

# Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

It is March 1st, and here we are again, facing another spring. We can be so grateful that the recent war has come to a conclusion and hopefully our military forces will soon be returned to the US soil. We want to take this opportunity to thank any of our Weedman kin who have been deployed in the Middle East or who in other ways and places have done their part. We all join in saluting you for a good job done well. Monty's brother, James Russell Montgomery (deceased) has two grandsons in Saudi, and of course they would be my nephews. I have heard no word from them in the past month, but I kept sending letters, hoping they would be able to deliver them. The boys are James Russell Nelson and Garnett Andrew Nelson, Jim is in the Marines and Andy in the Army. Please send me the names of your loved ones serving, and we will have a list for the June Newsletter.

It is with deep sorrow that I have to tell you about the two deaths in our family of Weedman cousins. Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Myers Bretherick whom many of us met and became fond of at several of the Reunions, and Chestina Stewart, who few of you have known, but I want to tell you, she was a jewel. A very unique person. She always had her eye out for any WEEDMAN news items in the Tell City and Canelton papers. She was very conscientious and wanted to do her part, as she put it, for the Newsletter. I wish more of you could have met her.

To the families of Wiona Ruth and Chestina, we add our sorrow to theirs own.

Please let us know if you hear of any of the other cousins in distress or deceased, needing prayer or any news of any sort. This is YOUR newsletter and we need your input.

## Mrs. W. Bretherick

Mrs. Wiona Weedman Myers Bretherick, 91 Briarwood, Marion, died this morning at her home.

Roller-Citizens Funeral Home is in charge of services.

Mrs. Bretherick, 72, wife of Raymond V. Bretherick and widow of Leon Parvin Myers, was born in Memphis and lived all of her life in Marion. A retired employee of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, she was a member of Marion United Methodist Church, the Ford Turner Sunday School Class, the Lee Etta Martin Circle of the United Methodist Women and the Crittenden County Historical Society.

Besides her husband she leaves a daughter, Betty Myers Yahn of Aurora, Colo.; a son, Lee Weedman Myers of Marion and three grandchildren.

The family requests that any memorials be made to Marion United Methodist Church or the charity of the donor's choice.

EVENING TIMES, WEST MEMPHIS, ARK.  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1991

## Chestina Stewart

Chestina T. Stewart, 79, of Rantoul died at 12:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, 1991, at Covenant Medical Center, Urbana.

Private funeral arrangements will be set at a later date. Lux Memorial Chapel, Rantoul, is in charge.

Mrs. Stewart was born Oct. 25, 1911, at Perry County, Ind., a daughter of Otis and Nancy Jackson Taylor.

She is survived by a son, Dallas Landers of Patterson, Mo.; a daughter, Pearl Wilson of Fisher; seven grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Stewart spent most of her life in the Paxton, Mahomet, Champaign and Rantoul areas. She was a member of the Mahomet Christian Church prior to moving to Rantoul a year ago. She then became a member of the North Maplewood Christian Church, Rantoul.

← STIMMENS Line

DANIEL's Line

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The news item below will be of interest to all who met Linda Weedman, Ron Weedman's wife who we all met at the 1986 National Reunion. She worked with him to make an enjoyable and memorable occasion for all attending. As you know, Ron passed away suddenly September of 1988. Many have asked about Linda and the family. You will be happy to read the news item here, and reading between the lines, we can see that she is going on with her teaching, and seemingly coping as best as one can, with two growing children and one of them going into the "terrible teen" years. Of course the teen years don't have to be terrible, and most teens are ones we can be proud of, but all are active and full of life and so we know that Linda has a lot to look forward to every day.



LINDA WEEDMAN

Age: 43, Tell City.  
 Teaches: Home economics  
 at Tell City Junior High.  
 Education: Graduate of  
 Western Kentucky University in  
 Bowling Green, Ky.

Family: Widow of Ron Weedman. Two children, Kechia, 12, and Steven, 8.

Experiences: Taught home economics at Ohio County High School in Beaver Dam, Ky. Employed at Tell City Junior High School by the Dubels-Spencer-Perry Exceptional Children's Cooperative as a teacher's aide in the classroom for the severely handicapped students, and taught the severely and moderately handicapped.

Activities: Worked with the academic bowl team in the "pillows and cookies" category, member of the First Baptist Church in Tell City and director of the Baptist Evening Fellowship.

Why I wanted to be a teacher: "I suppose I chose it because of my high school home economics teacher, who was a very close friend of the family. She was someone very special, and someone that had a positive attitude. I wanted to follow in her footsteps."

I got a computer for Christmas. Nick has put the entire Weedman family on computer, composing three full diskettes, and he sent me a copy. I will install it (rather, have it installed in my computer as soon as I search out the right person for this important installation job. I have an IBM compatible, and a PAF2.2 genealogy program. I am now entering all of my family data in this program. Genalee has a Commodore. Nick has an IBM or compatible. Neil Munch has one too...what kind, Neil? How about others? If you have been thinking of getting one, but a little apprehensive, go to a computer owning friend, and ask him/her to give you some advice. Then take Radio Shack's free(?) course in getting acquainted with computers. Learn all you can from the tutorial lessons at your library's computers. You will be happy you had the knowledge and a little computerese when you get your computer. It was a surprise to me, and I wasn't prepared, so it's taking me a bit longer, but I'll make it. I honestly enjoy it, and only wish I'd had one years ago!!

Thanks dear cousins for the Christmas cards, notes and contributions. We are adding more of the Social Security Weedman data, and also the Library of Congress listing for WEEDMAN, thanks to Nick.

Robert Nathaniel Ritchie was born 16 Oct 1990 to Tony and Kim (Herke) Ritchie. He weighed 9 lbs. 8½ oz. Congratulations, Kim and Tony. Proud grandparents are Bob and Sharon (Seitz) Herke. Sharon has attended every reunion, and is known by many of you. She, Diane Hall and Helen and Bill Gregg hail from Evansville, Ind. Little Robert has two brothers. JOHN's line. And little "BOB" will have to get acquainted with the cat "Bonz" Bob and Sharon sent one of those delightful Christmas letters, and I was glad to receive the family news. Thanks for the others, and the notes on the cards. Heywood Weedman, DANIEL's line, is poorly, and I'm

John's line

sure he and the family would be grateful if you'd all remember him and DeDe in your prayers as they cope with Heywood's illness.

Janet Sikkenga's new address: 1514 Milton, Saginaw, MI 48602-5216. (Walters/Weedman line). Kathryn Cook brought us up to date on her family (JOHN's line) and we will add the new names in June. I want to get some additional data from Kate first. Keep the news coming. Let me know of your concerns and anything you wish to see in the Newsletter.

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Weedman Social Security Death Register

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ST	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Res	ZIP 1	Comment/Identity
MD	WEEDMAN	GEORGE	03/10/1919	08/00/1969		00000	?
KY	WEEDMAN	GEORGE	04/07/1909	09/00/1958		00000	George Winfred s/o John Cabel B. Weedman
MI	WEEDMAN	GEORGE	09/20/1900	12/00/1989		47616	George W. s/o James H. Weedman
CA	WEEDMAN	GERALD	08/14/1918	01/00/1958		00000	Gerald Exavier s/o James Fleming Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	GERALDINE	07/07/1915	10/00/1989		62301	? (possibly w/o John Weedman b. 3 Jul 1915)
IL	WEEDMAN	GERTRUDE	11/09/1889	07/00/1979	IL	61842	Miller w/o Ward Creel Weedman
IA	WEEDMAN	GLENDYN	08/08/1916	02/00/1985	IA	50595	d/o Fred Ellsworth Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	GORDON	10/09/1911	05/00/1968		00000	Gordon Lowell s/o Lonzo Weedman
OH	WEEDMAN	GUS	10/31/1897	04/00/1987	WA	98022	Gus Clinton s/o Harvey Shinn Weedman
OR	WEEDMAN	GUY	04/10/1901	08/00/1972	OR	97065	Guy Philip s/o Homer Willis Weedman
WA	WEEDMAN	HAROLD	05/21/1919	09/00/1984	WA	98569	Harold Riley s/o Carey Sylvester Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	HAROLD	06/22/1905	11/00/1979	IN	46012	?
KY	WEEDMAN	HAROLD	07/27/1909	01/00/1965	IN	47714	?
KY	WEEDMAN	HARROLL	08/03/1924	12/00/1975		00000	Harroll Claude s/o Claude Weedman
RR	WEEDMAN	HARVEY	01/19/1892	05/00/1975	TX	75040	Harvey Alonzo s/o Harvey Shinn Weedman
MI	WEEDMAN	HARVEY	02/10/1902	12/00/1975	IN	47633	?
IA	WEEDMAN	HARVEY	03/04/1910	03/00/1975	IA	50595	Harvey Lee s/o Charles Desmond Weedman, Sr.
MN	WEEDMAN	HATTIE	10/24/1896	08/00/1972	MN	56224	w/o Loran Bruff Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	HAZEL	04/19/1895	11/00/1968	IN	47633	?
AZ	WEEDMAN	HELEN	03/03/1899	02/00/1974	AZ	85363	Frisby w/o Henry Stanley Weedman
MT	WEEDMAN	HENRY	07/29/1880	02/00/1970	AZ	85363	Henry Stanley, Sr. s/o Allen Fleming Weedman
KS	WEEDMAN	HERSCHEL	02/01/1919	02/00/1970	CA	92105	Herschel Ray s/o Andrew Garfield Weedman
NE	WEEDMAN	HUBERT	04/11/1915	11/00/1972	NE	69101	James Hubert s/o James Fleming Weedman
AR	WEEDMAN	INZA	12/08/1898	03/21/1990		72207	Shelby w/o Mark Dominic Weedman, Jr.
IN	WEEDMAN	IRA	09/29/1885	11/00/1977	IN	46805	?
WA	WEEDMAN	IRENE	09/19/1912	08/00/1977		98632	Gourde. w/o Harry Raphael Weedman
CA	WEEDMAN	IRVEN	08/01/1907	05/00/1986	IN	47710	Irven Franklin s/o James Edward Weedman
OK	WEEDMAN	JACOB	04/11/1896	07/00/1972	OK	74801	Jacob Tarance, Sr. s/o Jesse H. S. Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	JAKE	07/31/1930	05/00/1978		00000	Jake H., Sr. s/o Hal Dean Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	JAMES	01/28/1919	02/00/1973	IN	47520	James Herbert s/o Herbert Weedman
CA	WEEDMAN	JAMES	02/08/1878	10/00/1966	KY	42345	James Edward s/o William Thomas Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	JAMES	02/18/1915	02/15/1988		62690	James Henry s/o William Thomas Bell Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	JAMES	09/11/1876	12/00/1962	IN	00000	James Oscar s/o James David Weedman
NE	WEEDMAN	JAMES	09/18/1883	02/00/1967	NE	69101	James Fleming s/o Allen Fleming Weedman
MO	WEEDMAN	JAMES	10/09/1926	03/15/1990		85302	James Estel, Sr. s/o Estel Weedman
MI	WEEDMAN	JAMES	10/15/1894	09/00/1969	FL	32769	James Roland s/o James H. Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	JAMES	12/21/1920	05/00/1979		78390	James Franklin s/o James Taylor Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	JEFF	11/17/1891	09/00/1968	KY	40143	Jeff Davison, Sr. s/o James David Weedman
ID	WEEDMAN	JESS	04/29/1897	05/00/1977	IN	46060	Jesse Emmett, Sr. s/o Homer Willis Weedman
MN	WEEDMAN	JESSE	05/20/1897	01/00/1973	MN	56152	Jesse B. s/o Henry Linas Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	JESSIE	05/01/1908	02/00/1986	IL	62821	?
IL	WEEDMAN	JOHN	03/03/1918	08/00/1987	OK	74340	John A. s/o Ward Creel Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	JOHN	05/25/1904	05/00/1971	KY	40229	John Paul s/o James Oscar Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	JOHN	07/03/1915	07/00/1983	IL	62301	?
IA	WEEDMAN	JOHN	07/08/1879	12/00/1968	IA	50599	John William s/o Henry Linas Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	JOHN	08/23/1908	07/00/1986	MI	48043	John Harvey s/o William Robert Heston Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	JOHN	09/30/1907	02/00/1975	IL	62707	John William s/o William Thomas Bell Weedman
OR	WEEDMAN	JOHN	12/18/1898	10/00/1955		00000	John Earl s/o Homer Willis Weedman
OR	WEEDMAN	JON	05/11/1955	02/00/1978		98310	Jon Lee s/o Orville William Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	JOSEPH	01/15/1907	05/00/1980	IN	47598	Joseph J. s/o Ellis Weedman, Sr.
KY	WEEDMAN	JOSEPH	09/13/1889	11/00/1964	KY	00000	Joseph Marion s/o Harvey Willis Weedman
FL	WEEDMAN	JOSEPHINE	09/11/1894	11/00/1981	FL	33731	?

## Library of Congress

## Weedman Entries

On 4 January 1991, a check of the computer system at the Library of Congress revealed the following entries under the Weedman name. Format is name of item, date, author, and Library of Congress call number.

1. "Jesus", 1971, Gary Weedman, LC B52595.5 W38
2. "Philippians -- Thessalonians : Unlocking the Scriptures for you", 1988, Gary Weedman, LC B52705.3 W44
3. "Weedman Newsletter", 1968, not in Library of Congress collection.
4. "Christian Weedman and his descendants, 1735-1986", 1986, Gena Lee Theiss, LC CS71.W3915.
5. "Quasar astronomy", 1986, Daniel W. Weedman, LC QB860.W44.
6. "Electric canning on Hotpoint electric ranges", 1929, Prepared by Home Economics Department, Frances Weedman, Manager, Edison Electric Appliance Department. LC TX603.E44 (Rare Book Collection).
7. "Samuel R. Delany", 1982, Jane Branham Weedman, LC PS3554, E437Z95.
8. "Women worldwalkers: new dimensions of science fiction and fantasy", 1985, edited by Jane B. Weedman, comparative literature symposium, 1983, at Texas Tech University. LC PN3433.6.C66.

Gena Theiss and Gary Weedman are known to subscribers of the Weedman Newsletter but Daniel W. Weedman, Jane Branham Weedman and Frances Weedman are not.

Daniel W. Weedman is likely Daniel Wilson Weedman son of Roy Lee and Louetta (Lutz) Weedman. He was born in 1942.

Identification of Jane Branham Weedman is more difficult. The most likely match from our data base is the daughter of Leon Gerald and Birdlyn (Matterson) Weedman who was born in 1952.

Frances Weedman is even more difficult -- could this be Frances L. Weedman who married Pierre Miles and who was the daughter of Frank Leonard Weedman? There are other Frances Weedmans in our data base but none who are seem to fit.

Can anyone help identify these Weedman family members?  
Please let us know, and addresses if possible. Thanks. Thanks for your help.

*Love to all,  
Marianne, Sara & Nick.*

# Weedman Newsletter

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Dear Cousins,

This is going to be one crazy Newsletter. I am trying for the first time to use my computer to do the Newsletter, but I didn't know how to regulate the printer to leave enough head room for the heading of it. Nick made me enough cover sheets to last through the year, but I'd have to type the first page, and then do the rest on the computer, and I am just not that good at knowing how much space to leave and so forth. So bear with me till I get it all down "pat".

Sara, Nick's daughter married to Tom Carty.....sure you all know her, well she had her baby Lindsey Ann Carty, born 28 April 1991 in Fredricksburg, VA. Both Mother and Baby were doing fine, according to proud Grandpa, Nick and Grandma, Merrie Carol. Now Melissa is expecting, and may have had her baby by now, but as this letter goes to press, I don't have any news for you on that. *Melissa had a girl, Merrie Katelyn on June 7<sup>th</sup>*

Cousin Pearl Weedman, of Webster City, Iowa, a descendent of the Illinois branch, from GEORGE - passed away Feb. 25, 1991 at the Hamilton County Hospital in Webster City. We offer sincere condolences to her survivors; Myrna Hurst and any others who are left to mourn her passing.

Teri Kelley, 518 Washington St., Farmer City, IL 61842 answered our question as to the identity of the Frances Weedman who wrote "Electric Canning on Hotpoint Electric Ranges"; a copy of which is in the Library of Congress, and which I asked for identification on page 4 of March Newsletter. Teri says that indeed, Frances (Weedman) Miles is the author of that work. Frances worked for many years in Chicago for the Edison Company, and she was the widow of Pierre Miles. Frances passed away 1 Jan. 1985, and is buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Farmer City, IL. We want to thank Teri, not just for this information alone, but for the help she has been to descendents of GEORGE, son of Christian Weedman, SR. Teri has been very generous in her offer to help any of these descendents who have connections with the Farmer City area.

Dorthene (Mudd) Weedman, widow of Sherman Weedman of JOHN's line was married July 22, 1990 to Clarence West. Her son, Jerry Weedman, minister, performed the ceremony. Grayson County, KY was the setting for the event. You all remember Dorthene; she had some cool punch for us, when, at the 1986 Reunion, we went to the old homeplace as well as other Weedman area cemeteries, the little store, the old Green River bridge.....was it Green or Caney Creek....bridge? We all remember it, a time of nostalgia. How Ed and Hazel enjoyed refreshing old memories of that area.

George and Polly Weedman (ILLINOIS branch) are back in S. Dak after spending some of the winter in Naples, FL.

Janet Sikkenga's youngest son, Kevin was expecting to see duty in the Gulf. Janet, we hope he is safely home. Let us know. My two nephews in the Gulf are safe and in ordinary duty stations now. Thank you all for your prayers. Janet is from the ILLINOIS Weedman line, also.

Nick Weedman and Gena Lee Theiss have been a great encouragement to me as I struggle to excersize my brain to learn computing. There is so much they DON'T tell you when you take a course in it. And things I learn there on THEIR computers, don't seem to work the same on MINE. But I'm determined to conquer the beast!

Gena Lee has sent you all letters recently, regarding the 1992 reunion. It is NOT too early to plan it. She is wanting your input. Will you bring your children or grandchildren? Neighbors, & theirs? Two locations have been proposed by the majority who have responded: Rough River State Park, and Louisville, both in KY and both very good spots for reunions. Now Rough River is probably a better place if we are going to have our families and we WANT our kids & grandkids to take part and be there if at all possible. Louisville city has recreational facilities for children, too, but that would be something that is better at the 4th of July season than later in the summer, so we are truly considering Rough River State park so that the kids can grow up with happy memories of fun they had there. Then, if any wanted to do Louisville, you can make your plans to spend some time there before or after the reunion. Transportation will be provided from the Louisville Airport to Rough River by others who will be driving down. We will need to let Gena Lee know so that her committee can arrange to pick you up. This will be in August of 1992, but for Rough River, we have to let them know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, and for Louisville, I suppose Jan. of Feb. for lodging would be soon enough. Will have more details in Sept. Be sure to make the two quilt blocks Gena mentioned in her letter. It will be wonderful to see what each one has done. Your name and the date, and the line....like "JOHN" or "DANIEL" in a corner, and any other designs you want to add. Lets get the quilt ready. If you love to make quilt blocks, you may make them for others of your cousins or even if you are not planning to attend the reunion, don't let this stop you from making 2 blocks. One will be for the quilt to be given to some lucky winner at the reunion, and one is for Gena Lee for her work on the WEEDMAN book. She wrote two books for us, and typed every word of the text, and I would like to see her have a quilt for her trouble. It's okay to say it, because once she said she would like a quilt and I said "why not" I'm sure it'll be no harder to make two blocks than one while we're at it. So let's all show our support for these quilt projects and get the blocks made. I'll tell you, in Sept., where to send

them. I'm getting mine started before the summer heat sets in.

George Weedman has joined the Sons of the American Revolution on the service of his 3rd great grandfather, William Haggard, of Albermarle Co., VA. His line goes:

William & Mary Ann (AKEN) HAGGARD

John & Elizabeth (HAGGARD) ANDERSON

William I, & Elizabeth ((DENNY) ANDERSON

Marshall A. & Susan (ANDERSON) DeCAMP

Claude Henry & Mary Ophelia (DeCAMP) WEEDMAN

George.

George sent some Hildreth and Kenney information that he is willing to share with those who may be related and want this information. Please write to me or to George if this information pertains to **your branch** of the family. George and Polly want you to know that if you are planning a trip this summer into the Black Hills of South Dakota, be sure to call on them. Their address: George & Polly Weedman, 3941 Doral Dr., Rapid City, SD 57701. Let them know ahead of time so that they can exchange with you the best times to see the sights in SD, and the best time to drop in for a visit to them. George & Polly haven't been able to arrange their schedule for a National Reunion visit yet, but they do get together with their family for their annual get together and YOU are always welcome to participate in that, and I'm sure they would give you a chance to ring the old bell that called students to the Weedman School in that area long ago.

Another page of the WEEDMAN social security listings is included in this Newsletter. These include WEEDMAN surnames only. We know that there are many many more who are Weedman descendants, but who didn't bear the last name of Weedman. I noted when I looked at the all - U.S. listing of names that Monty's name and information was there, but of course that was listed under MONTGOMERY and we have here just the WEEDMAN surname listing. Nick would advise any who want to see other listings, to go to their nearest LDS Family History Center and let the volunteer staff there show you how to access the lists on their EASY TO OPERATE computer. Don't let it scare you. It's learnable in 2 minutes. They have made it as easy as pie to access. Page 3 of the Weedman listings is included on the last page herewith.

Gena Lee has received several orders for books, and one was from Dr. Ronald M. Moore. He offered us some information on Mary Marshel which he had researched. Mary, you know, was the wife of Christian Weedman, JR. It seems the name was spelled MARSHALL in Virginia where the family originated. We will give more details in the Sept. Newsletter. This is the end of the paper so I'll sign off hoping it turns out okay when I ask the printer to PRINT.

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ST	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Res	ZIP 1	Comment/Identity
MN	WEEDMAN	JOSEPHONE	07/19/1914	09/00/1974	MN	55720	?
IL	WEEDMAN	JOY	08/04/1917	04/00/1987	IL	61821	?
CO	WEEDMAN	KENNETH	02/06/1950	02/00/1987	CO	80620	Kenneth L. s/o Melvin Earl Weedman
TN	WEEDMAN	KINDRED	05/30/1896	02/00/1982	TN	37073	d/o George Washington Weedman
CA	WEEDMAN	LAURA	04/21/1886	12/00/1979	CA	95628	?
IL	WEEDMAN	LAWRENCE	09/04/1901	03/15/1988		61401	?
UT	WEEDMAN	LAWRENCE	12/03/1906	07/00/1972	KS	67669	Lawrence Leroy s/o George Weedman
NE	WEEDMAN	LEFA	03/24/1892	06/00/1973	NE	69101	Kelly. w/o James Fleming Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	LENARD	10/13/1934	07/00/1978		00000	Lenard McC. s/o Jeff Davidson Weedman, Sr.
AR	WEEDMAN	LENORA	02/14/1890	10/00/1977	AR	72366	Owen. w/o Milford Levert Weedman
WA	WEEDMAN	LEON	08/10/1913	01/00/1969		00000	Leon Gerald s/o Leslie Raphael Weedman
WA	WEEDMAN	LEONARD	03/07/1911	01/00/1965		00000	Henry Leonard s/o Carey Sylvester Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	LETHA	07/30/1902	02/00/1984	KY	40157	Whelan. w/o Roy Henry Addison Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	LILLIAN	10/29/1900	06/00/1986	OK	74801	Burrows. w/o Jacob Tarence Weedman, Sr.
AR	WEEDMAN	LLOYD	05/18/1895	03/00/1969	AR	72346	Lloyd Denver s/o James Denver Weedman
MN	WEEDMAN	LOEAM	09/21/1891	05/00/1972	MN	56087	Loran Bruff s/o Henry Linas Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	LUCILLE	12/30/1924	12/00/1979	KY	40143	?
AR	WEEDMAN	LULA	06/19/1878	01/00/1971	AR	72390	? (West Helena AR)
IA	WEEDMAN	LULU	07/14/1889	08/00/1974	IA	50595	Brewer w/o Philip Alfred Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	LUVINA	02/23/1893	03/00/1976	KY	40141	Daugherty. w/o Joseph Marion Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	LYLE	06/11/1902	05/00/1986	FL	33563	Lyle Allen s/o Henry Allen Weedman
RR	WEEDMAN	LYLE	07/01/1929	04/00/1979		00000	?
MO	WEEDMAN	MABLE	12/21/1913	10/28/1989		63876	? (Probably w/o Virgil Leroy Weedman)
IL	WEEDMAN	MAHIE	10/05/1889	05/00/1976	IL	62301	?
MO	WEEDMAN	MARGARET	03/08/1909	08/00/1984	MO	21668	?
IN	WEEDMAN	MARGARET	06/14/1939	03/00/1980	IN	47567	?
IL	WEEDMAN	MARGUERITE	12/03/1893	08/00/1976	IL	61842	Stone w/o Amos Weedman
TX	WEEDMAN	MARION	02/07/1903	08/00/1974	LA	70114	Marion DeCamp, Sr. s/o Claude Henry Weedman
AR	WEEDMAN	MARK	12/25/1903	02/01/1990		72205	Mark Dominic Weedman, Jr.
CA	WEEDMAN	MARTHA	12/12/1877	06/00/1972	CA	91316	?
IL	WEEDMAN	MARY	01/11/1884	05/00/1974	IL	62690	Mary Elizabeth d/o Harvey Willis Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	MARY	01/15/1931	06/00/1975	KY	42301	?
CA	WEEDMAN	MARY	03/08/1922	02/00/1989		92025	?
KS	WEEDMAN	MARY	03/23/1910	08/00/1989		64075	?
IL	WEEDMAN	MARY	05/02/1921	05/00/1989		61571	?
MO	WEEDMAN	MARY	05/20/1903	04/00/1975	MO	64744	?
IL	WEEDMAN	MARY	05/30/1907	09/00/1979	IL	61448	?
MO	WEEDMAN	MARY	07/25/1894	06/00/1977	MO	63127	?
IA	WEEDMAN	MAYNARD	09/23/1913	01/19/1989		50619	Maynard Marion s/o John William Weedman
TX	WEEDMAN	MEARL	06/25/1905	02/00/1975	NC	28075	Mearl Martin s/o Claude Henry Weedman
AR	WEEDMAN	MILFORD	08/12/1897	02/00/1980	AR	72342	Milford Levert s/o James Denver Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	MINNIE	05/11/1894	09/00/1975	IN	47150	Stinson. w/o Ray Weedman
WA	WEEDMAN	MINNIE	11/19/1902	06/27/1988		98444	Myram. w/o Gus Clinton Weedman
OH	WEEDMAN	NELLIE	01/21/1884	01/00/1971	OH	44090	?
AR	WEEDMAN	NORMAN	03/07/1911	10/00/1955		00000	Norman Bernard s/o Norman Benedict Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	OLA	01/20/1885	06/00/1976	KY	42431	Wilson. w/o Fonzo Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	OMER	02/02/1924	04/00/1976	KY	40143	Omer Earl s/o James Taylor Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	OSCAR	05/09/1889	01/00/1968	GA	31021	Oscar David s/o William T. Weedman
OH	WEEDMAN	OTTO	02/26/1884	02/00/1972	OH	44705	Otto S. s/o Smith Y. Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	OTTO	10/23/1898	11/00/1975	IL	61401	Otto Leroy s/o Edward Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	PATRICK	07/15/1922	02/00/1968		00000	?
KY	WEEDMAN	R	02/09/1943	09/00/1988		00000	Ronald Lee s/o Gordon Lowell Weedman

Love to All,

Marianne &amp; Sara



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Hello again, Cousins,

It hardly seems like fall; the summer was late getting to Washington State, and it's still with us. Hope all of you can say the same.

Getting used to my computer has taken a lot of time, and I sometimes wonder if I will ever get organized. I enjoy my computer, and I actually got to read a message on a genealogy bulletin board that was sent to Nick Weedman!! Someone seeking Kendrick kin. So maybe I'll get a note off to Nick next time I'm on line. I'm on a FidoNet set up, so if anyone of you out there wants to send me a genealogy message, send it and I'll answer if I receive it. It has to be about genealogy because it's strictly a genealogy BBS.

Sad news: Gracie (Higdon)Johnson Webb, mother of Gena Lee and Edith, passed away July 17, 1991. She had been poorly for over 18 months, and George and Gena Lee had cared for her in their home for most of that time. Bless her heart, Gracie just wore out. She was born Feb 4, 1898 in Grayson County, and married Clarence H. Johnson. Some years after Mr. Johnson's death, Gracie married Mr. Webb. Monty and I met Gracie first in 1969 on our first trip to Grayson County. We loved her at first sight. She was so friendly and made us feel so at home with her. She is buried in Layman Memorial Cemetery near Caneyville. Besides Gena Lee Theiss and Edith Lawhead, she leaves many grandchildren, great grandchildren, neices, nephews etc. who will miss her bright smile and warm greeting.

Doris(Bruner) Anderson, wife of Joseph F. Anderson, passed away Nov 17, 1990. We just learned recently. We are sorry that we are late with this news. Many of you who knew her well already know about her passing, but it will be new to some of you. She was a daughter of John and Anna May Fenster Bruner. Joe and Doris had two children; Daniel Joe and Kimberly Ann. They had made their home in Louisville, and she is buried there. We offer our belated, but most sincere sympathy to the family circle. Joe Anderson is the son of Jess and the late Pearl (Weedman) Anderson. We met some of the Anderson family at the reunions.

James E. Weedman, son of Estel and Zelma (Sirles) Weedman passed away August 21. He lived in Oregon and is buried there. There are no further details I can pass along except that he was married to Patricia Zuleger, and they had Cathy, James Jr., and Wendy Weedman. The children are married and have families now, so he has many who mourn his passing. Our condolences go out to the family. They, and the others mentioned here are all of JOHN's line.

Jewel and Marenda Wright lost a loved one, and I wrote it down but I can't find it now. Gena Lee told me, but I have been more or less rum-dum with jet lag since I came home from Ireland just a week ago, and you'd all get the men in white coats after me if you knew the dumb crazy things I've done since I got home. I'm not gonna tell you....

Eva (Weedman) Collins, widow of Carson Collins, born April 10, 1910 died in August of this year. She and Carson had one son, Kelbert. Eva was living in Louisville and died there and was buried at Valley Station, just outside Louisville.

Lorene (Davis) Weedman, widow of Claude Weedman passed away **September 6,** 1991, and was buried **Sept. 8** at **Fairview** Cemetery. Lorene was Marenda's mother (I found the paper I wrote it down on). It was a shock, as I was unaware that she had been ill. Besides Marenda, she and Claude were the parents of Wilmer, Harroll and Carroll, Jimmie Birch, Dorothy Lucille, and Jewel Estel Weedman. Again, our hearts go out in sympathy to these who are left to grieve in these families.

In case I've missed other deaths in the family, please advise me as there are so many who care and would want to know. I thank those of you who keep me informed, even if it's late, I want and need to know in order to pass the word on, and to share your loss.

This just makes it appear to me and I'm sure to you all, just how very important it is for all of us to make the most of the opportunities to get together and share our joys and sorrows and to encourage and support one another. And now is as good a time as any to remind you of our next reunion which Gena Lee is getting together the details of. Due to her loss and the grief that comes with loss, Gena Lee was occupied with details we all have to take care of at a time like this, and just as soon as she was able, she went to Rough River Park to make arrangements for the reunion, but it seems that all the rooms in the Lodge are spoken for for next year and she couldn't get two days in a row for the number that will probably be attending, so she asked around for suggestions as to where else she might make arrangements and she was able to get them at Barren River Lake State Park in Hart County which is close to Mammoth Caves and other places of interest, and really, not that far from Grayson County area where our Weedmans were first settled. The dates will be Aug. 28 - 30, 1992. Gena is preparing the details and will be sending you all a notice as soon as she is able to do so, and knowing Gena, it will be soon. You may already have her information.

There is a toll free number you can call to reserve your rooms. They will be \$62.00 per night and you will want two nights for the reunion, and any extra that you may wish to take if you stay over after the reunion, or before. The reservations must be made **BEFORE OCT. 27**. If you are unable to attend you will receive a refund, and I'm not sure if you are to **pay** at the time you make your reservations, or if you are to simply call the Lodge and make them. I rather think they will sign you up when you call and then you can arrange when and how to pay. The toll free number is:  
1-800-325-0057.

They are holding 20 rooms for us. They may have more, of course, but they are holding 20 to see how it goes. This is near Glasgow, KY, It is also near Bowling Green. I never got to see Bowling Green, and I hope I get to see it next summer.

There is a picnic area and nice rooms for the banquet, etc., in the lodge...I'll let Gena Lee tell you the rest, but be sure to call the Lodge before Oct 27. I want to encourage you to really consider making it part of your summer plans. I am calling in my reservation this week-end.

Kathryn Cook writes that they had a reunion at her place on Aug. 4. Her brothers and sisters and their families were all there together, except for two nephews. There were 49 present and a good time was had by all.

I believe I'm correct to state that Neil and Eleanor Munch visited George and Polly Weedman in Rapid City, SD. They all enjoyed the visit very much. George and Polly have been unable to attend a reunion yet but they just might make it next year. And I do want to encourage you all to try. I'd like to see Jerry Weedman and family there. Speaking of Jerry, (son of Sherman and Dorthene (Mudd) Weedman, he's a minister of the gospel now and he had the honor of performing the marriage of his mom, Dorthene, widow of Sherman, to Clarence West, July 22, 1990. Also, Jerry married Alan Weedman, son of Henry and Shirley Weedman, to Melinda Hayse on Sept 8, 1989. They have a son, Terrance, born July 18, 1990. Congratulations all around!

Stephen, son of Elton and Wanda (Farmer) Weedman was married to Jamie Sailing in Louisville, where they are making their home. I don't have any more details, but do want to wish them a long and happy life together.

Billie and Rebecca (Weedman) Lively have a son born Nov 3, 1989. They named him Daniel. Hope they get to go to the reunion next summer. I'd like to meet some of the younger generation as well as those who have been there before.

FLASH!! Hot off the press!! One nights lodging must accompany your reservations. Returnable if unable to attend. A letter just now from Gena Lee, with lovely brochure. You won't want to miss the next National Reunion! Send quilt peices to GENA LEE THEISS 8417 Burlingame Rd. Louisville, KY 40219.

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Becky Lively is the daughter of Howard and Barbara Weedman.

Now about the quilt.... it should be lovely if we can all get together and get our squares done . They should be 12" square. Make two of them and send them to Gena Lee. Even if you can't get to the reunion, get your squares in to Gena and what you put on them will be up to you, but you want to identify from which line you come from; like DANIEL, JOHN, STEPHEN, WILLIAM, GEORGE (Illinois branch) etc...Doris, make yours with NICHOLAS to identify rather than JOHN, since your John would be a son of Christian SR. and the other John, a son of Christian JR. Now that the cooler weather has set in and I've given you the measurements for your squares, let's see them come in. You don't have to stop at two squares: you can send in several. What you embroider on them; your name and birthdate, your family's names, dates, whatever, is up to you. They will each one be a unique treasure. I made mine, but I made them too small, so don't you do that.... make yours 12" square.

Did you get the penned message on your June Newsletter... that Melissa, Nick and Merrie Carol's daughter had a baby girl born June 7th and they named her Merrie Katelyn Achtier.

Kathryn (Weedman) Cook also sent me some cemetery listings that were not included in the list I sent in the March 1991 Newsletter. I believe they were listed as "Vol. 1" and that there is to be another list published after more of the cemeteries have been read, but Kathryn says something very important to know, and that there are unmarked WEEDMAN graves here and there. Here are some that she sent me:

By Hughs or Hues Cemetery

Mertie (Weedman) Stewart 3-30-1895 - 9-29-1977

Charlie Stewart 3-3-1891 - 5-7-1950

Cassie Ellen (Collard) Weedman Higdon 6-14-1840 --3-18-1913

Caney Creek Cemetery Rt. 185

about one mile from Caneyville

Vertie Katherene Weedman Emery 5-20-31 - 12-20-79

I'll finish the rest of what she sent in December. I'm coming near the end of the page, and before I do, I want to acknowledge news from Elizabeth Snodgrass, Parmula Weedman, Ronald Moore (Marshall information!!) and Nick Weedman. There was a lot of news this time on JOHN's family, but it was news that catches us up on his line. Thanks, Kathryn! So we will publish the last page of the Social Security listings, plus an abstract of JAMES MARSHALL's will, and catch you up to date on some of WILLIAMS and NICHOLAS' lines.

LOVE to all,

*Marianne & Sara*

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Hello Cousins,

Sorry I'm late but it couldn't be helped. Hope you are all enjoying a happy holiday season. My warmest wishes for a happy New Year are also included.



**SIKKENG, KEVIN**

The picture you see here is Kevin Sikkenga, who safely returned from the Gulf War and is continuing his studies in his military career. I want to thank everyone who sent me news for the Newsletter, and I'll try to get as much of it in as possible. but I really wish I knew how to program my printer to print graphics and various kinds and sizes of print. I'll be going to some kind of school to learn how, as soon as I can find one available with what I need. All I know is to type as if this were a typewriter. But a computer can do so much more. I just need to get a class lined up.

Some sad news: Heywood Weedman, Sr., husband of Celeste, "DeDe" passed away on 5 Aug. 1991. I had a nice phone visit with DeDe the day I sent the Newsletter off to Sara, so the news is late, but Heywood was ill for some time before passing. He was a devoted husband, father, friend and Christian, and he will be deeply missed by his family circle and friends. Let us remember DeDe in our prayers.

Another notice that came too late for September's newsletter but we're passing it on to you now, is the death of Nellie Irene (Higdon) Thompson, age 64, who died Sep 25, 1991, in Louisville at Sts. Mary & Elizabeth Hospital. She was born in Caneyville and was a daughter of Ronald and Cora (Elder) Higdon. She was Gena Lee's first cousin. We've met her daughter, Linda, at the reunions. Linda married a Weedman. Her children are double Weedmans as Linda's Grandmother was a Weedman. Besides Linda, other children of Nellie are Garvin and Marvin Thompson. Her husband preceded her in death.

**JANUARY 1ST IS THE DEADLINE FOR THOSE 20 ROOMS WE HAVE RESERVED AT THE BARREN RIVER LAKE LODGE.** Get your reservations in as soon as possible. This does NOT mean that if you send them in in Feb. you won't get a room, but the chances are risky that they may all be grabbed up by then. As Gena explained in the letter you all received, if you must cancel your reservation, you can do it a week before the reunion and so you won't lose your money if you don't get to attend, but reserve the room, anyway. Ask for the Sr. discount if that would apply to you. "Nancy" is handling reservations for the WEEDMAN reunion. And don't forget to mail Gena Lee your \$20.00 for the banquet reservations. That is, \$20.00 for any over 10 and if child is under 10 it's free. I hope I have this correct, Gena.

My mom has been in a nursing home for some time, and she's not one of these quiet little ladies. She's up and at 'em and giving the staff a hard time. But there really are some dedicated workers who know just how to handle this sort of person. I can't understand, and if there's a preacher reading this, I ask why does a person have to lose his/her dignity usually in the care of strangers. Someone who's had a good mind has been stripped of her human lovely qualities and been given the status of a beast. Why?

My rent is going up \$112. next year because a mandatory law said they had to put in inside sprinkling systems and electronic hard wire smoke detectors in all apartments in the city. It has caused some big problems. The lower income poeple will be put right out on the street. People like me will be next in line, but since i don't have any bad habits that cost me more than my needs to survive, i will find a place somewhere that there is a roof and a kitchen. The mad dash is on already for apartments that already have the sprinkling syster and those are filled up, but they were already \$600 to rent, and apparently some people don't mind paying \$700.a month. My little old smoke detector works just find, but they have to put in permanent sophisticated ones that are raising my rent sky high, and these inner sprinkling systems will pour water down and ruin anything you might otherwise be able to save, Like, suppose the sprinklers rained down on my computer and wrecked it?

So I'll be looking for a new address, but don't know if I will stay in Tacoma, seek out a small town nearby Andrea, or move out of State to Salt Lake City, but it'll take 6 months of trying to find out.....no car.....no connections, but I have a lot of determination.

WILLIAM's line includes Noble and Betty Snodgrass, and some of you met them at the last reunions. They want to let me know how their children are and I thought I'd pass it along to the rest of you who will want to know.

Here is Bill Snodgrass' family:

Tammy, married to Greg Westcott Mar 7, 1987. They have one son Bradley Westcott b. June 14, 1989.

Deborah Lynn is married to Jeffrey Rasche Sept 16, 1989.

No issue.

Becky still in high school.

Daniel Nathan b. Sept 14, 1986.

Ross William b. Nov 5, 1990. These are Bill's 3 children.

Wayne also a son of Noble and Betty Snodgress. He and Mary have three children:

Amy Jane

Mary Beth

SStephen

Wayne is still at U. of Texas Med School, Chief of Clinic,

pediatrician .

Kathy (Snodgrass) Dearing . Lives in Wisconsin and works for Mortgage Guarantee Insurance Company.

It's real good to every once in awhile catch me up on your families and let me share this with the others, for I have high hopes for our Weedman reunions and our family. Thanks Betty for sharing.

Several Newsletters ago I asked "Does anyone know who Jane Branham Weedman, author, is?" Also Frances Weedman...Terri Kelley settled the identity of Frances Weedman, and now comes Parmula Weedman to identify Jane Branham Weedman. Jane is Martha Jane Branham, and she dropped the "Martha" while in college and from then on. She married Joe Allen Weedman, brother of Parmula. Parmula's long letter catches us up on her kinfolk, and I'll try to get it straight, but Parm, if I don't, please let me know. Sometimes it's hard to pick out relationships in the text of a letter. Well here goes:

First of all, those of you who have a weedman book, turn to page 266 (revised copy). Chester Farmer weedman had a sister, Vivian Mae weedman. He may have had other siblings, however we didn't know of any of them till receiving Parmula's letter. The families now found in censuses are hard to locate. Well, Vivian Mae had married Fay Barker on Sept 27, 1935. (She had her 75th birthday this past "spring" so that would make 1916 her birth year. Children: Gloria, Diane, Tim and Christi. Their families:

Gloria - married Donald Sanders. Don died several years ago in Great Falls Montana. They had

1. Zenathon Edward Sanders ("Ed") single.
2. Donald Theodore ("Ted") married: 2 daughters:
  - a. Katrina
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_?

Diane - Had three children: (Married Mark Venard).

1. Randy Paul: married Tammie \_\_\_\_\_. Later divorced.
2. Carey Jean married & divorced.
3. Mark Jr. married Linda \_\_\_\_\_. They have three children:
  - a. Bethany Ann
  - b. Jake
  - c. Nathan

Tim - married Nikki \_\_\_\_\_. They had 1 son,
 

- a. Timothy Scott ("T.Scott"), single and wants to be an actor. So watch for a TIMOTHY SCOTT BARKER and remember he's a WEEDMAN!

Tim married (2) Pam \_\_\_\_\_ & they live in Cincinnati, OH.

Christi - married Ronald Kunkle and they live in Indiana. They have two children:

1. Rene Lynn single
2. Kelli Michelle single.

Vivian and hubby, Fay Barker celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1985. That same year, Chester Farmer Weedman and wife, Sarah Jane (Gaerte) Weedman celebrated their 50th, also. Sarah Jane died July 26, 1986. She had been ill for several years, but she did enjoy the party. Chester is called "Farm" Weedman, and he's been travelling and recently had some physical heart problems, but coming along pretty well now, and is thinking of travelling more. WE HOPE HE WILL come to the next WEEDMAN REUNION. Parmula, see what you can do to get some of the family to it...okay?

Chester "Farm" and Sara Jane Weedman had three children:

Parmula Kathryn - b. 1938  
Douglas

Joseph Alan b. 1943, married Martha Jane Branham  
and they were the parents of:

1. Katheryn Jane
2. Michelle Janne (called Shelley)

Both girls are single. Shelly has had a rascinating life, even though very young, and maybe she'll whip out her computer and write it out for us. I'll give you a hint: she has worked on excavations (archeology) in Italy and in Africa! And she's interested in genealogy.

Parmula has offered to index the Weedman Newsletters, and I know that will be a help to all of us. Now if we can find someone who will take over my job, I think you'll see a big improvement in the output. There are lots of you out there who could do a better job. My eyesight is fading, and I just must give it up sooner or later. I explained my reason for beginning the Newsletter was to bring this WONDERFUL WEEDMAN family together. The reunions are going strong, and the book has been published, and I'll try to stick it out through 1992. I'll see you all at the reunion, and I think you will agree that with one good eye, and that is 20/60, it just means I'm on my last go round. Not getting any younger, either. Let's all meet at the reunion next summer and talk. I want to meet as many of you as possible.

Ron Moore wrote Gena Lee Theiss and told her he was descended from the same Marshall family that we are: Mary Marshal (Marshall) Her father was James Marshall and her mother, Elizabeth. James died in 1778, having made his will out just before his death. The will was not taken for probate till 1790 and the names of the children were given as:

William

Agness m. Daniel Mauck

Jane m. Henry Barlow



Mary        m. Christian Weedman Jr.  
James       m. Elizabeth Lewis  
Sarah       m. Peter Bloom

Most of the marriages took place in Rockingham Co., VA. Rockingham County, Shenandoah, and Fredericks (Formerly Dunmore Co) were all taken from the area that was once Augusta County, VA. If you are seeking ancestors in one of those counties, you must look in all of them, for the records are scattered. I have been in the process of tracking down this Marshall family but it's a slow process. I need to find where James was before he was in Augusta, because the Augusta records show boring notes about him, but don't have any vital records. Jury duty, etc. boring, boring! But he had to come from Somewhere to get to Augusta County, and I believe he came from Pennsylvania. But as time permits, I'll keep digging into it.

While researching the Marshall family, I came onto the GREEN famiy. You all know how there has been the Willis Green combination name in our family for 200 years. No one has named a baby Willis Green in the last 50 years, but maybe someone will, when they know a little more about the GREEN/WEEDMAN connection. I can tell you now, we're connected through Mary Marshall!

Willis Green, of Waveland, Boyle Co., KY was born in Shenandoah Co., VA. He was a son of Duff Green and wife, Ann Willis, daughter of Col. Harry Willis and Mildred Washington, sister of Gen. George Washington. Willis Green's brother, William Green married a daughter of Markum Marshall (aka Mark Marshall.) I found Mark Marshall in the Mercer Co. KY records years ago while trying to seek Mary's parents, but I didn't then see any connection. Anyway, Willis Green went to Kentucky as a surveyer, prior to the close of the Revolutionary War. This was when Kentucky was still part of Virginia, and so he represented "Jefferson Co. VA" (now KY) in the Assembly, 1781-2, and the Lincoln Co. KY Convention in 1788. (Lincoln Co, at that time included Mercer Co., where Christian Jr. and Mary Marshall were married). W. W. Paxton, who may be the Paxton who wrote The Marshall Genealogy, is also somehow connected with the Greens. Mary K. Marshall married Judge Green (this Mary is not our Mary Marshall). All the Green descendants of Willis Green married into prominent families and were themselves men of note. Of course, this doesn't prove anything. But apparently Willis Green, brother of William Green who married Markham Marshall's daughter, was looked up to and admired by many who knew the Green family. Even in our Spurrier family, we have a Willis Green, a Green, and a William Green Spurrier. These were named before the marriage of Nancy Spurrier to Daniel Weedman in 1820. So as I look into the Marshall family, I'll pick up on any Green connections. This all makes me wonder if our Christian

Weedman didn't leave Fayette then go to the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia, then down to Ky. It would be interesting to know his migration path from Pa. to Ky. Adlai Stevenson, Vice Pres. of the US was married to Letitia Green, descendant of Willis Green. Now those of you who are born researchers, might want to look further into the famous Green family. One of them married a brother of Ninian Edwards, brother in law to Pres. Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd. Ref: History of Shenandoah County, VA by John W. Wayland, Published in 1980 by Regional Publishing Co (no city nor state given for this Co.)

Back to the present. I just learned that we can still call in Room reservations to Barren River Lake Lodge until they are all taken, which probably will be in February, so give yourself this Christmas present, and let's meet Farm Weedman at that reunion. Farm has a motor home and he loves to travel. If any of you would like to write him, please feel free to....he'd love to hear from you....His address

Mr. Chester Weedman  
1203 Roosevelt Dr.  
Noblesville, IN 46060

Let's write and encourage him to attend.

I've received some pictures and clippings of Weedman news and I'm going to try to get them on the last two pages of this Newsletter, but if I don't get all the pictures reduced on the xerox machine to where they'll fit the size of this paper, I'll add the fourth and final page of the WEEDMAN social security death records which have been appearing in the newsletters this year. If I can get the pages reduced to the appropriate size, I'll add the S.S. listings in the March newsletter. Keep sending the news and look for something new. Gena Lee is in contact with some new Weedman families and will try to get the scoop in the March Newsletter. Gena and I keep in touch via the computerized bulletin boards we both use.

So here's wishing everyone a happy holiday season and may we all meet at next year's reunion.. If there are any questions write to Gena Lee as she has all the latest info. I am really looking forward to going and meeting you all there.

Till next time, God willing, we'll all stay in touch via the Newsletter.

Lots of Love to you all,

Marianne, Sara, Nick & families

# Weedmans hold Fourth of July family reunion

The Fourth of July holiday week marked a special occasion for the family of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weedman, longtime Blytheville residents.

More than 40 descendants of the Weedmans, spanning four generations and coming from 10 states, the District of Columbia and Australia, gathered in Blytheville for their first family reunion.

The group included the Weedman's two sons and two daughters and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and spouses, and 13 great-grandchildren. Only one granddaughter was unable to attend. A special guest was George Weedman, Sr. of Three Rivers, Mich., older brother and only surviving sibling of Harry Weedman.

Other guests were relatives in the Weedman, Nichols, Bruce and Kendrick families from Blytheville, Jonesboro, Keiser and Wilson and friends.

Edwin M. Weedman, Sr., eldest son of the Weedmans, hosted the reunion at his home on Willow, with a poolside party and all-day barbeque on July 4. Red T-shirts printed in white with "Weedman Meet 'N' Eat—Blytheville Arkan-

sas—July 4, 1991" from a design by son-in-law Ed Smith, were worn during the day.

Throughout the day a two-hour video, "Do You Remember?" was viewed. It had been created from family album snap shots and home movies taken over the past 35 years.

A special surprise gift was a proclamation from the City of Blytheville saluting Harry and Mary Belle Weedman as residents of Blytheville for more than 60 years and as fine citizens of the community.

"Whereas the Weedman children grew up in Blytheville and attended our public schools and will be returning to their home from distant places, Mayor Joe Gude proclaims the week of July 1 as official Weedman Reunion Week in Blytheville." Framed copies of the proclamation and letter from the mayor were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Weedman.

Harry Weedman has lived in Blytheville since he was nine years old and the couple, who were married in 1928, have lived on Davis Street since 1938. She is the former Mary Belle Nichols.

Mr. Weedman was in the sheet metal business in Blytheville his entire adult life and is active in the Aldersgate Methodist Church and has been a member of Chickasawba Lodge #134 for nearly 60 years.

Another highlight of the day was a presentation on family history by H.N. "Mick" Weedman of Melbourne, Australia, who is the second son of the Weedmans.

A genealogist who has been researching the Weedman and related family trees for more than 20 years, he compiled a book, "Our Ancestry," which traces the family for 11 generations back to 1750. Bound copies of the book, which includes comments on major family lines, heredity statistics, and appendices on related lines, were presented to family members at the reunion. The information is drawn from a computer database with more than 3,500 Weedman family entries.

Menus for the reunion included such family favorites as pecan pie and caramel cake, home-made ice cream and specialties contributed

by family cooks. The group also enjoyed a pancake breakfast with Vermont maple syrup hosted by the Smiths, and began collecting recipes to compile a family cookbook.

Other activities included golfing and volleyball as well as swimming and an afternoon jaunt to the river as well as family card games in the evening.

"It wouldn't feel like a trip to Blytheville without pig sandwiches, going to the levee or playing 'tonk' at Gran-Gran's," commented one of the grandchildren.

Family members attending included Edwin Weedman of Blytheville and his four children and their families: Mack Weedman and children Michael and Tabitha of Mountain Home; Julia Lea Harris and husband Rick and sons Rett, Seth and Tory Warren

of Lilbourn, Ga.; Jerry Messick and daughter Hannah Skiver of Salinas, California; and Jenny Firth, husband Jim and son Tyler of Kirkland, Washington.

Anne Weedman Smith and husband Ed from Maplewood, N.J., and their son Christopher and family including two-year old Mica from Brattleboro, Vt. Their daughter, Megan, was unable to attend as she is participating in a summer program for museum professionals in England.

Nick Weedman and wife, Merrie Carol of Melbourne, Australia, and their daughter Amy, a college student at the University of Melbourne, and other daughters Melissa Achtien, husband Chris and children Lauren, Chris Jr. and baby Merrie Katelyn (who at three weeks was the youngest in attendance); and Sara Carty,

husband Tom and daughters Kendall and Lindsey Anne from Fredericksburg, Va. Mrs. Nick Weedman is the former Merrie Carol Kendrick of Osceola and sister of Mrs. Cullen Dixon of Blytheville.

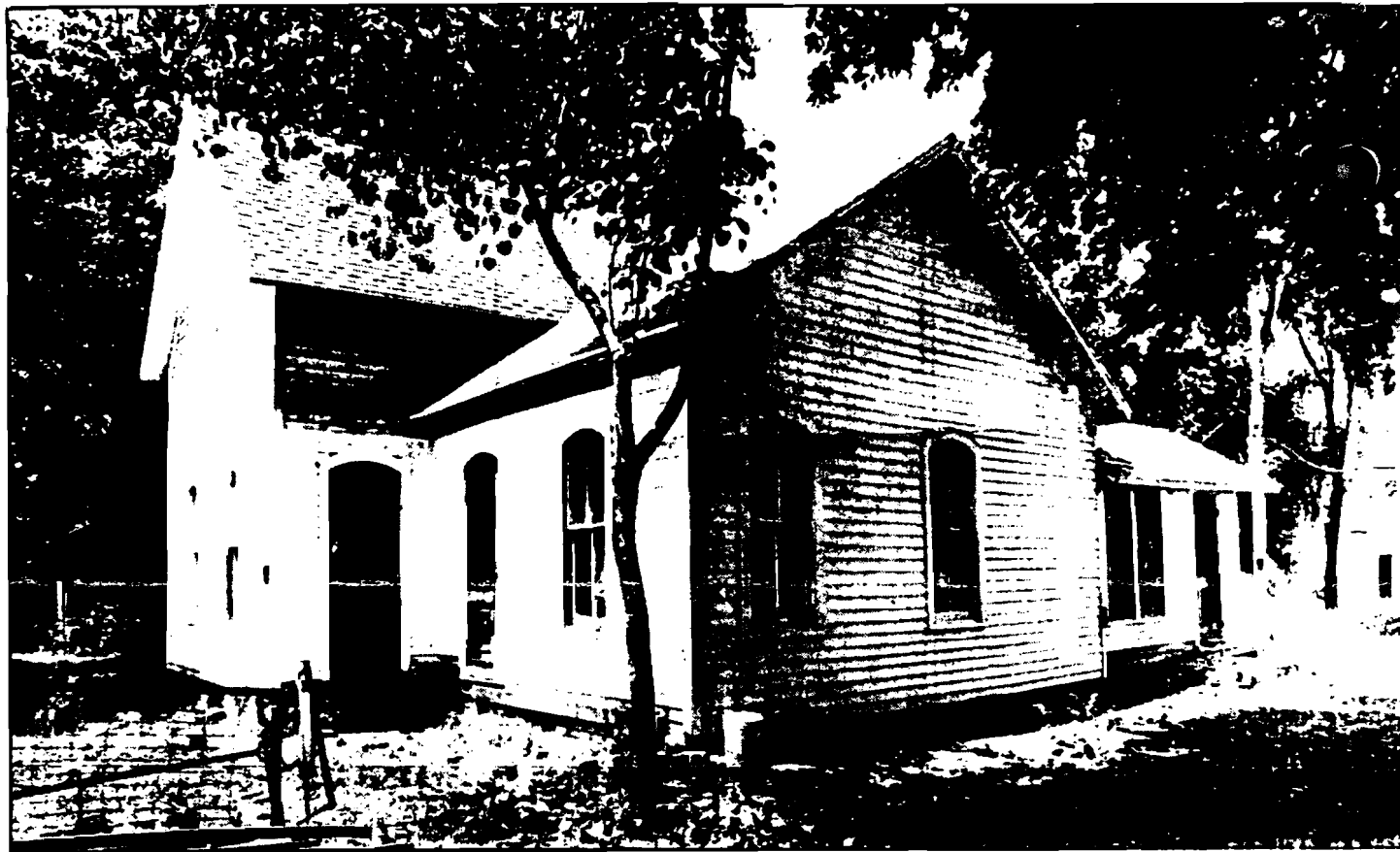
Billie Louise Weedman Bruce and husband James (son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Bruce of Blytheville) and daughter Lauren of West Lafayette, Indiana, and daughters Audrey Chapline and husband Joe of Atlanta, and Kathy Sharples and husband Steve, students at Purdue University who are summer residents of Washington, D.C.

"It was a wonderful experience getting acquainted with each other," said Melissa Achtien. "It was all over too soon, but we are already thinking about our next family reunion."



WEEDMAN FAMILY REUNION — Pictured are Mrs. H.E. Weedman are seated in the center, with

A note: Mary Belle Weedman, wife of Harry E Weedman passed away December 28th in Blytheville, Arkansas.



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Bill Perhay of Farmer City wants to convert this 100-year-old Farmer City house into a museum. The house was built by the Weedman family between 1890 and 1902, according to Terri Kelly of the Farmer City Genealogical and Historical Society.

## Farmer City man to turn 1890s house into museum

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FARMER CITY — The 1890s are expected to get a link with the 1990s in Farmer City later this summer.

Farmer City car dealer and entrepreneur Bill Perhay says he'll convert a house that may have been built in the 1890s into a museum.

Perhay said he'll move the abandoned house at 302 W. Market St. to Perhay Plaza at the intersection of U.S. 150 and Illinois 54 in August.

Perhay's Chevrolet dealership and a professional building occupy the plaza.

"Right now the house is sitting in the middle of a residential area," Perhay said. "We'll need parking if we're going to have a museum."

Known as the old Weedman house, the house has yielded turn of the century artifacts, said Perhay. They include a vacuum cleaner, dresses, men's coats, books and an

old toothbrush.

"It's one of those toothbrushes where you actually used replacement bristles," Perhay said. "The vacuum cleaner was made in Bloomington and you pump it — it's not electric."

An unopened can of peanut butter, age unknown but canned in Chicago, Perhay said, was also discovered.

He said he hopes Farmer City residents will donate any items the museum may lack that date to the turn of the century.

The house was built by the Weedman family — settlers from Ohio — "anywhere between 1890 and say, 1902," according to Terri Kelly, membership director of the Farmer City Genealogical and Historical Society.

John and Rachel Wilson Weedman and their three daughters and seven sons helped found the DeWitt County community of Farmer City in the 1830s, after living briefly in McLean County, Kelly said.

But just which Weedman built the house is uncertain, she added.

"We believe it was built by one of the sons of John and Rachel — Amos Weedman," she said. "Or William Rucker Weedman. We can't verify it."

"That style and foundation was generally built during that time frame," she added.

The last Weedman to live in the house was Esther Weedman, the daughter of Wally Weedman, who was the son of William Rucker Weedman, Kelly said. Esther Weedman died in 1985.

Perhay bought the deteriorating house for \$16,000 from a Champaign man.

"I've put \$2,400 in a new roof, but I don't know what all I've got in it yet," Perhay said. "It'll cost \$4,200 to move it."

He said the interior walls and floors have been damaged by water and need extensive repairs. The exterior is also being painted.

Once the house is ready, an as yet undetermined admission price will be set, but Perhay said he isn't sure how much money the museum will bring in.