

# Weedman Newsletter

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Hello, Cousins,

Sorry I'm a little late with this Newsletter. Been out of town and sometimes it just can't be helped. Right?

I have to tell you some sad news, but you will all want to know. Ira Gordon Weedman, son of Fonzo and Ola Bell Weedman (JOHN's line) passed away on January 14, 1992. Ira was at every Weedman Reunion we had, and was "the life of the party" in many ways. He will be greatly missed. He was born Nov. 9, 1912, in Ohio Co., KY and in 1933 he married Ernie Clayton. Their children: Barbara who married Walter Queen, and Elizabeth, who married Al Leuvand, and he and Ernie have 4 surviving grandchildren. Many of us have met Barbara and Elizabeth at the reunions, and of course..Ernie. Ernie and family, our hearts go out to you. We wish you God's grace during these months of sorrow. I do hope we see you again at the Reunion if you feel to go.

Had nice letters from Hazel Weedman, widow of Ed Weedman who wrote the interesting tales of his forebears for us, and from DeDe (Celeste) Weedman, widow of Heywood Weedman of Little Rock. Harry Weedman, of Blythville, AR, who recently lost his wife is in Australia visiting Nick and family there. Oh, how we long to see some/all of you again, though we know you're in grief, we're "family" and we want to let you know we care.

I just got back from Salt Lake City and I've been busier than a cat on a hot tin roof. Catching up with mail, and paying bills. My room mate there was Lola Vance, (DANIEL's line) and she'll be at the reunion this August. You'll love Lola. She's lovely and caring, and like me, she was there to trace her roots. She's a descendant of Malinda (Weedman) Riddle and William H. Riddle. Lola has her Weedman line, but is there anyone out there who can help her with her Riddle line? If you can, write Lola:

Mrs. Lola Splater Vance  
2708 North Verde St.  
Tacoma, WA 98407

(also check your phone books for SPLATER) (any and all). William Riddle was born in KY a son of John and Mary (BAKER) Riddle. I know there were a lot of Riddles in KY and Perry Co., IND, and I believe they may have originally come from Maryland to Virginia, to KY., perhaps if someone there has a few KY family genealogy books this RIDDLE will be solved!

Gena Lee wrote and said she is receiving some of the quilt peices that you have been making for the two quilts we hope to be able to have enough pieces for: one for Gena and one for the lucky winner at the reunion. I'll say right now that when I hear of your response to something I put in the Newsletter, it is like a love gift to me. I know everyone can't find time to write, but might make some quilt peices

to relax, and I picture you thinking of me, and all of us when you send these two (or more) quilt peices to Gena Lee. I reach out in love to you via this Newsletter, and it's nice to be loved back in your way. Someone will enjoy the quilt that's given away at the Reunion.....I don't know if it will be given away by a raffle, or just how it will be done, but you all come, and be part of the fun! And as for the one which Gena Lee will receive, you all know she deserves it truly for writing two WEEDMAN books for us and all she has done quietly in her own way to make us all feel comfortable at the reunions and all.

I want to introduce you to our newest family member, William Bruce Weedman and his family. Some call him Bruce, and others, Bill. He is a nephew of Ed Weedman, the story teller and wife Hazel.

William Bruce (Bill) Weedman was born October 12, 1948 in Louisville, KY. He was born to Robert Shirlely Weedman and Minnie Mae Weedman. Robert was the second child of Belva Ann Lockwood and William Deward Weedman. Bill was the youngest of five brothersand has no memories of his father since Robert Shirley left his family about the time of Bill's birth. Neither did Bill have contact with his extended family, although he has recently learned that he did live with his grandparents for a short time when he was a baby.

Bill graduated from Moorehead State University and married Thea Cundiff in 1970. They have one daughter, Arie Linai, now aged 15 and live in Encinitas, CA where Bill is the City Planner. This summer the William B. Weedman family looks forward to attending the family reunion in Kentucky where we can all become better acquainted. We wish to thank Gena Lee Theiss for hosting this reunion and making it all possible. We hope to see many of you there.

Thank you, Bill and Thea for writing this note to all of us. We look forward to meeting you, and your talented daughter, Arie.

Speaking of Arie, read her great opportunity for a trip to Japan coming up April 8 to 18 on page 4. She leans toward a journalist career and we wish her much success. Hoping that Frieda Davisson is at the reunion, for she and Arie would have much in common, career-wise. Ann (Weedman) Smith would be a good conversationalist also in regard to the Journalistic field. There may be others. Arie, we're all going to be anxious to hear about your trip to Japan.

I want to remind you that ~~the phone number for~~ the phone number to use when calling the lodge at Barren River Lake is toll free - call 1-800325-0057 24 hrs a day for reservations for rooms.

I'm talking about the Weedman Reunion Aug. 28-30, 1992. Call the lodge and if they don't have any reservations left now, ask them about nearby accommodations. One thing, did you notice when you read the little brochure Gena Lee sent about the place, it says that there are 12 2-room "executive" cottages. Now I know nothing about these, but if you feel they might be for you, call that number, toll free, that I gave you on page 2. Also they have camping facilities....99 sites. I don't know if these are first come first serve or not, but again, that toll free number 1-800-325-0057 for this information. If you want to call about more general information about Kentucky travel, call 1-800-225-TRIP. There is so much to see in Kentucky, you could spend a month seeing things of every interest one could have, and it will be a memorable trip. If you can, drive in. Otherwise fly, or bus or rail are options. But if you have questions for Gena about location, transportation needs, what to do about food for the potluck, write to Gena soon. Her address:

8417 Burlingame Rd.  
Louisville, KY 40219 Ph. (502)964-4721

About the quilt peices. If you don't care to make them with the family tree theme on them, make them anyway of the design of your choice, 12" square, as many as you want to send or bring. If sending them, send them to Gena Lee.

Kechia and Steven Weedman, children of Ron and Linda Weedman of Tell City participated in a piano recital of Christmas music at the Evangelical United Church of Christ Fellowship hall. They are growing up fast. I remember so well the first time I met Kechia and Steven at Rough River State Park near Falls of Rough and Weedman territory. They were just little whippersnappers, running around in bare feet and having a great time meeting all the other cousins. The recital took place 21 December last year.

Jerome Weedman and David Huff of Tell City captured the boxing /wrestling honors for the city recently in varsity competition. I can't identify Jerome Weedman, but ask for some help from some of you who might know. Mary Folts sent me this article, commenting, "we have our share of talent in the Weedman family". News items are always welcome even if we don't know the particular Weedman mentioned; some one of us will come up with it.

Got a nice letter from Jess and Jerri Weedman of Joshua Tree, California, whom some of you met at the past two reunions. Jerri brought me up to date on their family and I will share this with you as soon as I can get it in a proper order for easy figuring out. I could do that later today if I can find the time, and if so, I'll put this information in this newsletter. Otherwise, you'll get it in the next.

Nick and I have been reading census records for Texas and Florida. The name is spelled just as we spell ours: WEEDMAN. The Florida Weedmans have lived in Florida since their ancestor arrived in America. He was Philip Weedman son of Charles and Barbara (Sanderhoff) Weedman of Mariz, Germany. Philip came to the US in the 1700's, possibly from the port of New Orleans, or Charleston, SC. (This is just a guess on my part). On 27 July 1804 he married Mary Barbara Antonia Hainsman (place not stated). He homesteaded in Fla, and it seems from what Nick has found that all of the children of this couple were born in Florida. In reading the later censuses, I find that all who seem to belong; that is they live in St John's County, Fl. were born in Florida. He was scalped by Indians (Philip), and don't know if it caused his death or not, but he and Mary Barbara Antonia had a large family and Nick will have more details for us soon. He received this information from a descendant just recently. Hopefully we'll have a complete listing of their children and more of where they first landed. Philip is a name that appears in about the 3rd generation of our Weedman family, but Charles is somewhat rare in the early generations, making me wonder if this WEEDMAN family is a different one from ours. It would be nice if we learned that Philip and Christian were related. Philip would be much younger than our Christian, but it's exciting to think that there could be some relationship and that we may find the home town of our Christian Weedman yet. Tune in next time for more...

I found in Texas the following in Wichita Falls, Wichita Co. TX in the 1900 Soundex census index for that year. ED125

Sheet 18

NAME	AGE	YR.BORN	PLACE BORN
Weedman, Joseph H.	38	1861	Indiana
Ema C.	35	1864	Ohio
Stanley	4	1896	Texas
Thomas J.	28	1871	Indiana (brother?)

Does anyone recognize this family? Nick has looked through his nearly complete database of Weedman descendants of Christian, and hasn't been able to locate this family. Nick sent me a computerized list of all males named Joseph born in this time period. I theorize that perhaps the census taker briefly put Jos. or Jas. and when he got home, he transcribed the information onto the official Government forms. Maybe by this time he couldn't decipher if he'd written a Jos. or a Jas. and chose Joseph instead of James. James might be correct, but since he put Joseph in on the official record, we won't know. I get this theory from my own Grandfather. He was James Bloomer and in the 1900 census he was listed as Joseph!!! Reason we know he was James is that we happen to know where he lived and who his family consisted of at that time, and all things matched except the Joseph!! Tracing your family tree can be like

detective work. You always have to keep that "detective" spark in you alive and burning.

This page contains the last page of the social security listing of Weedmans done for us by Nick Weedman. Sara, Nick's daughter, is visiting him just now and before she went, I was gone for awhile in Salt Lake City, so I decided beginning with this issue, to identify the future Newsletters with the terms "Spring" and the next, "Summer" and "Fall" and "Winter" so that we can have more of a time to get the Newsletter out without being late. Harry Weedman, Nick's dad, is down there visiting Nick as well.

9/24/90

Weedman Social Security Death Register

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ST	Last Name	First Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Res	ZIP 1	Comment/Identity
KS	WEEDMAN	RALPH	06/05/1918	11/00/1967		00000	Ralph Benton, Sr. s/o Clarence Oliver Weedman
WA	WEEDMAN	ROBERT	02/07/1946	06/00/1986		00000	Robert Raphael s/o Harry Raphael Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	ROBERT	09/21/1920	04/00/1970	KY	40210	Robert Shirley s/o William Deward Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	ROBERT	10/19/1918	09/00/1984	TX	78611	Robert Lee s/o James Taylor Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	ROBERT	10/23/1906	08/00/1987	KY	42343	William Robert s/o James Oscar Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	RONALD	10/23/1948	05/00/1974		00000	?
IN	WEEDMAN	ROY	01/19/1906	04/00/1973	IN	47598	?
ID	WEEDMAN	ROY	04/16/1914	05/00/1971		00000	Roy Grover s/o Grover Cleveland Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	ROY	05/28/1900	04/00/1985	KY	40157	Roy Henry s/o John Cabel B. Weedman
MN	WEEDMAN	ROY	06/15/1913	11/00/1967		00000	?
IN	WEEDMAN	SADIE	09/04/1896	01/00/1984	IN	47523	Sadie E. d/o William T. Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	SAMUEL	09/04/1896	09/00/1961		00000	Samuel George s/o William T. Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	SARAH	01/17/1915	07/00/1986	IN	46060	?
KY	WEEDMAN	SHERMAN	05/06/1913	03/00/1971		00000	Sherman s/o James Henry Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	STEVE	10/23/1948	02/00/1985		00000	?
IA	WEEDMAN	THEODORE	11/20/1907	10/00/1968		00000	Theodore Kenneth s/o Charles Desmond Weedman
AR	WEEDMAN	VERA	11/24/1907	01/00/1987	AR	72390	? (West Helena AR)
IL	WEEDMAN	VERNA	04/09/1897	12/00/1985	IL	61401	?
CA	WEEDMAN	VERNA	06/05/1910	09/00/1982	TX	75042	?
MO	WEEDMAN	VIRGIL	03/16/1911	09/00/1976	MO	63876	Virgil Leroy s/o Elisah William Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	W	01/01/1920	04/00/1960		00000	William Ernest, Sr. s/o Louis Crnlis Weedman
MO	WEEDMAN	W	03/30/1908	02/16/1990		63366	William Eldo s/o Elisha William Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	WALLACE	10/10/1903	10/00/1975	IL	61488	?
MO	WEEDMAN	WALTER	01/06/1928	01/00/1980		85363	?
IN	WEEDMAN	WALTER	01/08/1933	06/00/1976		00000	Walter C. s/o William Robert Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	WARD	07/11/1892	11/00/1964	IL	00000	Ward Creel s/o Smith Y. Weedman
OR	WEEDMAN	WILFRED	02/15/1914	09/00/1977	WA	98815	Wilfred Wilbert s/o Carey Sylvester Weedman
AR	WEEDMAN	WILLARD	05/27/1892	12/00/1981	AR	72364	Rieves. w/o George Route Weedman
CA	WEEDMAN	WILLIAM	01/25/1922	07/00/1987	CA	96025	William Charles s/o Ray Edward Weedman
IN	WEEDMAN	WILLIAM	04/17/1911	08/00/1969	IN	47520	William Mose s/o Herbert Weedman
KY	WEEDMAN	WILLIAM	06/01/1885	10/00/1965	KY	00000	William Deward s/o Amos George Weedman
IL	WEEDMAN	WILLIAM	06/18/1880	03/00/1967	IL	62703	William Thomas Bell s/o Harvey Willis Weedman
MT	WEEDMAN	WILLIAM	09/20/1920	05/00/1969		00000	?
AR	WEEDMAN	WILLIAM	11/14/1925	06/00/1957		00000	William Russell s/o Norman Benedict Weedman
FL	WEEDMAN	WINIFRED	03/28/1872	11/00/1973	FL	33505	?
OR	WEEDMAN	WOODROW	11/11/1915	02/00/1981	WA	98801	Woodrow Wilson s/o Carey Sylvester Weedman
WV	WEEDMAN	ZELMA	09/14/1922	02/17/1989		40258	Elder. w/o Henry Woodford Weedman

The following is an account of Weedman births and deaths listed in Pike County. These were sent by Parmula Weedman.

Births:		Father's	Mother's
NAME	BORN	NAME	MAIDEN NAME
Weedman, Bertha	24 June 1888	Frank	Perkins
Weedman, Ellis	1 Feb 1909	Ellis	May Littell
Weedman, Lawrence E.	23 Dec 1909	Ellis	May Little
Weedman, Roy	19 Jan 1906		Weedman
Weedman,	30 Jul 1890	Frank	Nettie Perkins
Weedman,	24 Nov 1896	Frank	Nettie Perkins
Weedman,	16 July 1899	Frank	Nettie Perkins
Weedman,	17 Sep 1900	Elias	Anna M. Weedman
Weedman,	10 Dec 1901	John	Tempie Weedman
Weedman,	17 Dec 1901	John	Monta Weedman
Weedman,	26 Apr 1902	Ellis	May Little
Weedman,	21 June 1902	Franklin	Nettie Patton
Weedman,	6 Sep 1904	Ellis	May Little
Weedman,	15 Jan 1907	Ellis	Anna M. Little

Deaths		Age
Weedman, Ellis	11 Sep 1909	28
Weedman, Fannie	29 Jan 1912	70
Weedman, Margaret L.	25 Sep 1920	71 Winslow, Ind.
Weedman, Mary	5 Jul 1918	83
Weedman, Minta	16 Dec 1916	29
Weedman, Wilbert	1 Mar 1909	Winslow, Ind.
Weedman, William J.	8 Apr 1906	20
Weedman,	27 Nov 1896	(male)

NOTICE that Anna May Little is called Anna M. Weedman, and May Little, and Ellis Weedman is also listed as Elias. Nettie Perkins is called Nettie Patton once. This could have been an error on the copier's part, or on the recorder's part. But we usually need to check in every case where there is any doubt.

We thank Parmula and all the rest who so kindly send me Weedman data. It helps to make a variety of news for the Newsletter. My address, in case someone needs it, is:

Marianne Montgomery  
1428 S. Mildred St.  
Tacoma, WA 98465-1938

This is it for this time. Have a nice spring and PLEASE consider attending the reunion if at all possible. Let Gena Lee know if there's any questions or problems you need to consider.

Love to all,

Marianne, Sara and Nick

# WEEDMAN NEWSLETTER

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Hello again, Cousins,

First, I want to thank Donna Woodcock for the Riddle information she sent Lola Vance via Nick and myself. Lola's name and address are in the last (Spring) Newsletter, so if anyone else has any information on Riddle, check Lola's query once again, and write to her direct. She will be at the reunion, by the way.

I am really enjoying my computer. I get "on line" in the genealogy Bulletin Boards and can place queries from my computer which go all over America. Even to Australia, where Nick sees them. I send him a note now and then, too. I see Gena Lee's queries, and responses. Wonder how many of you out there have computers? At first they seem so difficult and I've had to pick out my way alone on mine, but it has been a rewarding experience.

I'm getting my quilt pieces done and hope you all are doing the same. You know, at first I thought they should all have some kind of "family" mention on them, but that might not be so easy, so just send what you can cut out and any designs that you wish. Send them please to

Gena Lee Theiss  
8417 Burlingame Rd  
Louisville, KY 40219

By the way, Gena's sister, Edith has had a stroke recently, and Gena is "in the picture" there, and carrying on with reunion plans, so keep them in your prayers.

Please forgive me for neglecting to do a write-up on Arie Weedman's trip to Japan. I had forgotten that I'd promised it and when I saw it there, I decided to wait till she got back and THEN write you about it. But I didn't proof-read my Newsletter this time, and missed it. Arie will be at the reunion, and we will hear about her trip at that time. I have not got the results of it at hand as the Newsletter goes to press.

Since I'm heading for Ireland June 8 to July 5, I wanted to get the Newsletter out to you before I left. As you know, my mother's people are Irish, and we have cousins there who look forward to seeing at least one of us each summer.

I'm now introducing to you Janette Ann Bruner, another Weedman cousin. Janette was doing genealogical research in the Evansville Library when she happened to comment to a friend that she wished she could find her WEEDMANS. Diane Hall was sitting at a microfilm reader and overheard that comment, and told Janette about the Weedman book Gena Lee Thiess wrote. There Janette found her Mordecai WEEDMAN but not any details on his family, because although we had searched, especially Gena Lee and cousin Ed Weedman,

we had been unsuccessful until that meeting of Janette and Diane. Mordec is from STEPHEN's line like so:

Christian Weedman Sr. & Elizabeth  
Christian Weedman Jr. & Mary Marshall  
STEPHEN Weedman & Mary Ann Gilbert  
Mordecai Weedman.

Mordecai was born 26 Oct 1836 at Richardson Landing, Meade Co KY. He married Barbara Ann Brown 22 May 1860 in Meade County. Their children were:

Martha Frances Weedman 9 May 1861-28 Nov 1933 married  
(1) James B. Curry; (2) James Weatherford

Robert E. Lee Weedman 19 June 1863 - 28 Mar 1882  
George Washington Weedman 14 Aug 1865 - 31 July 1878  
James Pierce Weedman 20 Oct 1866 - 15 Nov 1907  
Hester B. Weedman 25 May 1868 - ? married \_\_\_\_\_ Monroe  
Daniel W. Weedman 17 July 1870 - 10 Aug 1875  
Louisa Jane Weedman 26 Jan 1873 - 15 Mar 1853 married  
Alvin P. Breeze.  
Joseph B. Weedman 9 Feb 1877 - Nov. 1955 married Julia  
Ann Albright  
Mary Ella Weedman 16 Dec 1880 - 20 July 1966 married

Louisa Jane and Alvin Breeze had the following children:

Dorothy Breeze  
Florence Edith Breeze 17 Dec 1903 - 25 June 1965 married (1) \_\_\_\_\_ McClarno (2) James E. Fakes.  
Earl Breeze ) Twins  
Pearl Breeze )  
Another set of twins who died young. Names unknown.

Joseph B. Weedman and Julia Albright had the following children:

Edna married \_\_\_\_\_ Cumberland  
Ella Mae  
Eva Lena married \_\_\_\_\_ Wren

Joseph died in Missouri.

Mary Ella Weedman (Janette's grandmother) and husband Louis Otto Watson were married 23 October 1905 in Kentucky, and were parents of the following children:

Claude Louis Watson 5 Nov 1906 - 11 Nov 1988 married  
(1) Mildred Points (2) Flora \_\_\_\_\_.  
Addie Lee Watson 19 Sept 1908 - married Carl Niehaus  
James Bennitt Watson 8 Jan 1910 - 13 May 1990 married  
Nettie Black  
Chester Albert Watson "Nig" 15 Feb 1912 - 23 June 1975.  
married Melba Carson.  
Annie Louisa Watson 27 Feb 1913 - 24 Oct 1918  
William Glen Watson 8 Aug 1915 - 27 Oct 1918  
Floella Mae Watson 26 Sep 1919 - 10 July 1989 married  
Orville Dale Pierce.  
Edward "Junior" Watson 24 Sep 1922 - married Jesse Wooldridge.



Louis Otto Watson served in the Spanish-American War. He was born in Shawneetown, Gallatin Co. IL. He died in Louisville, KY. He was buried in Evansville, Vanderburgh Co., IN, as was his wife, Floella, in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

A list of their children will appear in the next Newsletter.

Jerri & Jesse Weedman sent an update of Jesse's family which I will pass on to you now. Jesse is a descendant of JACOB Weedman as follows:  
Christian Sr.

JACOB Sr. (his family records begin on p. 341 Weedman genealogy)

David

Jesse H. (wife Mary E. Taylor b. New York state).

James Monroe, son of Jesse H, born 7 Feb. 1891 in Birdseye, Dubois Co., IND, died 7 Feb. 1956 in Wayne Co., IL. He married 25 May 1912 Cora May Atkins, in English, Crawford Co., IN. Cora May was born in Dubois Co., IN on 22 Dec 1889 and died in Fairfield, Wayne Co., IL 12 Jan 1961. She was a daughter of William and Nannie (George) Atkins. All of the children of James Monroe Weedman were born in Dubois Co., IN. Those of you who have Gena's book can xerox these pages and slip them in between pages 361-2 of your book.

Kathryn Marie Weedman, b. July 17, 1912 died 20 July 1984 at Fairfield, Wayne Co., IL and her husband, Percy Cravins died in 1985. They were married 1 June 1941 at Cape Girardeau, MO. Both died in Fairfield where they had made their home, and are buried at Maple Hill Cemetery there. They are survived by an only daughter, Karin Cravins who wed Joe Oliver 20 Jan 1988 who reside in Fairfield.

Nellie May Weedman wife of Alfred Gaston, b. 10 May 1915 died in Nov. 1990 in Fairfield, IL. She leaves her husband, Alfred, daughter Janet, and grandson Allan, step-grandson Gene of Fairfield.

Edward Weedman b. 9 Nov 1914 died Oct. 1991 at Johnson City, TN after a long illness. He is buried at Maple Hill cemetery also. Ed leaves Gary and Terry Weedman, his sons, and numerous grandchildren. Kathryn, Nellie and Ed are all children of James Monroe and Cora May (Atkins) Weedman.

Although belated, we offer our sincere sympathy to those who mourn the loss of these three who have passed away. But as I write this, I rejoice at the news to come, for as some leave this scene of time, others form new families to carry on the Weedman lines and spirit. Read on...

Jesse and Jerri send news of their children:

Joanne Anita Weedman and Mike McGowan were married 28 Sep 1989 at the First Baptist Church of Joshua Tree, CA. Her gown was an old fashioned off white lace. A lovely reception followed the ceremony. They will make their home in Joshua Tree where it is now being built near Jess & Jerri.

Also, Jane Elizabeth Weedman and Tim Thornbough were married in a lovely ceremony at the Methodist church in Indio, CA. This was Jane's second marriage, and I don't have records of the first, but it ended, and Jane has found happiness with Tim, and we are happy for them. Jane's sons Rick, 8, and James, 7, walked their mother down the aisle to be joined to Tim.

Now some news about other children of James Monroe Weedman, that is, Jesse's siblings.

Cecil, called "Junior" and wife, Olive June are busy keeping up with son Dennis social activities (Univ. of IL) . Dennis is studying to become a lawyer and works summers at a lawyer's office for practical experience.

Murrell and wife Marian keep active as well with gardening and other activities. Their daughter and hubby (Donna Jo & Carroll Freeland) live on a farm near them, and Donna is an avid sports fan. They can be mighty proud of son Jimmy Freeland, 19 who has won several trophies as fisherman in the state tournaments, and daughter Leann, 17, who is a star basketball player. Jerry enclosed a brochure put out by Leann's school, honoring Leann. She has a good possibility of achieving a college Sportsman scholarship.

Keep us up to date, Jerri & Jess. We hope to see you at the reunion this summer.

Now for some news adding to the family of Christian Weedman Jr. Nick as busy as he is, but with untiring enthusiasm has located another son of Christian, Jr. in the 1860 and 1870 censuses of Texas! Willis was born about 1811 in Grayson Co., KY. He has not been located before in the censuses of KY, OH, IN, or IL ... or for that matter, anywhere before Nick found him in Cooke Co TX in 1860. Add him to your list of children of Christian, Jr. The 1860 Cooke Co., TX gives this information about him in Gainesville, TX:

His wife was Catherine \_\_\_\_\_ and they had the following children listed with them:

Sarah R. b. 1858 in Cooke Co.  
Margaret b. 1861 " " "  
William S.b. Feb. 1863 " "

William died Aug. 1903 in Bakersfield, Kern Co., CA . He married Inez A. Hooper born Jan 1872 in MS. Children:

Charles Shelby Weedman

Jewell M. Weedman b. Feb. 1897 in Phoenix, Maricopa Co., AZ

Charles Shelby Weedman was the father of Charles Vern Weedman, the well known California lawyer. The dates for Charles Shelby and his children would have been on page 3 of the Willis Weedman report sent to me by Nick, but I don't have page 3, so it will have to wait till the Fall newsletter. Either it was not sent or else it stuck inside the envelope and I missed it when I opened the envelope. Nick, please resend page 3, and forgive me if I have not seen it to add it to the pp. 1 & 2. Usually I look carefully in the envelopes especially the manila envelopes, but it must be that I have mislaid it for I would have noticed it not being there and asked Nick about it. Or maybe I thought he was still working on it. I had this information in my Weedman file for inclusion in the Newsletter, but search has failed to turn it up. I'm sure Nick can come to the rescue, so watch for further information.

Also watch for information on the Florida WEEDMAN family which I'm saving in order to find out if there is a real connection to our Christian Weedman line. It seems the first of that line was Charles Weedman born about 1785 in Mariz, Germany. He married Barbara Sanderof and had a son Felipe (Philip) who came to Florida.

Filipe could not have been a brother to Christian Sr. due to the difference in their ages, and indeed, he may be no relation at all, because the only similarity is the spelling of the name.....WEEDMAN. But the thing that we are looking for is a possible location of a family in Germany who may have long roots, and a place of beginning to seek out our own Christian WEEDMAN's roots, since the spelling seems to be the same.....WEEDman. In our searching, we may find that there IS a relationship. If there isn't, however, we want to add this note before printing the records of Philipe's family in order to lessen any confusion about a connection. Shirley Weedman Spooner is working with Nick on this family. We thank Shirley for her help.

I'm trying to keep the Newsletter at no more than 6 pages in order to keep the postage down, so when I lay out the items to go into an issue, I keep this in mind, editing here and there also.

This will be "Last Call" to remind you of the upcoming WEEDMAN reunion in August.....28-30 at Barren River Lake State Resort Park. Since activities will commence at 12:00 noon, some of you may want to spend the night of Aug. 27 at the park or nearby. Picnic potluck at 6:00 p.m. Aug. 28. Get out the flyer Gena sent you to refresh your mind about the activities planned. If you have any last minute questions, need transportation, or whatever call Gena Lee at Louisville, (502) 964-4721. She has included in the weekend free time for families to explore the park facilities and enjoy a hike, rest, or whatever. It will be a great time to enjoy getting acquainted with other cousins as well. You still have time to get the quilt peices to Gena Lee if you can't come, or just want to send them on ahead. This will give her an idea of how many she'll have.

I'm finishing off with (on the back of this page) a page of photos. We never know till they're printed how they will come out, so I say a silent prayer that they'll turn out okay. Sara Weedman Carty daughter of Nick and Merrie Carol does the photocopying work, and she has always done the best she can with the material I've sent her. You all don't know how much I appreciate Sara.

I visited my opthalmologist for new glasses, but he told me that my glasses aren't my problem. It's Macular Degeneration that has developed, and I was so shocked I didn't or couldn't ask him any questions. A lot of people have it; more than one might think. It's well to have a good eye exam every year, or two years at the least. My vision has never been 20/20 since I had to have cataracts removed at age of 2, and in those days they didn't have lens implants as they do today. But I've gone through life acting as if I could do as much as anyone else with 20/20 vision, gaging my day's activities by the scale of what others can do in a day, and consequently I crowd a lot of activity in one day, and my eyes have seldom "let me down", but time has come for me to get "real" and slow down.

The end of the page is coming on, so I'll close now wishing you all a happy summer and hoping to see many of you in August. I have my tickets. Get yours now to get your choice of seats and planes if you're going by public transportation! See you all via the Newsletter in the Fall!

*P.S. Gena Lee has a few more Weedman Genealogy books! Call her to reserve copies.*

*Love,  
Marionne  
Sara*



LeAnn Freeland

JACOB's line



Eleanor & Niel Munch  
ILLINOIS line



Dave & Frieda Davison  
WILLIAMS line



Thea, Bill, & Arie Weedman  
STEPHEN's line.

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FIFTH NATIONAL WEEDMAN REUNION HELD AUG 28-30 1992  
Hi Cousins,

As the headline states, another WEEDMAN reunion has come and gone and although many who had attended in the past were unable to be present this time, we had a goodly number there. See pictures, page 16. Speaking of pictures, you never know how they will turn out xeroxed. All of the family is caucasian, however on page 12 of Summer newsletter, Neill's face in shadow looks a bit dark, whereas on the original it does not. So when this occurs, just know that it's the way the photo xeroxes. No offense to anyone intended, please understand.

Those attending were:

Mary Alice Fults

Marjorie Kennedy

Carl Weedman

Lola Vance

Marianne Montgomery

Bill & Helen Gregg, & daughter, Leah

Diane Hall and daughter, Lori Baker

Sharon Herke and grandson, Blake Ritchie

Noble and Elizabeth Snodgrass

Kenneth & Sue Weedman

William (called Bruce) & Thea Weedman & daughter, Arie

Minnie Bryant

Janette Bruner

Janella Bruner Forcum & daughter, Sara

Ronda Francis & daughter, Amber

Jim and Ardes Weedman

Ricky & Pat Wright & daughter, April

Donna Hasse

Edith Johnson

George & Gena Lee Theiss

Blair & Jeanie Weedman, daughters Sara, Krista, & Julia

Brent Weedman

Lucille Weedman & friend

Marshall Jr. & Catherine Geary & children Scott & April

Jim and Alma Weedman

Howard and Barbara Weedman

Roy and Luetta Weedman

Shirley Weedman Spooner

Betty Miles

Some were unable to attend both "parties"; the Friday picnic and the Saturday banquet, but they all were there; representing the various Weedman lines.

Friday afternoon the group started assembling in the Lodge. We chatted awhile in the meeting room that was assigned to us by the Barren River Lake Lodge.

We soon decided to move down to the picnic area reserved for us. The clouds that had brought rain and wind the night before as an aftermath of Hurricane Andrew, had dissipated and the sun peeped out as we gathered at the picnic area and the more folks who arrived, the more the sun shone, till it was clear and warm. We all became re-acquainted, and it just seemed we picked up where we left off the last time we'd met. Some went for strolls along the blacktop trails in the area. There was plenty of outdoor activity in that area and the lodge Gift Shop had excellent prices and merchandise. The food was great! Gena Lee, George, Mereda and Jewell Wright had gone down last year to pick out the site and see that it was right for us. We thank them for this, and we thank Gena and George for all the time and effort in getting the word out, the food selections, rooms, etc. etc. all co-ordinated.

Well, as I was saying, the picnic area was looking mighty good and food was surely tempting us all. We were glad when we settled down to eat at 6:30 pm. There were a few late comers, but they were made welcome, and joined in the activities. After a wonderful potluck dinner, we all went up to the lodge and continued the evening by looking through the photo albums which Monty had started years ago, but which Diane Hall and Sharon Herke have wondrously renovated. They have divided the photos into two books; one book for the Reunion pictures, and another for family photos, as far back on any given family as have been donated to be placed in the album. Oh what cherished memories we all experienced as we looked over those wonderful photographs. This sparked more conversation. It would be hard to imagine a more friendly group than that which gathered those days at Barren River Lake State Park. Kentucky, by the way, has wonderful parks. I have told folks here about the way they are kept up and so well organized. We have nothing to compare to them that I have seen in Washington State. Lodges in all, and prices that are reasonable.

We all gathered in George & Gena's room at noon on Saturday. We had so many left-overs from Friday's picnic, we just used these as a reason to gather for more fellowship. The Theiss's were great hosts. We had a wonderful feed again, and more family bonding.

We missed those who were unable to attend. The SMITH kinfolk who have always been with us were at a SMITH reunion, and some of Ed Weedman's (STEPHEN's Line) kinfolk were unable to be at the reunion, but had planned a great get together for Bill (also known as "Bruce" his middle name, by his close relatives), wife Thea and daughter, Arie. Illness kept some away, but you can see by the number, that we had a nice group.

Janette Bruner, Janella Forcum  
Ronda Francis (top) Sara Forcum  
& Amber Francis (bottom).  
Evansville, IN



Ken & Sue Weedman  
Williamsburg, KY

Bill, Helen & Leah Gregg  
Evansville, IN



Jim & Ardes Weedman  
Papillion, NE



Marjorie Kennedy, Mary Alice  
Fults, Indianapolis, IN  
Carl Weedman, Mesa, AZ

Saturday evening found us gathered in our meeting room which had been transformed by lodge serving staff, into a lovely banquet room. A delicious dinner was served. Afterward, Roy Weedman recited his beloved poem, by popular request... "The Name's WEEDMAN"; Marian Montgomery gave a talk on Genealogy - how to gather records, with handout forms; Gena Lee Theiss spoke on using computers in genealogy and on local bulletin boards. Helen Gregg explained how to preserve quilts, & demonstrated the method. As the evening progressed, cameras and camcorders were in evidence, as we all "flashed" to preserve memories of the occasion. AND by the way, Alma Weedman's camera which was lost has been found. A time of silence was honored for those among our families who have gone to be with the Lord since our last meeting. A prayer was given, and a wish for travelling mercies was stated in prayer.

There were door prizes and the quilt-piece drawing, and with the help of little Blake Ritchie and Sara Forcum drawing the prize winning numbers, many happy recipients' faces lit up as their numbers were drawn. The main item....the quilt blocks, was won by Catherine Geary (JOHN's line).

I am wondering what I've left out, in my description of the events of this memorable evening, I'm sure I've left out something I should be telling you about.

Well, as time waits for no one, the evening passed, and it was time to call an end to the banquet festivities. Some had to leave at this time, so those who were still full of pep stayed and gathered around the photo albums again, and recounted the events of the weekend. Others went to their rooms and packed for an early take off Sunday morning.

Sunday morning found yours truly and several others in the diningroom for breakfast. One by one, our cars pulled away from the lodge as we each headed our separate ways. Shirley Weedman Spooner of PHILIP's line of Florida Weedmans, came this day and met Howard and Barbara Weedman and Lola Vance & Betty Miles. Shirley was unable to make the Fri. & Sat. events, but we are so happy to know she was able to put in an appearance, and take some pictures. Shirley, I am sorry I missed you. The day was lovely and I am sure it was enjoyed by all, whether remaining at the lodge, or travelling.

So there you have it, an over-all view of the weekend. There is other news, however.

David Huff, son of Mildred Huff Holman (DANIEL's line) scored again in Rochester, Minn. in second place at the Jr. Olympic meet Aug. 1-5 there. This was the Greco-Roman style wrestling. Team Indiana Gold was the sponsor for the event. Good for you, Dave!

Subscriptions for several Western Pennsylvania magazines have been purchased, and it is hoped by Nick & I that there will be more clues to our early WEEDMAN beginnings in these. Also the allied families. If we can learn where Christian Weedman was born, we may hopefully connect with Charles Weedman, PHILLIP (Florida line) WEEDMAN's father. End of paper coming up, so will close till next time.

*Louise,  
Marianne,  
Sara & Nick*



# Weedman Newsletter

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WINTER 1992

Hello Cousins,

Here it is 1993, and another year that I haven't learned anything about using this computer to where I could put a picture on the front page. So you will just have to go to the "Picture Page" to find the picture of Rod Fleisher, grandson of Doris Kizer (NICHOLAS' line). Because I haven't mentioned that line lately, I'll remind you that I'm referring to Christian WEEDMAN Sr.'s son, John's son. Anyway, Rod, as you will recall from our asking you for your prayers, was injured badly when burned in a chemical fire. Look at that brave, handsome man now! He has survived quite an ordeal, including many grafts and surgeries, and if I can, I'll get his story in full in the Newsletter, because it is one we all need not only to read, but to praise, and also ....to feel!

Also you will see the old WEEDMAN homestead, where John Weedman raised his family, and his children and grandchildren and on down the line have lived. The house has been renovated and improved from the first dwelling that stood on this land, but the land is still "sacred" to every WEEDMAN whose ancestors went from Christian Weedman Sr., 's Pennsylvania home to the south....to Kentucky, descendants of Christian Jr.

Then there is the picture of Melissa (Missy) Holland, granddaughter of Jesse and Jerri WEEDMAN of Joshua Tree, CA. They sort of had their own reunion, with all the family there to see Missy and attend the homecoming game. where Missy was a Princess. and a cheerleader, as well as mat maid for the wrestling team this year. Cheers, Missy!! The school is Yucca Valley High School. Jess is of JACOB's line.

Got a nice letter from Jerri and Jess. They really missed us as much as we missed them at the reunion this past summer. We hope to again visit with them at the next one, however. I have heard some say that it will be in Evansville, IND. Aha, wonderful that maybe you all'll take time and visit Perry County, where the Weedmans of WILLIAM and DANIEL's lines moved to when they left KY. There is a lot to see in Perry County, and in that area of Southern Indiana where the next reunion will be. Bring your cameras! More about that later.

Parmula WEEDMAN, (NICHOLAS' line) sent me the index for the last four years of the Weedman Newsletter, and Nick has offered to put them in a 3 column form which will be ready for the next Newsletter. Then 1992 will come a bit later, but with Parmula indexing, and Nick translating this on his computer, we have solved the problem of indexing the Newsletters. I am delighted that they are taking care of this.

Some have asked about costs....subscription, dues, Newsletter, etc. I will be frank about this. We have figured that it costs us \$1.00 plus 4 29cents stamps to send you the Newsletter. This takes care of xeroxing and mailing. So if you add the stamps to the xeroxing costs, it is \$2.16 per year. Let's just say \$2.25, to round it off. Every once in awhile the postage increases if we have extra pages in a newsletter, so those of you who want to receive the Newsletter, you know what you can pay that will be A-OK with us. Send the money/check to:

Sara Carty  
11206 Carriage House Ct.

Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Those of you who have sent money recently, don't send any more. Some of you have been sending more than your share, and it has really helped, as some have forgotten to send theirs, but this way everyone gets a copy and as we are all apt to have a lapse of memory now and then, we can have a wee chuckle just now. Anyway, now we all know. Hope I've made it clear and be assured that the money will go towards YOUR BEST INTERESTS.

Nick and I have come upon an idea to locate more WEEDMAN's and we are about to launch out. Some of these new cousins may be YOUR next of kin, so if a relative of yours writes you and tells you that "some strange people" have written for WEEDMAN data, told them about a WEEDMAN book or Newsletter, please write back to them and assure them that it's not a hoax or a scam. Thanks a lot.

So getting back to Parmula, thanks, Parmula for this wonderful contribution on your part, and we are all delighted to know that we can use the index in SPRING issue, to check back on the past 4 years.

Jerry and Jess have sent some additions for the record: for those of you who have the Weedman Book, on page 360 of the Revised edition (red book)

- G1 Andrew Garfield Weedman m. Elizabeth Avery
  - a. Ethel Mary Weedman, b. 20 Aug 1908 m. Doyle Ozbirn.
    - Ch. A1 Juanita Ozbirn m. \_\_\_\_\_ Reedy.
      - ch: (1) Kevin Reedy.
    - A2 Betty Ozbirn m. John Kennedy at Sonoma, CA.
      - (1) Linda Kennedy
  - b. Maudine Weedman 1910-1913
  - c. Claude Jessie Weedman 1912-1974
  - d. Ellen Irene Weedman 1915 - m. Clyde Summers
    - Ch. D1 Bobby Summers m. Doris \_\_\_\_\_
      - (1) son
      - (2) daughter
    - D2 Barbara Summers m. \_\_\_\_\_
      - (1) Kimberly
- e. Clifford William Weedman m. Mary Griffin
  - Ch. E1 James Garfield Weedman b. 18 Mar 1938 m Lorraine Perrin
    - ch. (1) Carrie Jo Weedman m. Dennis Long in Campbell, CA
      - ch 1A Hayden Rex Long b. 26 Dec 1991
  - E2 Shirley Ann Weedman b. 13 July 1939 m. Jerry Blalock in Portland, OR
    - ch. (1) Janet Marie Blalock b. 24 Dec. 1958
    - (2) Kenneth Blalock b 15 Oct 1962 m. Nonne \_\_\_\_\_
      - ch 2A Kelsey Lynn Blalock b. 2 May 1991
  - E3 Clifford William Weedman b. 24 Nov 1941 m. Cheryl Horn in 1964. Divorced 1973
    - ch (1) Kimberly Diane Weedman b.4 May 1964 m. Steven John Ventimiglia in 1988
    - (2) Clifford Scott Weedman b. 28 Aug 1969

Clifford m. (2) Bonnie Kae Notar 13 Aug 1974.

Put a marker in the place, because this is to be continued in the next Newsletter. In case some of you have not chosen a way to copy what you want to add to the book, may I suggest you copy it just like it comes in the Newsletter, on a 8 x 11 1/2" sheet of paper, and begin at the top. Leave the rest blank, in case more is added. In this case I have more to add later, so keep a full size sheet of paper in your red book, p. 360.

For those of you who have the blue book, put the paper on/in the page that has Andrew Garfield Weedman's children in it.

Jan Bruner, of STEPHEN's line mentions in a recent letter that her family tradition is to have each child baptized on Thanksgiving day, then, on each Thanksgiving day, there is a cake, and a celebration of the baptismal day, remembering it in a spirit filled way, so that the children will take their baptism in seriousness and solemnity. I thought this was a good tradition, and wanted to pass it along. Jan enjoyed the reunion, and will be looking forward to seeing everyone again at the next one. Jan, believe me, you and your daughters and grandchildren will be most welcome any time, and husband's too who can take time to be present. As you know, it's a family thing, and not only Weedmans, but Weedman spouses are welcome. And some friends who have come also have said it was a super reunion. So we say.....the more the merrier. We'll have more news for you later as to next reunion dates, place, etc.

May I ask if there is anyone out there who has access to BRUNER data? Am looking for a PETER or a JACOB BRUNER who had a part in drafting the Kentucky State Constitution. There were Bruners in Breckinridge and Hardin Counties.....was Peter there? or in Mercer Co.? Let me know if this information is handy to you. Just drop me a line.

My address: Marianne Montgomery, 1428 S. Mildred St., Apt. 4407, Tacoma, WA 98465-1938.

Thanks. Don't know if these are Jan's Bruners, or not, but I would guess that they are. Jan, I'm going to write you real soon. Famous last words, and also those of you to whom I owe letters.

Some have asked if I would send you again the copy of the WIDMAN/WIDMANN crest and so I'm enclosing it herewith. I don't recall which newsletter it first appeared in, but I know I have sent the translation of it, and that is in the same or the following Newsletter with the crest. Some of our newer subscribers don't have this. Someone at the reunion asked for it, also and it slips my mind who that person was. Christian Weedman came to the states as Christian Widman, as there were no immigrants in any of the extant passenger lists who were named Christian Weedman, as such. The name WIDMAN is pronounced WEEDMAN in German. All of the cousins have handed down tales that their immigrant ancestor was indeed German. The ship he came over on, the Anderson, sailed out of Rotterdam, Holland, as did a good many ships carrying German immigrants to America. From Rotterdam, it had to stop at Cowes to get papers of immigration permission signed so that the people could immigrate with Britain's permission, as we were at 1750 ruled by England. George Schweitzer, the well known genealogist who speaks to seminars all over the country, told us about this having to stop at Cowes, England, to get permission to land in Philadelphia. I didn't know that. I had thought they stopped there to pick up more passengers.

I heard from Kathy Cranock. (STEPHEN's line) She lives and works about 5 miles from hard hit area of Miami where Hurricane Andrew did so much damage. Her apartment and place of work were undamaged, but she still considers how lucky she was, because if that hurricane were just a little closer, she might not have been safe. Kathy and others whose homes were intact, began immediately to help others who needed help and do what they could to restore some peace, hope and needed articles, wherever they could find those that needed them. We're proud of you, Kathy.

James Crawford Weedman, 48, son of William Robert and Euloda (Yeager) Weedman, (JOHN's line) passed away Nov. 4, 1992. He married Nancy Parker, who survives, him, and had the following children who survive:  
Robert L. Weedman

Tonya Weedman Lucas of Scottsburg, IN  
Rebecca Weedman

Other survivors are a brother, Terrell Weedman of Illinois, and a sister, Minnie Russell of Tell City, IN. Burial was at McQuady cemetery in Breckinridge County, KY. We wish to extend our sympathy to all those who surely miss James in the family circle. I know it's "late" but it is still meant from the heart.

In the next Newsletter, I will finish up the additions/corrections on Jacob Weedman's line, and give you what I have on the PHILIP WEEDMAN line of Florida. Haven't heard from Shirley yet, but heavens knows we all are as busy as cats on hot tin roofs. Also want to give you other odds and ends I have promised in past Newsletters. We'll have Shawn Weedman's update on Henry Linas Weedman's line of the Illinois branch either in Spring or Summer Newsletter. We have quite a number of items just waiting for space here.

If any of you are ever reading anything from Frank S. Campbell's "The Story of Hamilton Co., IN" know that Parmula Weedman, yes, our own Parmula compiled the index for that work. The complete title of her work is: A PERSONAL NAME INDEX TO FRANK S. CAMPBELL'S 'THE STORY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA. Parm's brother, Joe Allen Weedman, appears on page 1376 in 1980's WHO'S WHO AMONG STUDENTS OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. an outstanding student, researcher and author, his Ph.D is followed up by many other scholastic awards. So we see that our family seems to excel in nearly every field of endeavor. Some WEEDMANs are hiding their talents, but we ask you all to let us share in your glory. It is so encouraging to learn of these and others in various fields of expertise.

Some Meade County KY Weedman Marriages:

25 Feb 1885 Frances Weedman - William S. Singleton  
25 Feb 1896 John Weedman - Sarah A. Meador  
31 May 1897 Maggie Weedman - A. A. Epperson  
6 Nov 1897 A. T. Weedman - George S. Palmer  
7 Jun 1898 Mary Ellen Weedman - E. G. Dawson  
25 Apr 1909 Thomas Weedman - Sophia Bennett

Thanks to Nick Weedman for the above list.

Keep sending news and family additions/corrections, whatever to me whenever you find something you want to share.

*Love,  
Marianne, Sara  
& Nick*



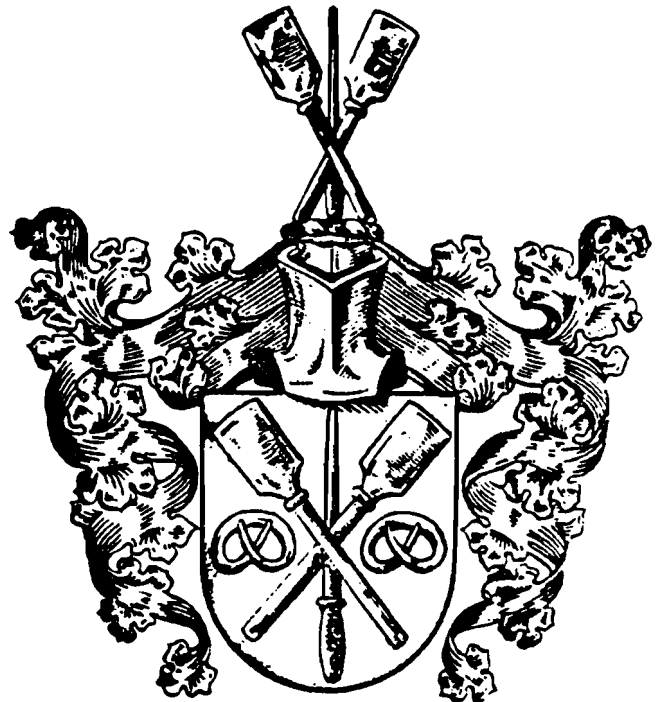
Israël I	* Mönseheim	ca. 1590	Schultheiß und bad. Stiftsschaffner
Israël II	* Mönseheim	5. 5. 1625	Bauer
Israël III	* Mönseheim	20. 9. 1652	Bäcker und Gerichtsverwandter
Johann Andreas	* Mönseheim	12. 12. 1679	Bürger, Bäcker und Gerichtsverwandter
Jakob Friedrich	* Heimsheim	30. 11. 1708	Bürger und Hafner
Zacharias	* Mönseheim	21. 8. 1733	Bürger und Hafner
Johann	* Mönseheim	17. 1. 1771	Bauer
Johann	* Mönseheim	13. 4. 1812	Weber
Johann	* Mönseheim	21. 7. 1841	Weber
Christoph	* Mönseheim	22. 4. 1883	Fabrikant

Der Wappenstifter, Fabrikant Christoph Widmann, als Opfer so überaus grausamen Fliegerangriffe auf Pforzheim am 27. 1945 die Augen für immer schloß, hinterließ er zwei Töchter, Grete und Ruth Widmann, beide in Pforzheim geboren. Mit ihm starb seine Familie in der männlichen Nachfolge aus, ein Geschlecht, das sich in ununterbrochener Reihenfolge bis über den 30jährigen Krieg hinweg zurückverfolgen läßt, und dessen Ahnherr der Schultheiß und badische Stiftsschaffner Israël Widmann ist.

Bauern, Bäcker, Hafner und Weber — viel gesundes Handwerkerblut — haben der Familie durch 350 Jahre das Gepräge gegeben. Schon die ältesten nachweisbaren Ahnen saßen im Gericht und Rat ihrer kleinen Heimatgemeinde unweit der badisch-württembergischen Grenze und gehörten hier zu den angesehensten Bürgern ihres Dorfes.

Der Sprung vom Elternhaus nach dem nahen Pforzheim war kein großer, und doch bedeutete er für Christoph Widmann, der nur unter ländlichen Einflüssen aufgewachsen war, den großen Sprung in die weite Welt, die sich ihm in der Goldstadt mit ihren weltweiten Beziehungen offenbarte. Nichts lag für ihn daher näher als die Gründung eines eigenen Unternehmens, das er schon im Jahre 1919 unter der Firma Christoph Widmann, Silberwarenfabrik und Schmuckwarengroßhandlung, ins Leben rief, deren Spezialität die Herstellung von Silberwaren in antiker Art sowie Wappenlössel ist. Die nach der Zerstörung der Stadt wiederaufgebaute Firma wird heute unter der Leitung des Schwiegersohns, Fabrikant Alois Reichreiter und dessen Ehefrau Grete geb. Widmann, Pforzheim, Christoph-Allee 16, als DSG auf bedeutend verbreiteter Basis fortgeführt.

Wappenarchiv Dechtermann, Nr. 3531/42.



**Wappen:** In Blau ein viertelweis gestellter goldener Almsitzab, schrag überkreuzt von zwei goldenen Wadtschäufeln, deren Stiele nach unten gekehrt sind, besetzt von zwei gestürzten, goldenen Wetzeln.

Auf dem Stechhelm mit blau-goldener Decke und blau-goldenem Wulst der goldene Almsitzab und die Schaufeln des Schildbildes.



*Fleisher helped to restart a local burned victims support up after the upper half of his body was burned in a mical fire.*

*"Old Home Place, near Caneyville, Grayson Co, KY, and its acreage, where WEEDMANs still live*



# YVHS HOMECOMING



**JUNIOR PRINCESS**—Missy Holland with her father, Terry Holland.

*Above:*

*Missy is the grand-daughter of Jerri and Jess Weedman, of Joshua Tree California. (JACOB's line).*

*Left:*

*Read Rod's brave story in this Newsletter, and remember to pray for him as he faces more surgery. He is the grandson of Doris Kizer, NICHOLAS' line.*

*Left:*

*Names of Sherman WEEDMAN's children are "in the clouds". This is WEEDMAN ground. Good ground. Many happy reunions and gatherings have brought Weedman kin together over the years.*

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## BURN VICTIMS MEET TO PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT --The pain is physical, mental, emotional--

*An interview with Gloria Greco*

Three years ago Reno's Rod Fleisher was involved in an accident while on a freeway construction job. He was cleaning up chemicals as he had many times before, when they spontaneously combusted in his face and burned the upper half of his body.

"This is the kind of nightmare we see happen in movies or to the other guy," Rod shared. "We don't believe something like this can happen to us. It was the farthest thing from my mind, yet it instantaneously changed my life forever.

My younger brother was with me and he is the one who actually saved my life. My face, arms and upper body were on fire. I heard people yelling, 'Stop, drop and roll!' I rolled around on the ground but that didn't put it out. I remember one guy wrapping me in his jacket, but I was still on fire. My brother was only 14 then, but he still had his wits about him enough to run and get a bucket of water and throw it on me. Literally, he saved my life.

I remember waking up at the hospital and seeing my wife and thinking, 'Thank God; I'm alive.' After they stabilized me here, I was flown to the burn center in Las

Vegas where I was to begin a long journey to fight to live. It was very hard and extremely painful. I hope one day medical advances will find a way to help people through this period of excruciating pain. They scrape off the new growth of skin several times each day so no bacteria can take hold, but morphine, the pain killer they give you, doesn't even touch the pain. Being burned is much less painful than the treatment, and it was at those times I thought about giving up.

I guess because of the treatment, the scarring, the surgeries, it is not unusual for individuals to ask me if I had it to do over again, would I have wanted to be saved? The honest answer to that is, I don't know. I have thought about that a lot. I was very grateful to be alive at the time of the accident, but during the treatments, many times I was certain I couldn't handle it another minute.

Here I am today three years down the road. I've been through surgery after surgery. I look and feel a hundred times better than before, but it is still with me every day. I have to look at my body in the mirror every day when I wake up, which is very traumatic, no matter how well you might think you are doing.

It is not hard just on the burned individual; it also affects the family and others around him. My daughter

was three at the time of the accident, and she has the fear that she is going to be burned like dad. It has taken me all this time to convince her that it's not going to happen to her.

I am grateful for what they can do for burn victims today. I would have been horribly scarred had I not received the benefit of what they've learned. Several times they have inserted inflatable bags under my chin; then they slowly inflate them until they stretch the skin enough to be able to pull it up to make new skin for my face. This really looks terrible—the bright red, scarred face, with bags on the neck—but this is the reason I have made so much progress to date and why my face is no longer red. I'll never be 100% my old self—but I've made a lot of real progress. I don't think I'm going to have it done on my arms and chest and stomach, though, because I have to keep those areas covered most of the time anyway. Burned skin can't handle the sun. I'll always have to use sun blocks on my face and will never be able to work in construction again.

I have lost feeling in some of my fingers, yet I'm fortunate. I've had access to very good treatment. Years ago when technology wasn't as advanced, people didn't have the

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## ***Today's treatment for burn victims can truly be called a miracle*** (from front page)

same opportunity. Today skin can actually be grown from a very small patch of healthy skin. It is really a miracle.

What hurts most is when I see people staring and then they quickly look away. To this day I would rather people come up and ask me what happened, rather than stare and turn away. I know what I looked like in my recent past, but I'd appreciate the opportunity to help educate people on what burn patients experience and the nature of the disability. I guess they just can't imagine what happened to me. I've never thought anyone was being unkind to hurt me, but from the perspective of the burn victim, it is so much better to talk about it, since talking has proved to be an important part of my recovery process.

Because of this, I helped re-start the B.U.R.N.S. (Burn Understanding Resource Needs Support Group) support group to help people in my situation, and their families, learn how to survive the day-to-day experiences. We meet the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Sparks Fire Department at 1605 B Street, in Sparks, at 7:00 p.m.

Firemen have provided incredible support to us; they know more than anyone what is involved in this kind of trauma. Many of them have been burned themselves, or they have seen people die in fires, or have rescued people and then witnessed the treatment process necessary for recovery.

The individual who has been burned has extensive mental, emotional, and physical problems. But the individual who is with the person, who actually witnesses a body on fire suffers, also. In this case, mental and emotional scars will most likely cause problems for a very long time. It just isn't the kind of thing that is easily forgotten; it comes back through flashes as any number of occurrences can bring the memory up.

I know how difficult my experience has been; for those burned over the total body area, it is devastating. The Burn Support Group is there to help people talk about these feelings. Our purpose is to help all burn victims, which applies to everyone involved—families, children, spouse and friends, since they, too, must live with and adjust to what has occurred. We want to help those who are going through it to maybe deal with it a little bit better.

Mentally and emotionally in the recovery process you keep asking yourself, 'Why? Why did this happen to me?' I don't know that I have uncovered the full answer to that question. My wife says I am a different person than the Rod of a few years ago, and I know I am more appreciative of my children and wife, who has been a wonderful support. I also know what this has put them through.

Our support group has one goal: to help make recovery a little easier. We sent our first person to a burn camp this year. There, ordinary things like fishing, hunting, or riding

bikes, are available. These kind of things can make a big difference to the individual who can no longer enjoy some of the very basic things we do and take for granted.

Once you are disabled, or as in my case, what is considered 50% disabled, life changes. I now must become re-established in a career. I have gotten a real estate license, but it has been hard because of the visual handicap, especially as I was prepared for the surgeries, and also because of the time off after the surgeries. I believe I only have one surgery to go, and I feel really good about that. I feel I am well into my recovery process, but I know there is more that will come. That's okay, though, because I can get through anything now. Today my recovery is linked to helping others."

ED. I have had the pleasure of knowing Rod since before his accident as he married one of my daughter's best friends, Marcia Libby. I am certain Rod is going to be fine, and in the process of helping himself, that he will help many others. His is a real success story. As friends of the family, we are grateful Rod made it, and are very proud of the man he is becoming today.

If you would like to learn more about, or donate to, the Burn Support Group, call Rod at 788-7296.