. The smaller they are the better, I'd think, for then it would be less expensive to have included in the book. Gena Lee found out that pictures are very expensive to have done correctly, so it was decided to use one each of the eldest ancestor from each line, and we'll go from there.

We got a nice letter from Donna (Wreath) Weedman. This was one of many we received. Donna says she and Elmer have retired from farming and are now living in town (Tracy, Minn.) It was good hearing from Donna again.

Chestina wrote several times before she had her heart attack. Edna Mae Rimini will be at the reunion, by the way. Remember the poem she composed at the last reunion? We enjoyed her so much, and her son, too, and the friend they brought.

Thanks to everyone who filled out family information for the Newsletter and book. We love and appreciate you. As the year goes on, I'll be compiling more and more of those records. I'm going to try to make this and the rest of the year 8 page Newsletters.

One of the family made headlines! Sid Weedman, brother of Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass, and descendant of WILLIAM's line, was 50 years old last November 22. And did he get the "business" from his old pals and all who knew he was a good sport. Can't you just hear him moan....."okay, make my day!" to one after another prankster who made sure he wouldn't have a boring birthday? What did they do? Oh, the Newsletter isn't big enough to tell the whole story but how about this.....it all started on Nov. 1, and continued for the next 22 days. At least 1 prank each day, but sometimes more than that. One morning he was taking a shower and heard a strange noise. Someone was serenading him with bagpipes!!! Another day he walked into his office only to find a hog had taken his place!! Signs in his yard, a big tombstone announcing "Rest In Peace ....and the number 50 on it! Some dead flowers tied with black ribbon.....!! Somehow Sid survived and lived to laugh at the whole goings on. How would YOU like to celebrate your next birthday like Sid did???? Well, Sid, here's wishing you a belated 50th!.....now let me see..... November 22 is only 175 more days.....

I'll have pics of Clinton Illinois home of Jacob Walters, son of Andrew and Sarah (Weedman) Walters homestead and his tombstone in the Walters cemetery there. Thanks so much, Lucille Jaeger! No, sorry, I see the tombstone is of his son, Jacob, Jr. (son of Jacob and Phoebe Bateson Walters.

It was great to hear from Connie Weedman (DANIEL's line) again. Like me, Connie has cut down on her letter writing. You know, we don't want to stop writing, but something is always coming up to keep us busy.... too busy, you know, but most of us are in the same boat.

On March 16, anohter cousin departed to the great Beyond. Mrs. Alvin B. Ash ....nee Lena Mildred "Millie" Mudd, age 57, died unexpectedly of a massive stroke. She was born in Caneyville, KY and was a Baptist. She leaves four children: Larry Sr., Sonya R. Little, Bowling Green, and Tina Smeltekop, Monica Chappell of Ft Bragg, NC. Others are her mother, Rhea (Higdon) Mudd, her husband, Alvin Ash, three sisters, Mary Ann Dennison, Hallie Nelson, and Maudie Dowell; two brothers: Thomas and Donald Mudd, and many nephews and neices and a number of grand children. (John's line). Millie Ash was Gena Lee's first cousin, and I know she will be missed by all. May she rest in peace, and may God be tender towards those left to mourn her passing.

We've got a story from Ed coming up, but first, a message from Ron concerning the events scheduled for the Reunion. Besides these regularly secheduled events there will be unscheduled impromptu events of course. Ed will be there with his family, and where he is, you never know what's going to happen next.

**FRIDAY NIGHT** - Get acquainted over refreshments and sharing of family stories and getting re-acquainted with cousins not seen recently. There will be activities for the children.

**SATURDAY** - A Weedman Seminar with several speakers (all cousins, of course!)

SATURDAY (cont'd) A tour of GRAYSON COUNTY: Falls of Rough, Pine Knob, Old Weedman Homeplace, cemeteries and other interesting places. For those not particularly interested in history, there'll be Golf, and maybe a boat cruise of the river. Activities for the children are planned as well.

SATURDAY EVENING - Buffet dinner, business meeting, and Weedman share-your thoughts/interests time.

SUNDAY - Weedman devotional services. After these, many will be heading back home, so we'll say farewell to some and others can linger and enjoy this lovely time and place.

Ron and helpers have gone all out to see that there is something for everyone.

It's none too soon to be thinking of the next reunion. When? Where? and who will chair the project? Ron and Gena Lee would be happy to help the next one so you needn't feel like the Lone Ranger. But really, let's all think about this. It doesn't necessarily have to be held in Kentucky, although Kentucky is easy for everyone to get to, and is more or less central to those who would be coming. It could be Indiana or Illinois, Arkansas or North Carolina, but we need to get our thoughts running along these lines.

Now one more thing..... those of you who are coming, we are going to set up a display, and would like a copy of your oldest pictures. Any camera/film store can make a copy from your old original. Please get those old pictures out dust them off, and get others made from them. When you do this, the store gives you a negative of your old original picture, and then you can take that negative to any film store and get other copies made from it. Ask around for a good price for your original copy to be made.

We will have pictures from the last reunion for you all to see. I'll bring the scrapbook and Monty will sit with the family group sheets to take your additions and corrections, or to help you figure out who else you're related to.

Ron and Linda, you are doing a great job, and we all thank you for offering to do the honors this year.

Ed relates:

"This story is not a pleasant one and is covered in greater detail in the history books. So I hope I won't be accused of stealing from that which is on record. Assuredly, Grandma Sarah and my father recounted these things over and over before I discovered them in Kentucky History. To my knowledge, neither Grandma nor Dad ever read a Kentucky history book. I'll try to use Grandma's words, because she expounded more completely....."

"When Stephen (Weedman) was down at Stephensport on Sinking Creek, building his flatboats, they had some awfully hard times. There was the big earthquake of 1811 down at New Madrid that shook up the whole country. I've heard tell that Reelfoot Lake, over by the Mississippi River was caused by the ground settling then.

They were just lucky not to be out in their boats when it happened or they would have drowned, because the waves were so high on the Ohio River. They say that even the Mississippi ran upstream for a while!

The ground shook off and on for a time after that but gradually it stopped.

Then they always had to be on guard when they took their flatboats down the river, because there were pirates all along who would kill and rob them if they could.



They (the pirates) would pretend to be people needing help in order to get them to come to shore, or they would sneak out and drill holes in their boat to make them come in!

The worst place was Cave-In-Rock, Illinois, whenever they went past there they stayed in the middle of the River and kept their guns ready. They never took anyone on board that they didn't know.

There were several pirate gangs at Cave-In-Rock.... at different times, but the worst gang was led by the Harp brothers. These were called Big Harp and Little Harp.

The Harp gang got so bad killing and robbing people that the flatboat men finally went to the Kentucky militia to get them to go after the pirates. But they said they couldn't do anything because they were in Illinois. So they went to the Illinois Government but they didn't even have a militia yet.

When the flatboat people couldn't get any help from the Government, they had a meeting and selected fifty of their best sharpshooters and put them on a big flatboat and floated down-river toward Cave-In-Rock.

When the pirates came out to rob them, the riflemen, who were scrunched down out of sight, rose up at a signal and began shooting the pirates down. They killed an awful lot of them. They killed Big Harp, cut off his head, and put it on a pole to ward off other would-be robbers.

Little Harp got away and some of the others, but I heard that later on he was caught down in Tennessee and got his head put on a pole, too. They didn't have any more trouble with pirates after that."

Were any Weedmans among the flatboaters who took part in this pirate round-up? Ed's folks didn't ever say one way or the other, but this was the vigilante system before modern-day courts fouled up our justice system. In those days crime didn't pay in the long run.

Thanks so much, Ed for this story of history that may have included our people. George Weedman was a flatboat operator, too, and I'd guess that several "farmer" Weedmans had their turns at flatboating. They had to get their goods to market and if there was no other way, they didn't hesitate to get the produce on a flatboat and take it to its destination themselves.

More family news.

Mollie Sue Clift writes that her son and wife, Harry Allen and Linda (Crews) Clift have a new daughter, Hopelyn Ashley Clift, born October 20, 1985. This good news should have come out sooner, and my apologies, as with both Monty and I getting the mail, sometimes things get put into the wrong pile. Anyone who is retired .....husband and wife..... will know what I mean. We say Welcome into the Big Bold world, Hopelyn, and congratulations to the happy parents.

Roy Weedman from Zolfo Springs, Florida is another Roy who had the translation for the Widmann manuscript done by one Ursula Cobb. We thank Ursula, and also Roy, for this translation. This line may connect with our own Widman/Weedman line back a few generations.

Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Bretherick sent the Sesquicentennial Celebration bulletin from the Marion (Ark.) United Methodist Church. I wonder how many of us could find write-ups of some of the wonderful times of our parents' and grandparents' past in such a church

publication? And the Newspaper, the Evening Times, West Memphis, Ark. did the celebration proud by covering the events of this fine celebration. Wiona Ruth was there and in some of the photos. We think of Miss Willard Weedman and how she would have enjoyed this. I couldn't help but to celebrate in my heart as I first read these happenings, and again just now as I review them for you. Our times of fellowship in our respective churches are times for remembering warmly and passing on. These pictures and the account of this event will be among those in the Weedman Scrapbook and Album. Thank you for sharing, Wiona Ruth, and we'll be looking forward to seeing you and Ray at the Reunion.

I'm going to try to do something different this time. I want to see if we can copy Rebecca Middleton's Ancestor chart just the way she sent it to us. I think the ink will copy well, and so I'll call her chart Page 8-A. I'll copy more of these for anyone who wants them if you send them to me filled out as Rebecca has done. These forms can be purchased from Everton Publishers, Box 368, Logan, UT 84321, send them \$1.00 and ask for a dollar's worth of Ancestor Charts Form A-2. You can pass the ones you don't need on to your relatives for them to fill out for their children and grandchildren. I am doing Becky's because as you can see, the names in her ancestry are common ones in south Indiana and Kentucky. No doubt about 10 of those reading this now are related to Becky through the Embry's, Smith's or Weedmans, but how about the Willoughby's??? Anyone know of any Willoughby's? We have the Hazelwood kin out there.....I can almost think of ten of you now. William Weedman, of course, is of John's line. Becky has sent the Hazelwood census records along with her family group sheets for them and her Weedman lines. We will hope to publish them as time goes by.

In THE CORNSTALK MILITIA 1792-1811 by G. Glen Clift published in 1957, we see that Jacob Weedman was a lieutenant, 3rd Regiment, as of Oct. 3, 1799. Jacob was a brother of Christian Jr., and he married Mary Frances Fleming. They settled in southern Indiana.

And DeDe, thank you so much for the JARBOE information. I have loaned the information sheet to a Mr. Hawley who has a book on the Jarboe's. He is willing to share JARBOE information. He was so happy to see the write-up, but I haven't shown the picture of the old homeplace in Maryland to him yet. Didn't want to loan it just now. His address is : Howard Hawley, 32752 - 29th Avenue, SW, Federal Way, WA 98023. If any of you need Jarboe connections write to Howard. Tell him "Monty sent you". Ha!

This will be the last newsletter before the reunion. Nick has been really busy and at this writing, I don't know if he is coming to the reunion or not, but he will if there is any way he can make it. I believe his Dad will be there, and those of you who met him last year will be anxious to see him again. Monty and I are really looking forward to meeting you.....just a little over 30 days from now.

On the back of Becky's chart, I have put a map Ed gave us of some Weedman territory in Meade county. I thought some of you would like to have this. STEPHEN's line settled in this area. I'll call this 8-B.

*See you soon!  
Love, Monty, Marianne  
& Sara*

# Ancestor Chart

Name of Compiler Rebecca Middleton Person No. 1 on this chart is the same  
 Address RR #1 Box 1088 person as No. \_\_\_\_\_ on chart No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State Grandview, Va 47615  
 Date 12-19-1983

Chart No. \_\_\_\_\_

b. Date of Birth  
 p.b. Place of Birth  
 m. Date of Marriage  
 d. Date of Death  
 p.d. Place of Death

4 Daniel Boone Embury  
 (Father of No. 2)  
 b. 6-21-1899  
 p.b. Butler Co. Ky.  
 m. 6-17-1918- Buckinridge  
 d.  
 p.d.

2 Isid Embury  
 (Father of No. 1)  
 b. 8-26-1919  
 p.b. Blindire Ky.  
 m. 1-4-1938- Buckinridge  
 d.  
 p.d.

5 Aida Queen Nash  
 (Mother of No. 2)  
 b. 2-13-1896  
 p.b. Butler Co. Ky.  
 d. 11-16-1950  
 p.d. Multine Co. Ill.

1 Mary Rebecca Embury  
 b. 1-26-1955  
 p.b. Harwick Co.  
 m. 4-3-1971  
 d.  
 p.d.

6 William Marshall Smith  
 (Father of No. 3)  
 b. 5-3-1877  
 p.b.  
 m. 1-4-1903  
 d. 7-30-1946  
 p.d.

3 E. Stella Smith  
 (Mother of No. 1)  
 b. 4-24-1921  
 p.b. Buckinridge Co. Ky.  
 d.  
 p.d.

7 Sarah Veronica Weedman  
 (Mother of No. 3)  
 b. 7-6-1885  
 p.b.  
 d. 12-28-1943  
 p.d. Breckinridge Co. Ky.

Richard Allen Middleton  
 (Spouse of No. 1)  
 b. 4-18-1952  
 p.b. Hatfield  
 p.d. Spencer Co. Va.

8 Daniel Boone Embury  
 (Father of No. 4)  
 b. 3-13-1876  
 p.b. Butler Co. Ky.  
 m. 6-13-1895 Buckinridge  
 d. 9-28-1956  
 p.d. Danvers Co. Ky.  
Julie Wells  
 (Mother of No. 4)

b. 3-2-1881  
 p.b.  
 d. 7-7-1956  
 p.d. Danvers Co. Ky.

10 Uss Nash  
 (Father of No. 5)  
 b. 12-24-1872  
 p.b.  
 m. 1892  
 d. 5-8-1943  
 p.d. Buckinridge Co. Ky.  
 11 Martha Bryant  
 (Mother of No. 5)

b.  
 p.h.  
 d.  
 p.d.

12 Thomas Henry Smith  
 (Father of No. 6)  
 b. 1-25-1858  
 p.b.  
 d. 1877  
 p.d.

13 Eliza Maria Robert  
 (Mother of No. 6)  
 b. 11-4-1854  
 p.b. Yelver Bank Harwick Co.  
 d.  
 p.d.

14 James David Weedman  
 (Father of No. 7)  
 b. 11-2-1854  
 p.b. 1874 E  
 m. before 1903  
 p.d.  
 15 Doshie Hazelwood  
 (Mother of No. 7)  
 b. 5-20-1857  
 p.b. Grayson Co.  
 d. 1-20-1933  
 p.d. Buckinridge Co.

16 Wiley Embury  
 (Father of No. 8)  
 b. 2-8-1808  
 m. 4-11-1879  
 17 Marion Willoughby  
 (Mother of No. 8)  
 1843  
 d.

18 James Leavelle Wells  
 (Father of No. 9)  
 b. 1856  
 m. 10-23-1876  
 d. 1  
 19 Loneline Wells  
 (Mother of No. 9)  
 b. 1860  
 d.

20 James W. Nash  
 (Father of No. 10)  
 b. 1841  
 m. 8-16-1860 Edmonson  
 d. 5-20-1878  
 21 Nancy Miller  
 (Mother of No. 10)  
 b. 6-10-1854  
 d. 5-20-1877

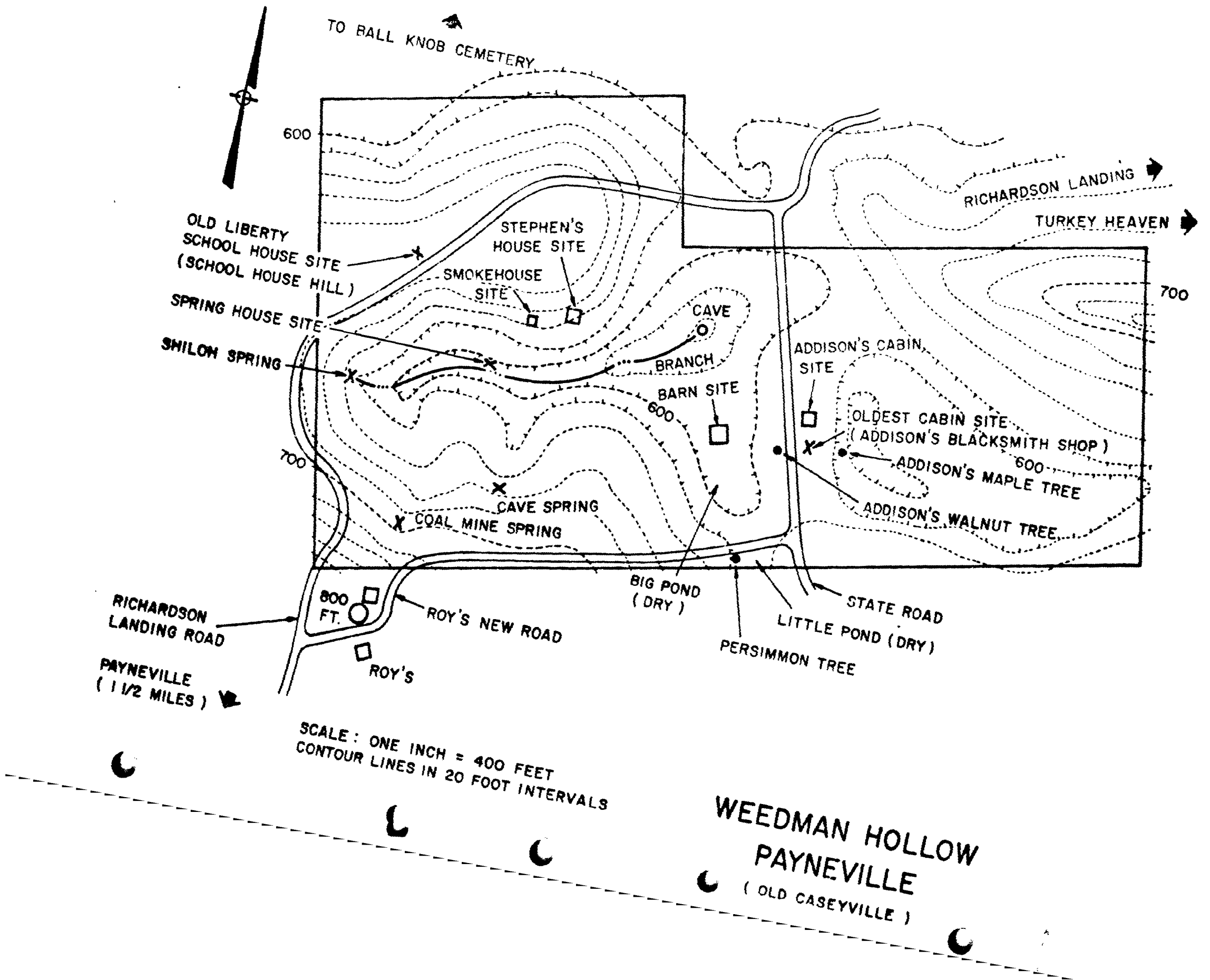
22 James Bryant  
 (Father of No. 11)  
 b. 1831  
 m. 1866  
 d.  
 23 Adaline Bolt  
 (Mother of No. 11)  
 b. 1845  
 d.

24 Thomas Smith  
 (Father of No. 12)  
 b. 4-7-1815  
 m. 8-9-1838 Warren Co.  
 d. 4-30-1902  
 25 Hannett J. Smith  
 (Mother of No. 12)  
 b. 10-7-1815  
 d. 9-6-1880 Warren Co.

26 Redman Redman Robert  
 (Father of No. 13)  
 b. 1825  
 m. 3-31-1844 Danvers Co.  
 d.  
 27 Eliza Elmon Johnson  
 (Mother of No. 13)  
 b. 1819  
 d.

28 William Weedman  
 (Father of No. 14)  
 b. 1813  
 m.  
 d.  
 29 Lucy Duggins  
 (Mother of No. 14)  
 b. 1820  
 d.

30 James Hazelwood  
 (Father of No. 15)  
 b. 1810  
 m.  
 d.  
 31 Susannah Smother  
 (Mother of No. 15)  
 b. 1815  
 d.



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## WEEDMAN CLAN HOLDS SECOND NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION IN JUNE

Hello, Cousins,

Well, I want to tell you, it's been a busy summer for us, and a summer that has been full of pleasant memories of a wonderful time had by all who attended the second WEEDMAN FAMILY REUNION. It was held at Rough River Campgrounds, and in the Rough River Lodge rooms. What a grand location this was. The lodge was cool and spacious, and Ron and Linda Weedman had done us all proud with the little surprises they had waiting for us. There were the name tags, which could double as luggage I.D. tags, and scratch-pads with WEEDMAN in bold lettering and under this is said.....2nd National Family Reunion, Rough River, KY June 20, 21, 22. When we arrived Friday, Harry Weedman, Nick's father, was the first to greet us. Our daughter, Phyllis Bunton was in the "lead car" and she met him and had been chatting with him for a few minutes before we came. Phyllis, her son Cordell, Harry, Monty and I had lunch then and renewed acquaintance. Then others arrived. George and Gena Lee Theiss were there with her sister, Edith.....and read on for the list of who all was there:

Ron and Linda Weedman, Kechia, Steven & Chuck & Jacki Wilson	-	Beaverdam KY
Harry Weedman		Blytheville, AR
Kathleen L. Craynock		Coral Gables, FL
Melvin E. Weedman		Louisville, KY
Lloyd & Virginia (Weedman) Fisher, Lisa, Diane, Glenda, Denise and		
Asa Reed		Longmont, Colo.
Burhl & Virginia (Weedman) Hollowell		Princeton, KY
Peggy & Jack Wood		Princeton, KY
Jimmie B. & Alma Weedman, & Jeff Weedman		Louisville, KY
David & Sondra Harbison, Patrick		Louisville, KY
Edna Mae (Weedman) Rimini, George Rimini, Marcy Hand		Virden, IL
Noble & Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass		New Palestine, IN
Sharon Bryden		Springfield, IL
John & Marie (Weedman) Hunt		Clarksville, TN
William E. & Helen D. Gregg		Evansville, IN
Raymond & Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Bretherick		Marion, AR
Lonzo K. & Lorraine Weedman		Fenton, MO
Paul & Marianne Montgomery		Tacoma, WA
Phyllis Bunton & Cordell		Columbus, Miss.
Jewell & Mareda (Weedman) Wright		Louisville, KY
Lucille B. Weedman		Hartford, KY
Brent & Marilyn Weedman, Allison, Burl		Gallatin, TN
Blair & Jeanie Weedman, Sara		Gallatin, TN
Brenda & Tommy Daniels		Madisonville, KY
George & Gena Lee Theiss		Louisville, KY
Edith Johnson		Louisville, KY
Dorthene Weedman		Caneyville, KY
Myron & <del>S</del> erry Weedman		Glendale, KY
Dewey & Marvene <del>Weedman</del>		Madisonville, KY

Roy & Luetta Weedman	Nashville, TN
Carl & Bernice Oran	Kearney, Neb.
Diane Hall Lori Baker, Sharon Herke	Evansville, IN
Rodney Weedman	Palm Coast, FL
Wanda Weedman	Princeton, KY
Johnny & LaVerne Anderson	Louisville, KY
Stella Embry	Grandview, IN
Mary Rebecca Middleton	Grandview, IN
Janie Duke	Cloverport, KY
Joan A. Gibbs	Central City, KY
Peggy Williams	Central City, KY
Bobby & Cheryl Arnold	Central City, KY
J. Ed and Hazel Weedman	Louisville, KY
Michael A & Barbara J Weedman & Clifford M., Megan	Baltimore, MD
James & Linda Weedman	Louisville, KY
Steven D. Weedman	Louisville, KY
William E & Jan Weedman, Crystal Dawn , William T.	Louisville, KY
David J. & BEtty Jo Weedman, David A.	Louisville, KY
Ira & Ernie Weedman	Louisville, KY
Scott Weedman	Louisville, KY
Walter & Barbara (Weedman) Queen, Jackie, Jill, Joanne, Jenifer	Louisville, KY
Betty (Weedman) Leuvand	Azusa, CA
Bill & Pat Weedman, Schelly, Chantal, Rusty	Beaver Dam, KY
Alma Taylor	Beaver Dam, KY
Charles A. Haycraft	Birmingham, AL
Frankie May Smith	Louisville, KY
Ralph & Mary Ellen Stinson (visitors)	Hartford, KY

There were a few who were there last time and didn't come this time, and we want you to know that we missed you.....Rev. Gary Weedman, and Freeman Weedman (Jim) to name two off the top of my head.....And of course, Nick Weedman was there last time, but away in Australia this time and unable to come. Everyone of course missed him as well. We did enjoy droping him a note and telling him how we were all enjoying the reunion. The notes were gathered and forwarded on to Nick.

A table ....several, for that matter, were situated at the walls of the room where we met and there were Weedman Newsletters, pictures of our oldest Weedman kin, the Weedman Scrapbook and Photo Album, maps, etc. etc.

Want to thank each one who came with something to share for the display. I am only sorry that I didn't get to all who attended. And with some, only a fleeting word, but it seemed that we all were chatting and renewing old friendships, or should I say kinships. Our daughter, Phyllis and her son Cordell tried to meet as many as they could while they were there. Beryl Poteat, Hal Weedman & group, you were sorely missed as well. But we were glad to meet Sharon Bryden and Becky Middleton, with whom we have corresponded for so long. Frankie May Smith..... Did we meet??? Oh, but we had fun.

Friday was taken up with looking at the pictures and Weedman memorabilia, and getting acquainted. There was a tea with coffee, cookies, punch, chips & dip, celery & carrots, everything to nibble on and enjoy. The Lodge had a pool, and some went out for a swim.

Saturday was another sunny day. Hot and humid, to be sure, but who noticed it in the cool morning, when the agenda was: short meeting of the John Franklin Weed-

man descendents, a seminar on how to trace your family tree, emphasizing the CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN family tree as prime example, by Marianne MONTGOMERY. Gena Lee Theiss then told us about the WEEDMAN GENEALOGY being published, and asked that we all bring our family histories and genealogy up-to-date, and check with her if any changes, additions and corrections are needed. She passed out flyers announcing the book, and stating that before Sept. 1, the price would be \$29.95 but after that date, \$39.95 each. This book will have over 600 pages, and it is well worth the \$39.95.. It will have much in it that you have not already seen in Newsletters; in fact, an awful lot of material is published in Gena's book that will never be published in the Newsletter, so be sure to order your family's copy now, and some for Christmas gifts for other Weedman's on your list.

I'll take time right now and tell you that Gena Lee called me and asked that I tell you she is extending publication till 15 October, 1986. So if you do not have your material in, and still want to be included, please contact Gena Lee before that date. That will be the final date for sure. See the Order Form at the end of this newsletter. Send it to others who you think would want to be included.

Back to the Reunion..... after a lovely no host lunch, which most of took down in the Lodge dining room, we went on a tour of Grayson County Weedman family sites. We took in old churches, home places, cemeteries.....and who can forget the Pine Knob Store where we all enjoyed cool icecream or pop. And the Willis Green Mill. Oh, this day was unforgettable. For those who wished, there was golf, hiking, swimming, and supervised games with prizes, for the children. The afternoon passed quickly, and then was the lovely banquet, where we all shared not only food, but fellowship and a short business meeting. Prizes were given out, announcements made, and generally speaking, it was great fun for all. Blair and Jeanie Weedman of Gallatin, TN were chosen as hosts for the next reunion, which will be in 1988. We'll let you know further details. I have a feeling Brent and Marilyn will have a hand in it, too. It will be great to meet in Tennessee.....Opry-land, Grand ol' Opry, libraries to visit, (for those of us who love them for tracing our ancestors), and much more. So plan now to be at the next reunion.

Sunday was another typical sunny day in Grayson County, and after a hearty breakfast, we all met for devotions, led by Ron Weedman, and then fond farewells. We all hated to say goodbye to the rest, and indeed many stayed on for another day. The Orans, for instance. Monty and I, Phyllis and Cordell Bunton took a three day tour of that area of KY, visiting Mammoth Caves, Battle fields, and other scenic areas. One highlight was a cruise down the Green River in a riverboat. And we loved to watch the ferry ferry cars, trucks and whatever, over the river where there was no bridge. Seems to me it'd be cheaper for the state to erect a bridge, but I'm glad they haven't done that, for I loved watching that ferry going back and forth. I doubt if there are many of these left in the land.

I'm sure there were other Weedman gatherings this summer which we have not heard about, but one I know of was the bi-annual WEEDMAN-LITTLE-JORDAN reunion in Portland. Daniel's son Jacob Willis Weedman's descendents are for the most part, represented here, but any Weedman is welcome. This year it was held at Roy and June Weedman's house at 13200 SE Where Else Lane in Milwaukie, OR. 97222. Monty went because this year it didn't conflict with dates for the National Reunion. I wanted to go, but we had company at the time, and I couldn't "take off" as they aren't keen on picnics. Well Monty had a ball. It was great meeting Connie, Reberta, Roy, Ruth, all the rest of them. He came home and told me about it, and made me feel awful because I hadn't been there. Missed Peaches. Gee, I like her so well. Here is a list of those who signed the register. More may have slipped by.

Leonard & Florene Blackmon  
 Pete WEedman  
 Steve and Mable Moist & boys  
 Bill and Billie Albright  
 Paul K. Montgomery  
 Reberta and ARchie Dickenson  
 Andy Weedman  
 Roy and Kristina Weedman  
 Mrs. Clara Sowards  
 Ima (Mrs. Presley) Roberts  
 Marlene Savage & Talea  
 Muriel Reilley  
 Rose and George Dickenson  
 William, Jenny & David Feb  
 Connie Weedman

Tina Dickenson  
 M. Todd Weedman  
 Tonna Marie Rousett  
 Ken & "Peaches" Rousett  
 Mabel & Tom Weedman  
 Robin Wright  
 Elizabeth Robbie.

The next reunion for the WEEDMAN-LITTLE-JORDON family will be in late July of 1988. Great fun was had by all this year as usual. Sports, cards, gabbing, and relaxation were on the agenda. Reberta & CO. always do a swell job. Everyone had a swell time, Monty says.

I read the above list from MONTy's handwriting, as he copied from the sign in roster. I'm not sure that it is as accurate as I wish it were, but there it is, and Reberta, or Connie, will you correct us if there are errors?

WE have several additions to the Newsletter family. They are:

Jimmie & Alma Weedman	8906 Cottingham Way, Louisville, KY	40258	John's line
Mary (Weedman) Hall	17 Willowdell Drive, Mulvane, KS	67110	Jacob's line
Melvin E. Weedman	1378 S. 3rd, Apt 1, rear, Louisville, KY	40208	Stephen's line
Frieda M. Davison,	423 W. 120th St., Apt. 105, NY, NY	10027	William's line
Joyce M. Anthony	7348 Mission Hills Dr., Las Vegas, NEV.	89113	Illinois/Bishop
Roy and Kristina Weedman,	12217 SE 22nd St., Milwaukie, OR	97222	Daniel's line.

Chestina Stewart was unable to attend the reunion due to illness this year, but she was able to go a short distance to Weedman, IL, Farmer City, IL, and environs with Geneva Grobler, also a new Weedman Newsletter cousin. They sent some nice pictures of the area and you'll be seeing them in one of the next two or three Newsletters.

Speaking of pictures. I have received some from you all who had nice pictures to share. Thanks. I'll be sending some around, too. Some of mine were very dark, though. I don't know if it is the battery, the film or what. So I'll not be able to use mine for pictures of the reunion. I have some others have sent, and I'm sending them on to Sara for her to try for this Newsletter. There will be 2 pages of them if they turn out well. If any of you can xerox a picture and make out who it is, please send Sara a copy for Dec. Newsletter. Put on the back who it is of, if you know. It's best to send a group picture or a couple rather than one taken with a dark background, or unposed. IF this Newsletter is short this time, it's because the pictures I'm sending Sara didn't work out so you could identify who was in the picture.

To those who have written me this summer, God bless you, and I'll get to those letters as soon as I can. I'm still working for MYRA VANDERPOOL GORMLEY's column, SHAKING YOUR FAMILY TREE and it seems she gets a truckload of mail every week. Then, too, we had company all summer, went to EXPO '86 and California (Sacramento & San Francisco)

May I suggest that if there are any more changes, that they be sent directly to GENA LEE THEISS, 8417 Burlingame RD., Louisville, KY 40219. If you send them to me, first, she might not get them in time. I've forwarded the ones I know/knew about, but you do any of that from now on. Let's all help Gena Lee help us, by sending her the material we want for the book. If you want to call her it's possible to dial information for Louisville and obtain her number. Ask for George Theiss' number.





This mill is near Caneyville, KY where the Christian Weedman Jr. family lived & descendants still live in the area. Built in 1823 by Willis Green, who may or may not have been a relative. The names Willis with Green is prevalent in the family.

Here's a close up of what the plaque says. A Willis Green served in the REV. WAR from Pennsylvania. He lived in the Fayette Co. Pa. area. Was there a strong tie with the Weedman family? Was it a co-incidence that Willis Green is found so often in the Weedman family?

Clip the orderform below and send Gena your order before Oct. 10 if possible. Let's help her help us!!

*Love,  
Monty, Marianne  
& Sara*

## GREEN MILL

Built in 1823, this mill, operated continuously by the Green family for over 140 years. It was part of 6,000-acre farm-timber complex supporting several family owned industries. Farmers from seven counties brought grain for milling into flour and cornmeal. Willis, first of family here, bought land, 1821. Member legislature, 1836-37 and of US Congress, 1839-45.

Yes, I want \_\_\_\_\_ copies of CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS for \$39.95 each copy. Ky residents add 5% sales tax.

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Bernie and  
Carl Oran



Ray Bretherick  
Wiona Ruth Bretherick  
Harry Weedman  
(Nick's dad)



Sherry Weedman  
Myron Weedman  
Dorthene Weedman  
(Myron's mother)



# Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

Hope you are all enjoying a festive holiday season. We want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very merry Christmas and the best for 1987.

First I want to correct the errors I found in the September Newsletter. Besides the typos I misidentified one of the photos on page 14. I see I didn't make it clear that the last page was 14, but you might just do that now as you pull out your September Newsletter. The middle picture I had labeled Ray and Wiona Ruth Bretherick with Harry Weedman, Nick's dad should be Noble and Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass with Harry. They are all of William's line.

When I talked with Gena Lee Theiss, I misunderstood her. She mentioned the index would make about 365 pages, and I misunderstood her thinking she said, the index itself would be 365 pages, and I added that to the 300 pages of the book, and gave you a figure of "over 600" pages. It should be "about 365 pages". Of course it's hard to know just how many pages the book will be by the time the printers publish it, but it was over 300 pages of typed (computerized) manuscript. These errors are mine. I'm sorry, and honestly, there seem to be more errors in my life these days than anything else. But as long as I'm able, I'll try to correct them. Please bring any that you notice, to my attention. Thanks.

Next time we hope to continue with our feature of presenting a cousin and a thumbnail discription for you to get to know. If you don't have a picture of yourself, please send in a copy of your interests, hobbies, anything you want to tell us about yourself. Don't be shy. In March we hope to feature Geneva Grohler.

Don't forget to send in your news. Even if it's a year or so old, we still need to know about it. This will keep our records up to date and also there are others who will like to share your joy, sorrow, and/or other concerns.

On November 22, 1986, Jean Montgomery, daughter of Eugene and Yone (Takayama) Montgomery, and granddaughter of Paul and Alta (Stainbrook) Montgomery was married to Robert Keaster, son of Robert Sr. and Jan ( ) Keaster. They were married in Beverly Hills, CA and the reception followed at the Beverly Hills Hotel there. The day was lovely and Monty and I enjoyed the 78-80° temperature of the LA area. Since we flew there and back, we had no car to get around to see any others of our kinfolk in the area. We know you all will join us in wishing Rob and Jeanie both happiness and health in their new life together. She was a lovely bride in white fluff....I thought she looked like an angel.

P. K. Montgomery

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This summer we lost Wallace Smith, husband of Frankie Weedman, whom many of us met at the reunion in June. We don't have the date for you, but I believe it was in late July. We were stunned to receive the news. He leaves to mourn him, other than Frankie May, two daughters, Bonnie Harrig, and Wilma Craft, and a sister, Earsie Burden of Fordsville, four brothers, Russell, Charles, Estel and Hibert Smith besides grandchildren and great grandchildren. Wallace was 69 years old. He is buried at the Evergreen Cemetery which I believe is in Louisville. We were sorry to hear of your loss, Frankie May, and your grief is ours, too. JOHN's line.  
(Indiana)

Pearl Henning, 84, died at her home in Cannelton, May 7, 1986. She was a daughter of the late Eugene and Viola (Tindle) Weedman. She was one of 12 children. She and her husband, Herman Henning would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary that same month (May 26). Surviving, besides her husband, are four daughters, Violet Pepper & Lucille Robbins, both of Greenfield, Ind., Freida Taylor of Tell City, Ind, and Gladys Garvin of Milwaukee, WI., three sons, Herman, and Al, both of Tell City and Homer of Cloverdale, Ca.; sisters Bertha Reezor of Tell City and Cordia Parr of Oregon. A brother, Joseph Weedman of Tell City also survives. Burial is in Lily Dale Cemetery. Pearl had several grandchildren and great grandchildren, too, by the way. (WILLIAM's line)

Albert Giles Ackerman, born 7 July 1926 died 18 Sept. 1986 in Bracebridge, Ont., Canada. Parents were David Sheldon Ackerman and Clara Gipman Ackerman .....descendants of David Sheldon Ackerman 1817- and Mary Ann (Weedman) Ackerman 1823-1906 (NICHOLAS' line)

Also from Nicholas' line we learn from Doris Kizer that Rodney Mark Garcie, 23 Oct. 1960 - 1986 died in an auto accident in Louisiana. He was a son of Joseph Roy Garcie and Edith (Ackerman) Garcie. To the loved ones of these who have departed we extend our heartfelt sympathy and I trust that many of you will pause just now to offer a prayer for the survivors. Thanks.

We received a lovely letter from Hannah M. Weedman, and am sorry that this didn't come to hand in order to pass a copy of it to Gena Lee for the Weedman genealogy. Monty had quite a bit of it, but we were not aware of the passing of Curtis. Hannah (nee Murphy) Weedman gives this account of the family:

Curtis Glen Weedman married Hannah Murphy on July 30, 1943. They were parents of four children:

1. Michael James b. July 24, 1946 married Sandra Lee Morris 20 Mar. 1971. marr. annuled on Oct. 29, 1972, and he married Joyce Hendrick Smith on Feb. 24, 1975. They have three children:
  - a. Allison Michele - June 10, 1979
  - b. & C. (twins) Lindsay Pauline & Tammi Erin - June 22, 1982. Living in Sherwood, OR.
2. Curtis Glen (called "Glen" b. Aug. 22, 1948. He married Barbara Ellen Martin May 16, 1970. Divorced Feb. 1972. Glen's next choice was Toni Hoyman. Their son was Liege Jeramy, b. Oct. 5, 1983.

3. John Harmon - b. Nov. 18, 1952. He married Gail Ann Danielson on Dec. 6, 1975, and they are parents of two girls:

- a. Larissa Britt - March 22, 1980
- b. Amber Lacy - Oct. 4, 1981

4. Shirlee Patricia - b. May 15, 1954. Married Edward LeRoy Gunkel Sept. 25, 1981 and they have two children:

- a. Jenny Maureen - Aug. 2, 1982
- b. Joseph Christian - Dec. 24, 1983

Shirlee & Edward are now divorced.

When John went to Alaska recently, he met a Walter Weedman. Hannah enquires if we know which Walter Weedman this might be and from which line? Does anyone out there know of a Walter Weedman who has been up in Alaska recently, or perhaps lives there? Does anyone happen to have an Alaskan Phone book?

Wilfred Wilbert Weedman has a son, Walter. Don't have any dates for him and don't know if he's old enough to be working in Alaska. He is from Cary Sylvester Weedman's family (ILLINOIS WEEDMAN's.) We have a few cousins tuning in from Cary's & Henry Linus' line of Illinois Weedmans, all descended from George Weedman, son of Christian Sr. But perhaps there are more than one Walter, and we don't know who this particular Walter is. Hey.....anyone out there who can set us straight?

Curtis Glen Weedman Sr. passed away 15 Sept. 1983. These Weedman cousins are from JACOB's line. Hannah, it was so good to hear from you from down in Corvallis, Oregon. And so good that the name Christian was selected by one of the descendants of Christian Weedman, Sr. as a name.....7 generations (at least) later!!!

A nice letter also from Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass, telling of her nice visit with all of us at Falls of Rough this summer. She especially enjoyed seeing Harry E. Weedman again. Harry was the oldest cousin at the reunion, still driving his car, and doing just great. He's not able to take a lot of time off, because of the illness of his beloved wife, Mary Belle Nichols, now Weedman. But he covered a lot of ground while he was in the Kentucky-Indiana area, visiting relatives in Indiana after leaving Kentucky, then heading back to Arkansas the same day. He visited Forrest Miller, a cousin who receives the Newsletter, and who we used to hear from often. Remember her and Mary Belle in prayer, please? They aren't feeling at all pert these days. We were sorry as was Harry, that Molly Sue Clift, another cousin, was unable to attend the reunion this summer. Several cousins were looking for her to walk in through the double doors this summer.

We want to tell you that there are WEEDMAN cousins way up in New York State! William's line. Pat (Davison) VanDyke and Frieda M. Davison. Frieda is a librarian at the Health Services Library at Columbia University and working on her doctorate in library science. Thank you, Frieda, for enclosing the write-up on your ancestry. We have met Walter and Wickliffe Davison in Indiana in the past, and they are sorely missed, believe me. For those of you of WILLIAM's line who'd like to share memories with Pat and Frieda, write:

Frieda M. Davison, Apt. 105, 423 W. 120th St., New York, NY 10027.

She and Pat are daughters of David Deamus Davison, born 30 Dec. 1930 in Louisville, KY. David was/is a son of Walter Ray Davison, who was a son of Joseph Philemon and Mary Etta WEEDMAN Davison. They have been documented in a past Newsletter, but it's good to add on as the family grows.

This summer Chestian Stewart, Geneva Grohler and hubby went to Illinois and saw the Weedman Methodist Church....went inside and even sent me a buletin from a Sunday service. This little church is near Frammer City, and many of the Illinois branch of the Weedman family attended this little church. They went on to the Campground cemetery and another cemetery in the area and obtained Weedman readings from the stones of Weedmans buried there. I have several excellent pictures of these stones. Thank you Chestina and Geneva, and of course MR. Grohler who drove the car for the ladies. Say a prayer for him, too, as he's not been feeling up to snuff lately. I believe he's had a heart attack. You know, I'm a bit foggy on this since I can't find a letter I'd been keeping for this newsletter publication. In a future Newsletter, we will publish the complete list of those buried at Campground cemetery. This list was compiled years ago, so some of the latest burials are not on the list. We have dates though, for you Illinois Weedmans who want to know if your grandfather's name is on the list and his dates, please write.

Roy Weedman, our Nashville Cousin, had some genealogical research done for us in Germany. Roy's sister, Marie (Weedman) Hunt's daughter Martha (Hunt) Cobb had her mother in law contact Roy. Roy gave her the information we had that Nick got from the Augustan Society, and Mrs. Cobb went to Germany as scheduled and had a long interview with Mr. Reschreiter, a descendant of the Widman's who had the business in Pforzheim, Germany. He said he'd look into it and see if he could find a connection. Roy followed up her visit with a letter to Mr. Reschreiter. Mr. R. searched his tree but couldn't connect it with ours, since so many records were destroyed in the last War. However, I'm sure that he'll not forget Mrs. Cobb's visit and Roy's letter. If be chance he should come on to anything that might help us, I'm sure he'll contact Roy. Europeans are so very thoughtful and never too busy to go the extra mile, so we did cast bread upon the waters, and perhaps we'll get a response yet. Meanwhile, if anyone out there gets wind of any Widman lines in Germany, and how we can contact them, I'm sure we'll get a letter off to them in German. I hate to presume upon Mrs. Cobb, but I have a feeling she'd be happy to help. We all remember John and Marie Hunt who have attended the last two Weedman Reunions. Thank you and Roy, Mrs. Cobb and Martha for pitching in to help us with this matter.

I want to thank DeDe (Celeste) Weedman for all the help she has been on Daniel Weedman's line from his son, Elisha. And as most or all of this will be published and also Becky Middleton's ancestry too, in JOHN's line, as well as all of STEPHEN's line, I'm not going to duplicate it in the Newsletter, but I will add any additions and/or corrections or continuing new research on any of the published material. So let's all get our orders in to Gena Lee and have a book handy. The books are \$39.95 and when you get your copy, you're holding a dream come true in your hands.

Nick has located some English Weedmans. The following is a report on this from Nick.

GEORGE HENRY WEEDMAN born 1859 Campden Town London, England  
Married: 27 June 1881 Christchurch Parkebrook Birmingham, England  
to Fannie Elizabeth Checketts  
born Kings Norton, Worcester, England

The family came to Australia about 1884. George Henry was a guard on the English Railways. He had an Uncle who was a stone mason in Canada according to his descendant, Albert Edward Weedman born 27 Feb. 1903 in Mt Morgan, Queensland, Australia. This is the only family which spells its' name WEEDMAN in all of Australia.

So there is a possibility that there are English Weedmans somewhere in this world, and we may learn more about them such as were there Germans living in England who may at one time have been Widman's but the name got spelled Weedman as it has here because it sounds like Weedman.

Anyone planning a trip to England or Germany? Bring back some news or addresses to us from there, will you, regarding Weedmans or Widmans.

#### TAKING THE GIRLS ON A COON HUNT (about 1910)

Told by William Deward Weedman in his own words to Ed Weedman, who shares this with us:

Some of us young fellows used to hang out on the loafers' benches in front of the General Store in Brandenburg on Saturday nights. Since this was the nearest thing we had to a drug store, some of the girls used to come down there, too.

A couple of fellows, great hunters, used to tell us how much fun it was to go coon hunting. Two of the girls, (one of them the daughter of the County Judge) and her friend began deviling the fellows to take them coon hunting.

This went on for some time and by and by the idea took hold that it might be fun to take the girls along on a hunt. One Saturday night a bunch of us fellows quickly gathered up the necessary guns, lanterns and dogs; picked up the girls, and away we went.

We were in the woods awhile before we heard the dogs baying up ahead, and ran to catch up to them. We fellows immediately knew what it was when we saw the dogs hanging back so we also stood way back. The two great coon hunters who were with the two girls presently came up, and although the fellows too knew what it was, being used to the consequences pursuant to the gathering of pelts, and thinking only of the "fun", told the girls to hurry up before the "coon" got away. Taking the girls by the arms they led them right in on top of the SKUNK !!!

Things were mighty confused there for a time what with the girls crying and carrying on. Both were supposed to be in Sunday School the next morning and the judge's daughter was supposed to teach a class!

Gradually the culprits began to realize the magnitude of their error, as the two girls, mad and still crying, headed for home, so they tried to comfort and console them as they followed them back into town.

For awhile, the fellows made themselves scarce around Brandenburg, but knowing that sooner or later we would have to face the Judge, some of us who were not too deeply involved, began drifting back to the loafers' bench.

Sure enough, pretty soon here comes the Judge with fire in his eye. "If you boys ever pull a trick like that again I'm going to lock you up and throw away the key" he thundered. Then he lost his composure and began laughing until tears ran down his cheeks. Finally he stopped laughing and repeated "If you ever pull a trick like that again, I'm going to lock you up and throw away the key - unless you first invite me to come along".

In remarks "I'm sorry I can't remember the names of the parties involved as it'd be more interesting if I could!" Well we got a big kick out of this story and I'm sure you all are laughing now



Would you mothers trust this man to take your daughter on a coon hunt? This man is none other than William Leward Weedman himself.!!!

Now it is about the end of the page, and we want to wish you all the best. Hope that 1987 brings you a lot of happiness and joy. Someone asked me if I'd let them know when their dues or subscription is up, and I'm informing you all now that you're all paid up through 1987.

Some of you who haven't written or haven't written in years we'd like to hear from you. Your hobbies, news and so forth. Again, I'm sending Gena's address so those of you who have not ordered a book may write her. Mrs. George Theiss, 8417 Burlingame, Louisville, KY 40219. Have a safe and sane holiday season!!

Love to all,

MONTY, MARIANNE, NICK, SARA, et al.