

Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

It's March already and what a lovely spring we are having here in Tacoma, WA.!!

Congratulations are in order to Gena Lee Theiss for her fantastic accomplishment in making our dream come true. Gena Lee has published CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1735-1986. A hardcover blue book with gold lettering, it is a dream we can hold in our hands. I still get teary-eyed whenever I hold this book and leaf through its pages. Thanks to Nick Weedman, and all the others who have encouraged Gena Lee as she stayed up into the night typing. Thanks to George, her ever-lovin' hubby who was so helpful in so very many ways, together they made a terrific team as both strove to let all else go in order to make the publisher's deadline. They were under terrific pressure but their work is something we can all cherish as long as we live. And our children, grandchildren, etc. will cherish this book as it is handed down from one generation to another. And to you out there who have contributed your family's generalogical and family stories to the Newsletter and to Gena Lee. She wove your family information into the whole picture. Thanks for the pictures, too, by the way.

So now we have had two national reunions, and a book published. I'm not trying to brag, but I am awfully proud of the WEEDMAN family. Brent and Blair Weedman will host the 1988 National Reunion. We will be telling you more about this as time goes by.

This Newsletter will be short because of the included Index for 1986.

DEATHS Lillian May Weedman passed away June 24, 1986 in Shawnee, OK She was the wife of Jacob tarence ("Jack") Weedman JACOB's line. He passed away in 1972. They were married May 25, 1925. She will be missed by her survivors who are: daughter Mary Alyce Hall, wife of Duane Hall, son J. T. Weedman Jr., & wife, Charlotte, five grandchildren, Diana Hall Alvarez, Martha Hall Worthen, Krista Weedman, Jayna Oakley, Bart Weedman, and four great grandchildren: Kaylene & Guy Alvarez, and Shawn, Cheri and Jimmy Worthen.

Jessie D. Davison Bowman, 98, of Orlando, FL died Nov. 23, 1986. She was born Oct, 10, 1888 in Perry County, IN the daughter of Joseph Philomen and Mary Etta (Weedman) Davison. Survivors are: daughter Betty Jane, three grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, sisters Hettie Haines, of Louisville, KY and Forest E. Miller of Magnet, Indiana. Burial was in Orlando, FL. Right here it must be stated that her father's middle name here is given as Philomen, and other sources gave it as Spilman. Which is it, Forrest? And can you tell us about Betty Janes family? This is WILLIAM WEEDMAN's line.

BIRTHS: Nick's daughter, Melissa will have some news for us in June's Newsletter.

GENEVA WEEDMAN GROHLER, page 137 in our Weedman family book, lives in Kankakee, IL, wife of Willard, who doesn't mind taking her to the cemeteries in the area where there are likely to be Weedmans buried. She has sent pictures of those buried at Camp Ground Cemetery just outside Farmer City, IL. We will publish the list in a future Newsletter. Geneva likes the color blue, her favorite food is fried chicken, and she loves to cook. She collects cookbooks and bells. Her favorite past time is watching TV and reading. She's a Lutheran, and enjoys all music except rock. She wonders if we Weedmans would ever consider publishing a cookbook? Well, any comments???

Geneva loves writing letters, and although new at tracing the family tree she is enthusiastic about it. She is from WILLIAM's line and would welcome letters from any of the cousins. You all can't see this color photo of her, as it'll be black and white to you, but she's pretty and fair, with lovely strawberry blonde hair. Willard took her and Chestina Stewart to Farmer

City where they copied the Weedman stones at the Camp Ground Cemetery and took pictures of many of them. We have some spares, so let me know if you would like to know if someone of your ancestors is buried there, and would you like a picture of the stone? If you live in the area, you might contact Gen and let her know of other cemeteries in the area she and Chestina can visit. Gen tells us that her hubby, Will is much better, for which we are thankful.

It's that time again, folks, when we would like to take a survey of who does and does NOT want to continue receiving the Newsletter. A postcard will do. Please help us with this. AT this time we are not asking for money; we just want to know what our expenses will be for the year as postage is going up to .25¢ and we have to budget. We don't want to send it to any who don't read it nor want it. Please let us know.

Pamphlets containing single branches of the Weedman family and any additions and corrections may be Gena Lee's next project for us. These would supplement the information in the book, as well as be available for any who may not be able to afford the book. This is in the thinking process now, and nothing definite has been established.

Be planning for the '88 reunion. Let Blair know what you like and don't like in the way of reunions. Lots of people commented they liked the cooler month of June in preference to July or August, however others may not be able to make a June date. We need to know who wants what. Write Blair, so he can establish a file folder NOW. His address: Blair Weedman Rt. 3, Box 241 E, Gallatin, TN 37066. Include any thoughts you might have on the subject.

Let us know your news, thanks to those who have written. If in the past 3 months you don't have to do the survey, but those who haven't written since Sept., please let us know if you still want the Newsletter. Thanks.

*Love,
Monty, Marianne,
Sara, & Nick*



GENEVA at Weedman Church, Weedman, IL

Weedman Newsletter

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Hello Cousins!

Here's hoping you are all well and enjoying another lovely summer.

Congratulations are in order to Captain Thomas Carty who, on June 21 will marry lovely Sara Leslie Weedman, daughter of H. Nick and Merrie Carol (Kendrick) Weedman. Tom is in the Marine Corps. They will make their home in Mission Viejo, and for those of you who wish to send a card to this happy pair, their address after June 21 will be: Capt. & Mrs. Thomas Carty, 24576 Zena Ct., Mission Viejo, CA 92691. She and Melissa will be getting out the Newsletter. I am sure Melissa will have a hand in it, and so we might just call it a family affair. Nick will be "home" in mid June, and he may be doing this one. Anyway, Nick's family all wish their Weedman cousins a happy summer..... and a safe one. By the way, Tom's people are from the Carolinas. Know any Carty's in either of the Carolinas? I believe it's North Carolina.....

Melissa and Chris Achtien are at home at 21522 Sitio Verano, El Toro, CA 92630. Should any more donations be sent, if you would send those for the Newsletter to Melissa, she'll know what to do with them.

This may be a bit late, but it's still good news!! Harold and Edna Weedman from Edmonds, Washington, (Illinois lines) inform us that their son Carey and wife, Mary Pat are the proud parents of a darling girl, Andrea Lauren Weedman. She was born April 12, 1986. Congratulations to grandpa, grandma parents and relatives of little Andrea.

Congratulations, too, to parents Gregory Johnson and Sandra Olson at the birth of their son Jason Eugene Johnson born 8 March 1986 in Newport, WASH. Grandparents Bertil & Charlotte (Ackerman) Johnson, great grandparents Albert and Vida Koepnick Ackerman (Nicholas' line) This news comes from Doris Kizer, 695 E. patriot, #35, Reno, NV.89511. Doris is the contact person for Nicholas' line. She has done a tremendously thorough and as complete as possible work of keeping tabs on the Ackerman descendants of David and Mary Ann (Weedman) Ackerman. Thanks a million, Doris!

We have also some sad news. Kathryn (Weedman) Brooks Cook has lost her husband, Owen Cook. He passed away Feb. 15, 1987. Owen was a son of Perry and Nancy (Farris) Cook. His people were from around Sweden, KY. Owen is at rest at the Viall-Layman Cemetery at Milbrook, Greyson Co., KY. We met Katy once years ago while visiting Alton & Lena Weedman at Caneyville. She is a lovely person. I only hope you all can meet her if, by chance, she could attend the National reunion next year. She is caring for her mother, Lena Weedman. Lena loves company, so you all who live close enough to drop by, call on her. Write Katy at R # 2, Box 237, Caneyville, KY 42721. I wish we were

close by. You know, Lena, Alton, Sherman, Dorthene, Gena Lee and George Theiss were our first contacts in beginning the Weedman Newsletter. Alton would write about the news at his house and both he, and Dorthene (Mudd) Weedman would fill us in on who attended the annual reunions of the descendants of James H. & Mary Elizabeth (Carter) Weedman. They all gave us help and encouragement all along the way, and Gena Lee & George made many contacts by phone and visits with Kentucky area Weedmans. (Monty's family were those who left Ky. and moved to Perry County, Ind.) So we really got a lot of help from those first Ky. contacts. Thank you all!!

Got a wonderful letter from Sharon Bryden. She's from JOHN's line. So good to hear from her again. She asks if anyone out there is researching Mary Catherine Carter Weedman's line. Mary C. Carter's mother's name was Millie Johnson. Is she the same Millie Johnson found in the 1850 Boone Co. KY census as a 2 year old, in the family of John J. Johnson? This Millie was born in 1847/8 had a sister b. 1841 and brother b. 1843. Sis named Elizabeth and brother named Robert. Her mother named Elizabeth, age 26 in 1850 and John J., the daddy, age 35 in 1850 they were born in Indiana, but living in Boone co., KY in 1850. Were they the Johnson family who were parents of Millie Johnson Carter, Mary Catherine's mother? Sharon's address is: Sharon Bryden RR 8, Box 114, Springfield, IL 62707.

Melvin Weedman of Louisville, KY writes to let us know of the death of his son, Kenneth Weedman. Kenneth was the son of Melvin and Irene M. (Jergens) Weedman born 6 Feb. 1950 in Dayton, Ohio. He married Dee _____ and they had three children: Ken, Mathew and Ramly. He died 27 April 1987 in Longmont, Colorado. We extend belated sympathies to the whole family. We remember Melvin, daughter, Virginia and family at last years' reunion, and they were such a happy family. It grieves us to see this sadness come into their lives, but of course, it happens to us all sooner or later.

A nice card from Roy L. Weedman, Nashville, TN. Always glad to hear from him. He suggests we have a set subscription (if you would use that word) price for the Newsletter that would take care of the upcoming postage charge. We will put it under advisement and let you all know in the December's Newsletter.

Jesse & Jerri Weedman of Joshua Tree, CA (JACOB's line) write and tell us that they took a trip back to Fairfield, Illinois and had a wonderful time. We are glad to hear that, Jesse & Jerri. Now promise yourselves a trip to Nashville, TN next year and meet more cousins. We can guarantee you'll have a grand time, and we'd all like to meet you and see your Weedman family photo album. Good for you, Jerri!!

Some have enquired about the book CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS by Gena Lee. She says there are about 8 copies left. So if you want one, write Mrs. George Theiss, 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219. The cost including shipping is \$39.95. We are constantly taking our copy down from its honored position in our bookcase and going for some information about one of the families. We contacted a R. Weedman in our city who we didn't have a clue as to who he was. When he said his name was Reuben, we found him in the book and he was shocked speechless when we identified his line.

He was so shocked that it'll take him a few days to hit "earth" again and fill us in on the latest of his family news. ILLINOIS line.

Nice note from cousin Elizabeth Zinke. She is special. Wish you all could meet her. We don't hear from her often, but others do, and they tell us of her goodness. We love to hear this kind of news. She has moved to Fallbrook, CA now. DANIEL's line.

Mareda and Jewell Wright, who have been with us since Gena Lee contacted them in 1968 sent us a letter. They are going to Montana, or I'd better say, they were going to see about contacting some Weedmans in Montana. Did you find them, Mareda? JOHN's line.

Ed Weedman, whom you all met at the reunion sent us another story which will be included in this newsletter. Remember, send us your stories, too, let's give Ed some competition. Ha! I guess it's time Roy sent us another excerpt from HEAR THE TRAINS BLOW.

How far is Henderson, Nev. from Reno? We heard from Bob Weedman in Henderson. Good to hear from him. He says he has a story or two about his grand-dad's mining days. Common, Bob.....put it down and send it to us. We all want to hear about your grand-dad. Bob was raised or rather sent back to Kansas by his dad to help his granddad out. He had this opportunity to hear lots of stories from him this way. All his granddad's people are buried at Good Land, Kansas. This would be Frederick William Weedman. This man was a son of George Weedman, b. 1864, who was a son of John Weedman, 1831, son of DANIEL Weedman. So common, Bob, get crackin' & we'll let all the cousins share in the memories you send us. Our address is on the bottom of the first page of this newsletter.

Heard from George and Polly Weedman of Rapid City. They'll be interested in the Campground Cemetery listings for Weedmans in this issue. George and Polly will be celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary in Rapid City. A number of kinfolk will be there, and George, we want to hear all about it. Promise to send us the scoop?? This letter made me sit up and take notice. George is descended from Jeremiah Weedman. Jeremiah, born 1823 died 1856 IS buried there. There is a DAR marker at his grave stating he served in the Revolutionary War! (But that's another story). Good to hear from you, George! George & Polly went to Florida and visited his cousins at Ft. Myers. He tells us that his uncle Ona, (his father's brother) homesteaded with his dad in Perkins Co., S.D. and they lived just across the Moreau River from each other. George, when the gang gets together, why not add a few hours talking about Grandpa William and his dad, Jeremiah. William, I believe, was born in 1851, but I don't have the scoop right here as I write this. We all wish you and Polly a very happy 50th. ILLINOIS line.

Frieda Davison & Pat Van Dyke (WILLIAM's line) send us greetings. Frieda gets the Newsletter and shares the news with Pat. When Frieda saw our question in the January issue about the middle name of Joseph P. Davison, she told us it is/was Philemon. She says he was named for his grandfather Philemon Davison, born 6 June 1785. Joseph married Mary Etta Weedman. We had said, if you remember, that Joseph's middle name was given to us as Spillman. It turns out that Joe's father, David Davison lived in a now disappeared town of Skillman. (Would this be Indiana or Kentucky, Frieda?) Frieda is a daughter of Walter Ray Davison. I'll bet Frieda has a joke or two for us, and I'll see if she'll let us pass them on. You know, the Davison family really had a sense of humor. Forrest Miller was a Davison, and she was a source of

many laughs and happy memories for Monty and myself. Frieda is a librarian at the Health Sciences Library at Columbia University (New York) and working toward her Ph.D. She states that she had always heard that Greenberry Weedman was raised in Greyson County and had also lived in Dyer, TN. Frieda's address is Apt. 105, 423 W. 120th St., New York, NY 10027.

In the DECEMBER, 1986 Newsletter I had asked the question....does anyone know who Walter Weedman is who lives in Alaska? Harold and Edna Weedman from Edmonds, WA told us that Walter is a son of Wilfred and Bertha (____?) Weedman. Wilfred and Bertha divorced and she went to Alaska with the children. Walter is one of them. Walter may never know he has caring kin down here. Wonder how we could get in touch with him. Anyone have any phone books from Alaska?

For years we had wondered how the Cashmere, WA line of ILLINOIS Weedmans fit into the picture. We now know, thanks to Harold and Edna. They are descendants of Carey Sylvester, through Florella. And there was a brother, too, but we're learning. Florella's would not have the surname of Weedman, but more of Carey's family descendants live in that area.

Harold and Edna celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary Dec. 27, 1986. They also inform us they have a new granddaughter, which I told you about on page one. Only I said her name was Andrea Lauren, and it should read Andrea Cristin. Don't ask me how I got that mixed up. I can't answer you.

I'm running over my space devoted to mail, and although I have heard from others, I'll hope to share these in the Sept. Newsletter. I owe you letters, and I'll get to them, but you know me..... my job is answering mail for Myra Vanderpool Gormley, syndicated columnist for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate, and when I finish a day's work, it's hard for me to sit down and write some more. Please be patient, I love you all dearly and value your letters and input. Don't give up on me! And thanks to all of you who sent donations to the cause. We have had the policy that people would be free to send in stories, genealogy or money, and some of you have sent all three... and we have only asked for a token \$1.00 plus 4 stamps to cover costs because we have never expected to make a profit. Gena Lee feels the same way about her book. It was a pleasure and a work of love she did for all of us, and George did his share, too (her ever-lovin' hubby). She will just make costs well almost..... Anyway, she and all of us who bring you the book and newsletter are in it for love of the WEEDMAN FAMILY.

Remember, should there be any additions, corrections or deletions to the book, send these to Gena Lee. Her address is 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219.

Ed Weedman of Louisville, actually James Ed Weedman (STEPHEN's line) is always coming up with a story from the past to entertain us, and this is no exception. He calls it: YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT, and dates it at about 1910.

"My father, William Deward (Will) Weedman told me of this story himself. I'll try to relate it as nearly as possible in his own words." Ed begins. 'It was the custom for us country people to dress up on Sunday when we went into town, so one Sunday morning I put on my suit and went into town (Brandenburg). The general store was closed of course on Sunday, but needing a pair of socks and knowing the proprietor, I prevailed upon him to let me in the side door and sell me a pair. I put the socks into my pocket and forgot about them.

After spending the day around town with friends, some of us young fellows decided to go to church that evening, primarily because that's where the girls could be found on Sunday. We proceeded to the Baptist church on top of the hill, on Leavenworth Road.

The sermon brought the preacher toward his usual fiery conclusion. The weather outside was raw, and most of the congregation had the sniffles. I was no exception, and presently felt the need to blow my nose. People around me began to snicker and soon the whole congregation, almost, was trying to keep from laughing out loud. I looked at the Preacher, who had stopped in the middle of his invitation. He could not control himself and began laughing too.

Then I saw the cause of it all..... I had been wiping my nose on the socks that I had purchased on the Sabbath Day!!"

Now wouldn't you all have liked to have been there? I'll bet Will couldn't recollect what the sermon was about that night.

Chestina Stewart and Geneva Groehler and husband, went out to the Campground cemetery and copied the stones. They also took pictures of Weedman stones which were still standing. I have a set and will lend the negatives of the disk film to any who are Illinois Weedman line who would like a set for themselves. Write me and ask for it. (Marianne Montgomery).

CAMPGROUND CEMETERY

(only Weedmans will be listed here)

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| ✓ Weedman, Rachel, wife of J.
d. Mar. 19, 1854, aged 57 yrs.
"In 58th Year" | ✓ Weedman, Inf. dau of J. & M.A.
d. Dec. 1, 1853 |
| ✓ John
d. Mar. 12, 1868
"In 72nd Year" | ✓ Weedman, Ira M.
son of I & R. E.
d. Sept. 28, 1857 |
| ✓ Weedman, Lusinda
dau of J. H. & R.
date covered | ✓ Weedman, Ruth E.
wife of Isaiah
d. Sept. 18, 1860
Aged 26 years 22 days. |
| ✓ Weedman, M. L.
1854-1910 | ✓ Weedman, Isaiah consort of Ruth E.
Fell in Battle at Holly Springs, Miss.
Mustered into Co. F. 2nd Reg III Vol.
Cav. at Camp Butler Aug. 12, 1861"
d. Dec. 20, 1862 |
| ✓ Weedman, Ella wife of M. L.
1855-1929 | ✓ Weedman, Ted G. 1882-1942
Louise 1887-1965 |
| ✓ Weedman, Lenora C.
dau of J. & M.A.
d. Oct. 24, 1857
Aged 1 yr. 1 mo. 13 da. | ✓ Weedman, Mary M. 1843-1933 |
| ✓ Weedman, Lyman A.
son of J. & M.A.
d. Nov. 30, 1855
Aged. 11 mo. 3 da. | ✓ Weedman, T.S.
Q.M. Sgt. Co. F. 2nd. Reg III Cav.
(no dates) |

Campground Cemetery (Cont'd.)

Weedman, William A.
Son of G.T. & M.E.
d. Mar. 20, 186_.
Aged 1 yr. 6 mos. 10 da.

Weedman, Ivy E.
Dau of A. & D.
✓ d. Aug. 29, 1863
aged 10 mo. 15 da.

Weedman, Norman A.
✓ d. Jan. 24, 1869
In 23rd year
Co. I 39th Regt. III Vol.

✓ Weedman, John - Feb. 3, 1828 - Jul. 30, 1885
Mary A. Sep. 22, 1834 - May 5, 1890
Cassius M.C. - Aug. 12, 1860 - Jan. 30, 1910
John Sherman - Dec. 15, 1867 - Feb. 17, 1908

✓ Weedman, Jeremiah
died 28 Jan. 1856
32 yrs. 3 mos. 3 days.

✓ Weedman, Lutitia
wife of John B.
d. Sep. 29, 1856

✓ Weedman, Zadoc C.
July 9, 1836 - Dec. 11, 1887

✓ Weedman, Rebecca D.
Wife of Zadoc ^{5 May 1909}
Jan 4, 1836 - ~~Dec. 11, 1887~~

WRONG

The list I copied these from was more complete than the one the "girls" had copied. This likely is due to the fact this one was done about 12 years ago by the local genealogical society ladies - Doris Patterson being one of them. Chestina and Geneva got nearly all of these but several were either missing or overlooked. They furnished me with this list, however, and I want to thank them. Chestina also received from Dean W. Scarbrough, probably the sexton, (?) the listings for City Cemetery and Maple Grove Cemetery. They'll be published next time. Trigg & Calvert Funeral Home gave the a few additional names. We'll get them in next time, too.

Ed sent us the news clipping about Dee Brown's new book CONSPIRACY OF KNAVES (Holt Pub. 392 pp. \$17.95). Order it from your local bookseller. This novel is historical, and deals with intrigue relating to the Civil War. You'll not be able to put it down, I guarantee, and like his other novels, it's exciting from cover to cover. Dee is the husband of Sally Stroud, who is a granddaughter of William A. Stroud who married Sarah A. Weedman, according to Monty's files. (WILLIAM's line).

We'll close for now, wishing all of you a good summer. I'm sure you will all join Monty and I in wishing Nick and family a joyous time together later this month (June). Also we all want to thank Nick and Sara and Melissa for their work in keeping the Newsletter coming regularly to us all. After I prepare it, I send it down to Nick's, and they take over from there. It'll be either Sara or Melissa. Note the address on your Newsletter this month.

We'll have news about the Reunion next year in the September Newsletter, so watch for it. Thank you, Blair & Jenny.

Till September, we all sign off with love.....

Monty, Marianne,

Weedman Newsletter

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September 1987

Dear Cousins,

I've got a lot to give you this time, so we'll get into it without further adoo.

First the news: Both Lucille and Bob Jaeger and Roy and Luetta Weedman made trips back to the old Weedman homeplace in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. We received pictures taken by both parties. They did not go together, but the two couples didn't miss each other by much. Both couples reported the scenic beauty of that area and the pictures prove it. There have been a few changes, but the map we published about June 1984 served them well as they set out to find the old home of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman. The pictures are in color, and I tried to get them to xerox, but you can't tell much by the results so I'll do some more experimenting, and perhaps have them in the December Newsletter. Both couples enjoyed their trips immensely. I'm giving you a revised map of the area as it is today. Compare it with the one published in the book on Christian Weedman Descendants, page 19. We want to thank Roy and Luetta, Bob and Lucille for the pictures and accounts of the trips they made.

George and Polly (Olive Ann) Westaby Weedman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 25, 1987 at the Fairway Hills Party House, Rapid City, S.D. Many well wishers attended and wished George and Polly many more years of wedded bliss. George and Polly are such a cheery happy couple and surely you 'd never guess they were old enough to have been married 50 years, but 1937 was indeed their happy year. And the following years have been mighty good to them. Join me in saluting George and Polly by wishing them health and happiness for years ahead.

I too was away this summer; to Ireland where I visited (probably the last time) many of my cousins (County Tyrone). The living is cheaper and quieter there. Of course I left my heart in Dungannon town (instead of San Francisco!).

Ron Weedman and family who hosted the 1986 Weedman Reunion at Falls of Rough, Ky., have moved to Tell City, IN. (at least they were planning to last April. Need to hear from you, Ron and Linda. Anyway, you Tell City and surrounding area cousins, drop in at Cochenour Chrysler-Plymouth, corner of Main and Tell Sts. Tell City and see Ron. And if you're in the market for a new car, why not go Plymouth? We LOVE our Plymouth!!

Got some good and some sad news to relate. Blair and Jean (Higdon) Weedman, Gallatin, Tenn., are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Krista Lynn Weedman, born June 20, 1987. (JOHN's line). Congratulations Blair and Jeanie.

Blair and Jeanie, Brent and Marilyn Weedman will be our hosts for the 1988 Weedman Reunion. See last page for their open letter and invitation to you all (us'uns) to make Nashville our 1988 vacation-land. And let's all consider it seriously. If we start saving now, we will have a grand time next summer. You know, in Europe everyone saves all year long for their summer vacation, and then they splurge and have a wonderful time. So let's do it! Blair & Jeanie's address is: Blair & Jeanie Weedman, Rt. 3, Box 241 E, Bayview Drive, Gallatin, TN 37066.

Jarred Scott Stewart, baby son of Robert Estel and Lydia (Odell) Stewart was born in Louisville, KY July 1, 1987. Little Jarred's great grandma was Mertie Weedman Stewart, JOHN's line. Here's wishing baby Jarred, proud parents, grandparents and kin a happy family circle. Our best to you all.

We lost Stella (Weedman) Barber, 83, on July 13, 1987. She was a daughter of John Weedman and Mary E. (Sturgeon) Weedman. She married Earl Gilbert Barber in 1919. He passed on in 1964. She died in Sarasota, Florida, but was laid to rest in Kankakee, IL where she had lived for many years. Geneva Grohler and Mildred Stephens, daughters of Stella, plus many grand and great grandchildren and a host of friends are left to mourn her passing. Stella was of WILLIAM's line.

John Harvey Weedman, 77, died on July 23, 1987. Born in Balltown Breckinridge Co., KY, he was a son of William Robert Heston and Mary Elizabeth (Weedman) Weedman, he married Alice Mildred Woodburn 24 June 1936. They had four children who survive: William Burl, John Robert, Beryl Susan Poteat, Jerome Martin. We have all met Beryl through her write up a few years ago in the Newsletter, and she attended the 1984 Weedman Reunion. We extend to Beryl and the family our deepest sympathy. Beryl is a double Weedman. Edna Mae (Weedman) Rimini was John's sister, and she, too, must suffer his passing. Many of you have met Edna at the past two reunions. We all offer the survivors our love at this time of loss. JOHN's line.

Thanks, everybody, for the letters. I'm getting them answered as time permits. I plan on total retirement as of Dec. 31 this year. But for now it's "nose to the grindstone".

Got nice letters from Geneva and from Chestina Stewart. Chestina hasn't been too well this summer, but has a good outlook and says she's somewhat better. Geneva's hubby Will has had by-pass surgery and so she and Chestina haven't been able to do any more cemetery copying, but we still have more of their work to put into the next newsletter. For now, you just rest, Willie, and take it easy. Geneva spoke of tomatoes and cukes. The tomatoes taste so good in Illinois. Wish I could eat just one. Like candy to me. Out here, sorry to say, they just don't have that meaty good taste and quality. They seem more seedy and watery. We had an unusually hot summer this year, however, and our tomatoes are sweeter than they ever have been in the past.

We got a letter from Nick and he says the wedding - Sara's to Thomas Carty went off beautifully. Congratulations, Sara and Tom!

For those of you who would like to write to Sara, her address is:
Mrs. Thomas Carty, 24576 Zena Ct., Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

We'd like to hear more about the wedding, or see a picture. A black & white would photocopy well for all to see. How about it, Sara and Tom?

Sara is continuing to do the newsletter. It was thought for a while that Melissa would take it over, but Sara is still able to do it. If you have any change of addresses or donations please send them to Sara at the above address. You are all paid up now anyway, for 1987, and let's say a standard fee of \$1.00 and 4 postage stamps is your dues due Jan. 1st. So many of you have asked me to set a fee and a time to pay up, so there it is.

A letter from Gena Lee Theiss states that she is making additions, corrections and up-dates on the 2nd edition of the book CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS. The first edition has sold out, and as there is still demand for it, a second printing is scheduled for 1 Sept. 1988.

Send in any changes to Gena Lee Theiss, 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY. The revised edition will be \$35.00 (pre-publication price) if you order before Sept. 1, 1988. After that date it will go for \$45.00. Although publication is set for 1 Sept., the binding, distribution etc. will make the actual distribution date December, 1988.

If you wish to order a copy now, and you live in KY, add 5% sales tax, please.

The following is a list of the Weedmans (Illinois line) buried in Maple Grove Cemetery near Farmer City, Illinois.

Gertrude C (Miller) Weedman	1889-1979	
Ward Creel Weedman Sr.	1892-1964	
Amos Weedman	1883-1968	
Marguerite Weedman (nee Stone)	1893-1976	
Amos Weedman	May 12, 1826 - May 11, 1900	
Mary J. (McCord) Weedman	May 25, 1830 - Sept 7, 1909	wife of Amos
Frank Weedman	20 Feb. 1876 - 27 Dec. 1964	
Martha (Howard) Weedman	Apr. 1877 - 3 Nov. 1950	wife of Frank
Smith Y. Weedman	15 Apr. 1855 - 1 Feb. 1926	
Charlotte T. (Thorn) Weedman	20 Feb. 1859 - Aug. 22, 1928	wife of Smith Y
Judson S. Weedman	31 May 1889 - 10 Oct. 1918	
(Pvt. on Transport Coronia; died in WW I.)		
Ann D. (Gillespie) Weedman	25 June 1851 - Aug. 1, 1926	wife of Phillip
Phillip Weedman	17 Feb. 1844 - 21 Aug. 1902	
Wallace Leonard Weedman	1880 - 1948	
Estella (Krepps) Weedman	1878-1951	wife of Wallace L.
William Rucker Weedman	Sept. 28, 1848 - 12 Jan. 1906	
Sarah C. (Page) Weedman	1853 - 1931	wife of Wm. R.
S. K. Weedman	1879 - 1930	
Mable Jean Weedman	d. 1915 - d. 1 yr. 4 mo. 16 da. (1914)	
Lawrence Weedman	d. 1915 - aged 39 yrs. 2 mos. 9 da.	
Eliza Weedman	d. March 4, 1934 aged 56.	

Maple Grove Cemetery, Farmer City, IL (cont'd.)

Lucy Weedman, d/o Geo. & Cath. d. Feb. 4, 1861 2 yr. 6 mos. 2 da.
 George Weedman d. Aug. 7, 1893 - 69 years 5 mos. 9 da.
 Cathrine (Danner) Weedman d. 9 Sep. 1911 84 yrs. 20 days.

City Cemetery, Farmer City, IL

Grace C. Weedman	1870-1945
Andrew S. Norris	1822-1889
Mary Ann(Weedman) Norris	1820-1888
Jacob Weedman	1798-1829
Catherine (Bishop) Weedman	1796-1889 wife of Jacob
Laura Melissa(Weedman) Phillips	d. 2 Feb. 1966 age 77 d/o Wm R.
Chester V. Phillips	d. Oct. 14 1966 80 yrs. of age.
Esther I. Weedman	d. 25 Dec. 1985 age 73 d/o Wallace L.

JESSE WEEDMAN'S BIBLE RECORD

This Bible record was sent to us, a xeroxed copy of the original Bible, by Mary Alice (Weedman) Hall, a descendant of his.

Births

Jesse Weedman Sep 21, 1855
 Mary Weedman Nov. 6, 1857
 Charley Weedman Dec. 10, 1881
 Samuel Weedman Dec. 20, 1879
 John Weedman April 28, 1884
 Rebecca Weedman May 13, 1886
 Andrew Weedman Jan 27, 1888
 James Weedman Feb. 7, 1891
 Freeman Weedman July 25, 1893
 Jacob Tarence Weedman Apr. 11, 1896
 Lillie Weedman Apr. 6, 1897

Deaths

Charles Weedman Feb 1883
 Samuel Weedman March 31, 1883
 Rebecca Weedman Jan. 15, 1889
 John Weedman Nov. 20, 1907
 Jesse Weedman Feb. 13, 1908
 Mary Weedman Oct. 20, 1910

This is it for September. If I have left out any news that you have sent me, will you write it again? Sometimes Monty and I glitch and the line of communication gets garbled.

Coming up next month, more details on some of the things mentioned in this newsletter. More about the Jaegers' and Roy & Louetta's trip back East.

The last three pages are a revised map of the old home territory, a letter from Marilyn & Brent, Jeanie & Blair, and a letter from Stardust Tours, Inc. with a list of their offerings as to tours, etc. You don't have to decide now. It's just for your information. We'll have our own doings on those days, and we'll co-ordinate with Blair and Brent as to what free time we'll have. Then we'll know more how to schedule our tours. Or, you can wait till you get there and go on your own. If Stardust does it for us, we'll have to let them know by June 15, so I'll get the June Newsletter out late in May. More as we go along.

Love,

Monty, Marianne, Melissa, & Sara

Marilyn Weedman
246 Rivermont Circle
Gallatin, Tn. 37066

§WEEDMAN REUNION 1988

The date for the 1988 Reunion is July 1-3 at the Marriot Hotel on Elm Hill Pike in Nashville, Tn.

We will have a "get together" on Friday nite from 6:30 to 8:30. On Saturday we will have a buffet from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. On Sunday, we will say our good-byes.

On Saturday, there are a lot of great things to do in Music City. Opryland is only about a mile away. The tickets to Opryland are good for three days, so you can enjoy it a little each day instead of trying to do everything in one day. EXHAUSTING, unless you are twelve. You will also be hearing from a tour company that will send you a questionnaire. Please fill this out and send it back to them if there is anything in particular you want to see. The tour company will custom-design a tour for our Weedman Reunion. They will send a bus to the hotel to pick you up -- this means not having to deal with our Nashville traffic.

I am enclosing the name of a travel agent who has agreed to work with our reunion. Just call him if you need a rental car, airline tickets or if you do not choose to stay at the Marriot. He will provide you with reservations at a less expensive hotel. This means you only have to make one call. His name is Don Rebman of HIT Travel. His number is 615-822-3790 or 615-822-3791.

We are pleased to have lined up the Marriott for this event. They have been great to work with us. The cost for the Saturday buffet is as follows:

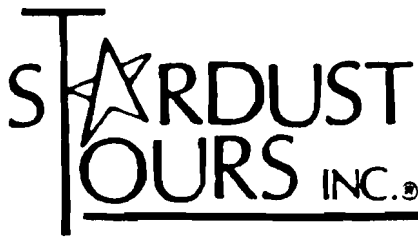
\$25.00 per adult
\$12.50 for children 4-10
Under 4 years of age are free

The rates for the rooms are \$68.00 per night for double occupancy. We are guaranteed that this will not increase by more than 5%. We will be sending you this letter with a reservation card for you to return to the Marriott. These cards must be returned to the hotel by June 10, 1988. All rooms will be held on a guaranteed basis. Please send only the money for the banquet to us. The address is:

Brent and Marilyn Weedman
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Gallatin, Tn. 37066

HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU SOON

Marilyn and Brent
Jeannie and Blair



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You will receive a confirmation in the mail. Payment for any requested tours must be received by June 15, 1988.

We are looking forward to helping your family group have a very memorable visit in Nashville!

Sincerely,

Stardust Tours, Inc.

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ADDRESS: _____

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NUMBER OF PERSONS IN PARTY: _____ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

- ☐ Music City Tour, Saturday, July 2, 1988 (9:00 am)
Pick-up at Marriott 8:30 am - \$13.00
- ☐ Twitty City Tour, Saturday, July 2, 1988 (9:00 am)
Pick-up at Marriott 8:30 am - \$13.00
- ☐ Music City Nite Life Tour, Saturday, July 2, 1988 (7:30 pm)
Pick-up at Marriott 7:00 pm - \$47.50
- Music City Tour, Sunday, July 3, 1988 (9:00 am ☐ 1:30 pm ☐)
Pick-up at Marriott 8:30 am or 1:00 pm - \$13.00
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Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

Here's hoping you all have a Merry Christmas and happy New Year!

This greeting will come a bit late because as I go to press, I learn that Sara and Tom Carty are going to Australia to visit her parents Nick and Merrie Carol Weedman. They will be back to the USA January 13. So you all will probably get this newsletter about the 25th. We have to allow time for Sara to get over jet lag, and get her Christmas cards read. So please join me in wishing Nick and all his family the best for '88!

There are some changes of address I want to tell you about. Doris Kizer (NICHOLAS' line) and Al, her hubby, are living in Sparks, NV now. Address: Mr. & Mrs. Al Kizer, 501 El Rancho #117, Sparks, NV 89431. They have purchased a nice big mobile home there. I know Sparks is close to Reno, but a lot more open space and it's undoubtedly more quiet and peaceful.

Doris sends us word that Dorothy Tiller, (NICHOLAS' line also) passed away Aug. 29, 1987, and is buried in Pawnee City, Neb. Dorothy was born Feb. 4, 1919, the daughter of Hubert and Evalena (Dickinson) Tiller of Douglas, NEB. Dorothy was a school teacher in the Lincoln area of Neb. for many years and we featured her in the Sept. 1985 Newsletter, page 14.

News has also come that Reberta May (Weedman) Dickenson, wife of Archie G. Dickenson has passed away as well. These dear cousins were receiving the Newsletter, and it breaks our hearts to take them off the mailing list. We will surely miss them both. Reberta, so full of pep and a wonderful sense of humor was featured with her hubby, Al in our Dec. 1978 Newsletter. Read about her there. She was of DANIEL's line, daughter of Roy Willis and Florene (Blackmon) Weedman. She was born in the Dalles, OR and is buried in Portland, OR. We will join with the family in their grief for Reberta, and with Dorothy Tiller's family for her loss.

Thank all of you who sent Christmas greetings and those WONDERFUL Christmas letters. While I've said this, may I state that I LOVE those Christmas form letters that many of us get each year. It's wonderful to get them. Much thought and preparation goes in to making up one of those and people who write them are choosy in sending them out. I'm so proud we have been on the receiving end of a few of them. It's the way to go. C'mon! Let's see more of them in '88. I'll eat that, too, and take a page from the books of those who send them. BRAG!! Go ahead..... we love you. We CARE about you and yours. We are so proud with you when you can BRAG!!! And thanks, too, for sharing the sad news, the glad news,

any kind of news at all. Got a lovely three page one from Freida Davison. We ate every word of it.

Thanks, too, folks for sending your dues and contributions for 1988. It is still only \$1.00 and 4 stamps. Looks like the postage isn't going up as of 1 January. I didn't hear any more about it, but it WILL go up and costs for reproduction are uncertain, too as 1988 promises to be a year in which inflation could take off.

Got a lovely letter from Philip Bateman (ILLINOIS branch) and he shared some pages from the Farmer City, IL Sesquicentennial book. I don't know yet if I can share them with you, but if I could, I'd do it, and I want to get permission first. In the meantime, you who live in that area may be able to tell us if there are any more copies available. We have ILLINOIS branch Weedmans receiving the Newsletter from many states who may not have known about this book and who would love to have a copy. BATEMAN is an Irish name. When in Ireland I saw it constantly, but in America, I'd never seen it till we became acquainted with Philip. Then I'd see it fairly often in the States as well as Ireland. BATEMANs are from County Cork.

I retired from work 31 December. So the past month has been rush rush for me. I have worked off and on for the past 40 years but won't do it any more. I was 60 on Dec. 23rd, and I read this book LIFE BEGINS AT 60. I've had a wonderful life, but it has been a very busy one, and I honestly look forward to waking up of a morning and not having any plans for the day. Even when I went to Ireland, there was work to do; digging for the roots of clients. Interesting, but sometimes frustrating, too. Genealogical records in Ireland are hard to come by before 1845. I plan on writing my own family's history. I've been working on it for 25 years and have most of the lines or rather, branches of my family tree researched, but one never has it all. The thing is to do what you have, and add more later if needful.

Cousins, meet Miss² Hila B. Church, ILLINOIS branch, Her line is: Chirstian¹, George², John Jesse Sr.³
Hila Bernadean. Minnie Fern married Maximilian Ebenezer Church and wouldn't it be fascinating to trace his genealogy as well?!
Hila B. Church, 4134 E. 31st St., #406, Tulsa, OK. 74135. We are grateful to her cousin Ward Weedman for getting us together.

Ron Weedman is so very special to us. You remember, Ron and Linda hosted the 1986 Weedman Reunion in Falls of Rough, KY. We met his wonderful family and now we realize that Ron really had his hands full with the reunion, and with plans to pull up roots in Ky and move to Ind. and we do appreciate you and Linda, Ron, for giving us such a wonderful time in spite of the obvious other duties and plans you were trying to take care of also. Ron is doing great in Tell City now and the family have moved there and Linda is going to graduate school, Steve and Kechia are in school there and of course Ron is with Cochenour Chrysler, Tell City. We are sure glad we bought a Chrysler product. We have had our station wagon since 1974 and it has given us no problems to speak of.

On September 23 of 1987, we lost another dear one. James Augustus Wickman, beloved husband of Christine (Hardin) Wickman, passed away in Sequim, WA. Jim had been in poor health for the past few years. He was born in Coldwater, Michigan. He was 82. He and Christine have raised three children; Elizabeth Ann, Marjorie Jean and James Allen. They will surely find it hard to get through this holiday season, as will the others herein mentioned. Please don't leave them out of your prayers. They were a close-knit family. Jim and Christine would have had their 57th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27th. Christine is of JACOM's line.

Got a letter from Shirley Weedman, wife of Jeff Weedman. They have moved to 5808 Nolensville Rd., Lot 46, Nashville, TN 37211. Jeff is of JOHN's line. They are mighty close to the Reunion site, and we hope to meet them in '88. Shirley tells me of recent changes in the family.

Ron, their son, and 1st. wife, Kathie Hovis Weedman agreed to a divorce, and his 2nd wife is Joyce (Williams) Weedman. Ron and Joyce were married in 1987. Shirley mentions that son Jeff David Weedman and wife, Tina have a little girl Laura Alene Weedman, born Aug. 22, 1984. This isn't a new baby, but Shirley wants to bring us up to date on the family. Thanks so much, Shirley. Jeff and Tina live in Nashville, too, so we hope to meet them come summer.

George Weedman, of Rapid City, S.Dak. writes. REmember I had hoped we'd hear from him? Well George didn't let us down. He and Polly celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and it was like a family reunion, with his five sisters there; cousins, neices and nephews quite a gathering!! They were joined by over 300 well wishing friends from Rapid City and other parts of S.D. and neighboring states. George and Polly sent us a picture (2) of themselves with a lovely floral peice made up of one flower from each garden of local attendees. They each brought one flower, and the bouquet is lovely and honest, it'd bring tears to your eyes to see this as it represents the friendships that George and Polly have made there. What a lovely way to express friendship and well wishes!! George and Polly look radiant. You just couldn't feature 50 years why, you might get the idea they were married as babes!! Thanks, George and Polly for sharing this with us. By the way, they were married 25 July 1937 in S. Dak.

George suggests a reunion in Illinois. Well, George, be there in Nashville and suggest it. The one who volunteers to host the next reunion has the say as to where it will be held. That is how the site has been selected in the past. We all liked the Falls of Rough area as it was no problem parking, and right in the middle of Weedman territory. We have a number of families in the Tennessee area and some in Illinois, too, and all have a chance to decide. Say.... would the WEEDMAN Church be situated where a crowd could be entertained nearby? Think it over, you Illinois cousins, and see what you can come up with. Maybe we could put Weedman, Illinois back on the map!!! 000ooooops, I believe it IS still on the map.

Getting back to Hila Church's letter..... she brings out a common occurance her ancestress, Matilda Jane is called "Jenny".

In our records of her family we had Jenny as the name for Matilda Jane. This is how it was given to us. We are grateful to Hila for correcting this for us. Also, she states that her grandfather, Zadock S. Weedman was called "Dick" and went by that name, and we had that in our records too, and so we were thankful that instead of calling him Richard S. Weedman, we learned that this "Richard S. Weedman" was the same as Zadock S. Weedman. We had a similar situation with Homer W. Weedman (DANIEL's Line) He married Sarah Jane Little, and the family always called her Jenny. So there you are. Whenever we see Jenny in a name or Jennie, we need to ask if that is the correct baptismal name or if it is knickname for another name. Also, Hila states, that Matilda Jane was a ROMINE not Romaine as we had it. Please, cousins, don't hesitate to point out our errors in any name you see mentioned here or in the book Gena Lee has written, as she is making corrections now, and when the 2nd edition comes out, we can't come back to her and point out errors unless she knows about them and has had the chance to correct them NOW before the book goes to press. Each one is responsible to get corrected information into Gena Lee by May 1st, please. Her address: Gena Lee Theiss, 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219. Put orders in for the second edition at the same time and thus save the price of a stamp. Several of you have ordered already, and this is a reminder to the rest of you to put your orders in. See the September Newsletter for details.

Sharon (Seitz) Herke writes that her daughter and son-in-law, Kimberly and John Anthony Ritchie have a new baby, Oct. 4, 1987. He is Blake Anthony Ritchie. Their first boy, Brandon, was 18 months old when Blake came along, so the two little fellows will grow up together. Congratulations, Sharon and Bob, and Kim and Tony. Now I just did it again! I called John Brandon "Brandon". Nothing wrong with that, except I forgot to say his first name is John for the record. Just like his dad, John Anthony is called Tony. Fine, but we need to tell Gena Lee so she'll have the baptismal name for the records.

I hope to get Hila's permission to publish her WEEDMAN FAMILY as it is well done and for many of you who might like to write up a short history, and yet get the necessary in, I think this is a good example. Due to the Christmas extra load, I hadn't the opportunity to write Hila. We hope to have this as our feature for the March Newsletter.

Has anyone checked in on Melvin Weedman, 1378 S. 3rd. Apt. 1, Louisville, KY lately? All's so quiet on that branch of the family tree. Melvin wasn't feeling so pert last summer, and Melvin, please write and let us know the latest on all your children. If you don't feel up to it, get Bill of Virginia to fill us in. Thanks. We care about you, Melvin, and how're your ankles? They were giving you some trouble last summer. Hope all is well.

Diane Hall and Carl & Bernice Oran wrote those wonderful Christmas letters, too (as did Sharon Herke,) and that's one way we get news. Mark Alan Oran was born December 29, 1986 in Austin, Texas. (JOHN's line) He is the son of Alan and Diane (Murphy) Cox Oran. Alan was born on Christmas day, too, (1951). Wonder how he likes being a Christmas baby. Wonder if he ever got gypped out of a real birthday party? How about this, Carl and Bernice? Their family is scattered as ours are: Peggy (Oran) Thompson - Eugene, OR., Carol (Oran) Huffman, - Bellevue, NE., Lt.Col. Gary Oran - Gaithersburg, MD, Alan Oran, Austin Texas, and 2nd Lt. Curt Oran - Kearney Neb. and at the U. of NEB.

Now I did promise more on the Jaegers' trip back East, and Roy and Luetta's trip, but details have not arrived, and it's my fault. I didn't write to them and ask them to write up a page or two for use in the Newsletter. And, what with the holidays, I imagine they had other priorities, so I'm sending along the addresses of these wonderful cousins, and if you are planning a trip back East to Pennsylvania, and the old Weedman homestead, by all means, go to our ROOTS and see for yourself how lovely the lie of the land is that our WEEDMAN ancestors looked out upon. Even pictures of the area give me goose-bumps just to picture them living in that area 200 years ago!!

So many of you are related to the branch of the JOHN Weedman family on the back page, I thought I'd show you pictures of your ancestors, courtesy of Beryl Poteat. In 1988 we will feature more on the Illinois branch, and of course we will always have a little about the other lines too. We will try to get 4 pages front and back on the newsletters. Postage is to go up to 25¢ March 4, I hear. So we really want to give you all we can for one stamp.

Remember July 1 - 3 for the Reunion in Nashville. (REview Sept. Newsletter to remind yourselves again of the details. Write Marilyn and Jeanie for more details. You have Marilyn & Brent's address. Below are Jeanie & Blairs, and the folks who went back east.

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Gallatin, TN 37066

Roy and Louetta Weedman
2708 Barclay Dr.
Nashville, TN 37206

Lucille Jaeger
11886 Barranca Rd.
Camarillo, CA 93010

Is the spelling LOUetta or LUetta?

I have another story for you from Ed. Since the March Newsletter contains the index for 1987, it'll be a short Newsletter, as usual, but come June, I hope to get Ed's story in.

Take care and please keep us informed as to how you are. Sorry for the delay, but I'm sure you will all understand why you're getting your December Newsletter late, and you'll be happy that Sara and Tom got this chance to get to see Australia. Wonder if Sara got an opal or two. I love opals, and especially the rarer kind - the black opals. They remind me of the aurora borealis or "Northern Lights" we see in the sky of a hot summer evening.

God bless you all in this coming New Year!

Loads of Love to all,

Monty, Marianne, Sara & all helpers.

I apologize for the printing. The machine was not working properly and it was cheaper to pay for stamps than for professional printing.

Hope you all had a nice Christmas Australia was wonderful.

Sara



TOP: (L. to R.) 4 generations:
Harvey Willis, Mary Elizabeth, John
Harvey & William Burt Weedman.
BOTTOM: Sarah Jane "Dink" Weedman
James Oscar Weedman married cou-
sins.

TOP: (Standing) Edna Mae, JOHN
Harvey Weedman, (sitting) Mary
Elizabeth & William Robert
Heston Weedman. Edna Mae is
now Edna Rimini, whom many
of you have met at the reunions
Bottom: Harvey Willis Weedman,
Sarah A (Hazelwood) Weedman,
holding Rhoda Ann Hammond
Gyda, & MRS. Hammond.