

# ❖ Weedman Newsletter ❖

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*The Weedman Newsletter is entering its 28th year with this issue.*

*Marianne Montgomery has edited it since its inception*

## A Note from Marianne Montgomery

Hello Cousins,

Sometimes I feel like I'm "losing it". Take for instance, in the FALL Newsletter. I said we'd hoped to see **George Perry Weedman**, (see page 17, top of second column). Well he was there and I talked with him, and so did most people! So chalk that up to my goof. And we were awfully glad to see George. Hope to see his family in 1996 and also Shirley Weedman Spooner, also from Florida.

Thanks for the contributions and Christmas cards received. Which brings up the subject of Newsletter dues. Even with the postage increase, the Newsletter is a bargain to all who enjoy it, and are proud of their WEEDMAN heritage. If you DON'T enjoy it, let us know so that we'll stop sending them your way. We think it's always fair to trim the mailing list if someone doesn't want to receive it. If we don't hear this from you, we'll take it for granted you DO enjoy it, and if you do, why not send YOUR dues to Sara today? Her address is:

Sara Carty  
11206 Carriage House Court  
Fredericksburg VA 22408.

Those who attended the reunion in '94 will remember **Jeff and Janie Weedman**, son and daughter-in-law

of **Jim and Alma Weedman** of Louisville. Janie had her baby! she is **Kati Marie Weedman**, born 2:21 A.M. December 11, 1994. She had black hair, weighed 7 lbs. and 6 oz., and was 20" long. Not sure yet of the color of her eyes, and her hair, though black at birth may be lighter when the permanent hair comes in. They usually lose the crop they are born with and when it comes back in it's sometimes lighter, but Jeff and Jane will keep us informed, we hope. Jeff is of JOHN's line. Congratulations, Jeff & Janie, Jim and Alma.

**Kathleen Fisler**, daughter of **Dorothy Weedman Fisler** and granddaughter of **William Durward and Belva (Weedman) Weedman** sends her new address. Kathleen was at the 1990 or 1988 reunion, and we want to see more of her...perhaps at Falls of Rough in '96. She lives at 8045 SW 107th Ave. #307, Miami, FL 33173 Kathy is of STEPHEN's line. Ed Weedman, who passed away back a few years ago,

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*A volunteer to prepare an index for the 1994 Newsletter is being sought. Parmula Weedman did the last two.*

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used to send us Weedman stories from his family's history (STEPHEN's line) just as Roy Weedman is doing with his family.....(JOHN's line). So many of you enjoyed "**His Blood Turned to Water**" in the Spring issue (1994).

We hope someone will come forth and do the Index for the Newsletter. Parmula Weedman did a 5 year index, and Parmula, are you already working on the 1994 index? If so, we all thank you heartily, because it's a job we need to have done for the Newsletter, and everyone gets a copy.

I guess you're all wondering how my implants are. Well my right one was done in August, as you recall and my left one done in December. We're talking about EYES, folks. Yep, both implants turned out perfect,

as implants go, and the vision is the best that it can be under the circumstances. Don't see 20/20 but I do see much better than before, which was close to 20/60 in my good eye.(left). Now it's somewhere between 20/30 and 20/40. The right one probably about 20/60 or 20/70 but that's better than the 20/120 it used to be, right? Thanks for your prayers and concern.

Speaking of surgery and illness, please keep the following in your prayers: **George Theiss** - recent surgery, and still recovering. George is Gena Lee's husband. She's of JOHN's line. So are the following:

**Ernie Weedman**, Ira's widow, has been hospitalized in Louisville. This news is not brand new, but look her up and offer your prayers and help. **Marvene Weedman**, Dewey's wife, has had surgery and has other health

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problems. Madisonville, KY. We have met all these wonderful cousins at the Weedman Reunions. Let's reach out to them now in their need. Wish I lived nearby. My heart aches longing to help in some helpful way. You know, just a little caring and visitation can do a lot for the morale and even helps heal. If any of you live close by the above mentioned cousins, do call before dropping in, but by all means, offer your help, then send me a report of how each one you contact is doing.

Got a very interesting letter from **Roy Weedman** from Nashville. He has just recently had cataract surgery, and says he sees things he "hasn't seen in 40 years!". I do agree! When I looked in the mirror after the patch came off my first operated eye, I said "Who's that 'old lady' looking out of my face?" I hadn't seen the wrinkles and bags under my eyes and boy, did I get a shock! Looked at my friends, and they had "aged overnight". When I got the second eye surgery, I saw all this with 2 eyes! Wow! It is hard to get used to the improved vision. Like I didn't think I could see my big wooden entry sign for **LAKE-SIDE LANDING APARTMENTS** from way back on Pearl St., about 5 blocks away. So I didn't believe I was seeing it. Then when I realized I WAS seeing it, I believed, but the point of this is to say you don't believe your own eyes sometimes, after successful eye surgery. You have to get used to believing your own eyes.

Lu and Roy had an interesting Fall. They took a leisurely AMTRAK trip up to Washington, DC and to Mon-

treau, Quebec, Canada. You know Roy.....he loves trains, and so does Lu. And AMTRAK does have good meals. They make a good lasagna that if it's on the menu, I choose it when I go AMTRAK. Roy's son **Daniel**..... (don't quote me) and family live in Washington, DC and they all had a nice visit. I hope Roy and Lu took a camera. Know they used a lot of film on that trip. Montreal is a lovely old city. Makes you think you're in France in the old part of the city. Now, if their son Dan doesn't live in Washington, then it would have been either Sam or John, but my guess would be Dan.

Calling **GEORGE WEEDMAN** of Rapid City, SD!!!!.....George, can you give me the address of any of the Breidenbach boys? Two of them came to a Weedman Reunion in Portland back in the late 70's and I have lost touch. Would like to find them again. They'd be JACOB's line... They knew George because **Clarence Orville Weedman** met George in Rapid City where they both lived. The Breidenbach's lived in Zeona, SD. Wonder if they still do....?

*A Weedman Sketch*

## Mary Rebecca Embry Middleton

**Mary Rebecca**, fondly called **Becky**, was born Jan 20, 1955 in Hawesville, KY daughter of **William and Stella (Smith) Embry**. Stella was a daughter of **William Marshall Smith and Sarah Veronica Weedman**, who was a daughter of **John and Polly (Stone)**

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*Marianne is trying to locate the Breidenbach family who formerly lived in South Dakota.*

*Becky Middleton contributed a cemetery list of Weedmans buried in Perry County, Indiana. The list was published in the Spring 1994*

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Weedman. Becky moved to Spencer Co., Indiana where she finished her schooling. She married **Richard Middleton** in 1971. They have two sons, **Richard**, and **James**.

In 1985 she met and joined forces with the newly reformed Spencer County Historical Society and became it's first Vice President.

With three others, she compiled cemetery records of the area in three volumes. She has been tireless in working to get a place in the sun for the Spencer Co. society. In 1990 she was hired as a paid employee. She's seen the society grow from a trickle of people coming in, to over 3000 from all 50 states and Canada, into the genealogy section alone. Researchers such as lawyers, doctors, retired generals, admirals, genealogists, historians, state and national agencies and societies. students, teachers, etc. Becky has seen the society through good and lean times, and her care and attention and loyal service, both volunteer and paid staff, has brought forth a first class Historical Society for Spencer County.

The sign-in/sign-out book is filled with complimentary phrases about help they've received from Becky. again...here is another Weedman who has made a difference in her world. We salute you, Becky Middleton for your dedication not only to genealogy, but to history as well. We are proud that you are a Weedman!

### Letters to Share

How thrilled I was to see in my mail a

letter from **Berneice Oran**.

Besides a generous contribution to the Newsletter, we got the latest news from the Orans. (JOHN's line). They were sorry they were unable to attend the reunion, but **Carl** is recovering from a 6-way bypass heart surgery, and although it was done in '92, a stroke at a later time, due to a blood clot, hampered his recovery on the right side of his body. He's having speech therapy, and continues recovery although slowly.

Berneice had a total right knee replacement in June, and all is well. At present she's walking with a regular cane. We pray that recovery for her and for Carl continues, and that we might possibly enjoy their presence at Rough River State Park in '96. They hope so, too. Carl is Uncle to **Diane Hall and Sharon Herke**, and Evansville is his "home town". They would have enjoyed our get together there, but healing occurs more rapidly when we have something to look forward to, so please, Carl and Berneice, try planning for the Reunion in '96. Let's all join with them in this hope.

**Bill, Thea, and Arie Weedman** were with us in '92, and it was Bill, not George Perry, that I had in mind when I wrote in the Fall Newsletter that we'd hoped to see them in '94 but they weren't there. But I got the name Bill mixed up with George. Don't ask me why. I don't have a clue! Well they have had a full year, some good and some bad news to report. Thea lost her dad, **James Russell** in March with cancer at age 70. He had a wonderful sense of humor and is greatly missed

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by his loving family. We too, are sorry Bill and Thea. However, in June, some good stuff came their way; Arie graduated from High School and the next day Bill, Arie and Thea took off for the British Isles. where they spent a month seeing the sights and getting to know the ways of the folks there. They especially loved Ireland. Not only are the people friendly there, but they dish out the blarney in jolly good humor. They're generous with the Guinness, too. Bill writes that everyone should experience Ireland at least once in their lifetime, and I fully

agree. I've been there often...to visit my mother's family and I always looked forward to the trips.

Arie moved into the Dorm at Pepperdine University and got into the flow right away. She's Assistant News Editor for the Pepperdine Weekly. Pepperdine is in Malibu, and as we all know, this town has been inundated with flooding for the past two weeks, and more on the way. Our hearts go out to all who have lost so much in the many flooded areas of California, but especially do we feel for our own Weedman cousins, caught up in this disaster.

*Arie Weedman,  
a student at  
Pepperdine  
University  
recently jogged  
with the  
President and  
Mrs. Clinton!*



**Arie, Bill and Thea Weedman. December 11, 1994.**  
Bill is descended from the line of Stephen Weedman and the family lives in San Diego County, California.

Arie and friend, Arlene took a jog one morning.....with President Clinton. He was visiting in the area and had to have his daily exercise. Hillary was jogging, too, so they met her also. Bill is City Planner for the city of Encinitas, and his hands will be full of paperwork etc. now that so much has happened in that area.

Arie will go to Washington, DC for ten weeks in April, for internship with Pepperdine, in the field of journalism. She hasn't got a definite assignment as yet, but hopes it'll be on Capital Hill or the White House. Shoot high, Arie! And here I was hoping she would get some journalistic experience with the Newsletter staff we have now! I am still looking for someone to take over my work here as I'm getting on

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*Denise Weedman Swigart is the first of what we hope will be a number of new contacts thanks to efforts of Carl Weedman.*

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up in years, and would like to break in someone younger. I'll be 70 in 1997. So let's hear from some budding journalist, who wants to launch out in a small start.

From time to time there will be pictures appearing on these pages, and it's usually a better picture if the background is light, and the picture is clear. They needn't be large pictures; just clear, and identification on the backs. Send your "extra"s, as I can't guarantee they'll be returned. I'd like to pass them on to the Photo committee....(Sharon and Diane) for inclusion in the WEEDMAN Photo Albums, which we have enjoyed at every reunion.

*New Subscriber.....*

### **Denise Weedman Swigart**

Today I received in the mail a letter from **Denise M. Weedman Swigart**. She was contacted by Carl Weedman, and she was happy that Carl had sent a Newsletter to her mother, who she didn't name, but I find a Denise Weedman, daughter of **Bill and Janet (Mascaro) Weedman** born in Dayton, Ohio. Could this be her? She said she was very interested and sent her address, but didn't identify which Weedman group she is connected with. She lives in Rio, Illinois. Any clues? The Denise mentioned above, daughter of Bill and Janet, is of STEPHEN's line. She will be reading this, so Denise, please send the names of your parents and grandparents on your father's side, so that we can positively identify them, and tell you how they trace back to Christian Weedman

Sr. You asked if there are other mentions of your family, and there may be, if we can learn how your piece of puzzle fits into the total picture. Let's hear from you. By the way, Denise, we have a book on your total family, cousins dead and alive from their beginning in Pennsylvania, through Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, South Carolina, and all throughout the south and Midwest, and west.

I've been asking our Illinois cousins to send some family information. In Gena's book, she has as much information as she has been given, but if no one sent her your line, then it's not in the book, so please send in a few generations to me, and I'll publish it and send it on to Gena, in case she wants to put forth a revised edition of her book again.

### **Illinois Tidbits**

**Rachel E. Weedman** married **Henry Farmer** in September of 1869 according to DeWitt Co. Marriage licenses, read by **Doris Patterson**, Beason, Illinois, who sent me the following data:

*Kenney Weekly Register*, 12 May 1876:

An early settler of DeWitt County was **William Young McCord** who was born in Obion County, Tennessee. Oct. 29, 1816, His parents were **James and Mary (Moore) McCord** who came from North Carolina when Tennessee was just getting settled. The family stayed in Obion County till the fall of 1831, when James sold out and moved to Illinois. Besides his wife, he brought: John, Hannah, Mary and

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William Y. Their home was in DeWitt County and in 1836 William bought some land and built a log cabin on it, and the way he describes it, it was crude, but in 1838 he married **Harriet Weedman**, daughter of **John and Rachel Weedman**, and she made that bachelor's cabin into a home, raised the family in it and they were still there in 1876, though William says that all the other neighbors have moved on.

He and the John Weedman boys which includes **John, Asa, George and Amos**, used to go hunting when there were plenty of deer, otter and other wild game for meat and pelts. Reprinted in Winter 1979 DeWitt Co. Gen. Society Quarterly.

Another of the sons of John and Rachel (Wilson) Weedman, who didn't figure into the above account of John's family, was **Thomas Weedman**. He was born in Santa Ana Township near Farmer City, IL. on January 12, 1839. He fought in the Civil War in IL Co. F. His brother, **Isaiah** was killed in a battle at Holly Springs, Mississippi. Thomas was taken prisoner. Later he was released, and eventually discharged. After the war he married (on Dec. 25, 1866) **Mary M. Brownlee**, daughter of **Thomas and Sarah Buker) Brownlee**. Thomas and Mary (Brownlee) Weedman had three children. One died in infancy, and the other two were **Fred J.**, and **Ted G. Weedman**. Thomas became Mayor of Farmer City, IL, and held many prominent posts in that city.

I will extract more Weedman biographical material from copies taken

from the Portrait And Biographical Album of DeWitt Co., IL (Beers-1888)

I'm looking for something else to add to the Winter Newsletter, and it just occurs to me that Helen Gregg DANIEL's line and Carl Weedman. DANIEL's line, both have Cassidy/Cassiday ancestry Were **Baptist Cassidy and Henrietta Cassidy/Cassiday** related?? I have a feeling that they probably were. This would make Helen and Carl double cousins. Who was Henrietta's father? Baptist John had a daughter named Henrietta, but she died before **William T. Weedman** married his Henrietta Cassidy.

Remember, if you haven't seen your family in print in the WEEDMAN NEWSLETTER, send me names, dates and places pertinent to where they lived and died, and I'll give it some space.

*Marianne Montgomery*

## Carl Weedman Initiative

**Carl Weedman** who continues to generously support the Weedman Newsletter recently contacted 150 Weedman families in various parts of the country. His effort is to determine further interest in the family heritage than those who currently receive this publication.

We applaud Carl in this initiative and expect to add a number of new subscribers as a result.

*The DeWitt County History has a number of biographical sketches of various Weedman family members.*



Ardis and Jim Weedman with Helen Gregg at the Weedman Family Reunion held in Evansville, Indiana in 1994



Nathan Ritchie and his grandmother, Sharon Seitz Herke at the July 1994 Reunion.

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hi Cousins,

I don't know about your neck of the woods, but here in Washington state spring was early. We may yet have a few gusty gales, but we can't complain; the weather has been pretty good this past winter.

I hope you all got your flyer from Jim Weedman, giving a few more particulars about the Weedman reunion coming in 1996 to Rough River Dam State Park, at Falls of Rough, KY. Let us all respond, if you think there might be a chance, come on, there's no charge for dreaming, and wouldn't we all like to be there? It'll be in July, and we'll know for sure after July 1, 1995 just what day in July of '96 it will be. Last year we each were asked to complete a paragraph or two on ourselves/family. These were compiled and made up into a pamphlet, and each of us received one. I treasure mine. It had a "Weed-man" (our mascot) on the cover. Your flyer from Jim had a "Weed-man" on it! Time out to go take a look! I don't know who wrote up that flyer, but they must have had a drawing program on their computer. Get your reply off to Jim and Alma soon. May I will be here before you know it.

Got a letter from John Silliman of West Hartford, CT. His work must

have transferred him there, for his roots are in De Witt County, Illinois. He is the grandson of Ola Weedman who married Pearle Maxfield Vandeventer/VanDeventer....and their son was John's father.

Ola Weedman was the daughter of Philip and Anne Dorothy Gillespie Weedman of De Witt County, IL. Philip was a son of Asa and Delilah (Hand) Weedman. Asa was born in Perry County, Ohio, the son of John and Rachel (Wilson) Weedman born in PA and MD respectively. John was a child of George and Charlotte Hume/Huhn Weedman, and of course George was a son of Christian Sr. Ola is of the ILLINOIS line. I am waiting to hear from John again to learn his father's name as well so that his pedigree will be complete in our records. The Vandeventer family was quite prominent in McLean and De Witt Cos. They came from Tennessee, and quite a number of families came with them. I'm just now looking into this migration, for roots of some of the allied

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*Marianne reminds us that it is only a year until the next Weedman Reunion. Please let Jimmie Weedman know of your plans to attend.*

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*Congratulations  
to Gena and  
George Theiss  
on the birth of a  
grand-daughter!*

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names of our Illinois cousins. These names are: WILSON, HUHNS, RUTLEDGE, VANDEVENTER and HAND to name several. I don't know how much luck I'll have with Wilson and Huhn, but I'll try.

Cathy Stone (ELIZABETH's line) wrote me and sent a list of WEEDMANs from past City Directories in Evansville, IN. (I hope I got Cathy's line ....Elizabeth Weedman who married John Stone's line). Cathy is researching the Willis GREEN name to try to come up with a link to the early WEEDMAN and/or possibly STONE families of KY. It seems that Christian Weedman Jr's lines are the only ones who have carried down the "Willis Green" name. It appears in one form or another; either Willis, Green, or Willis Green. I'll keep you all informed to her research results.

Thanks, Cathy! If you look in the Pennsylvania Archives you'll find it there, too and possibly in Maryland, but I haven't checked Maryland.....I'm talking the Willis Green name. He also is found in Grayson County, KY. He must be somehow connected to the Weedman family, but I don't know now how it comes about.

Gena and George Theiss are proud great grandparents of a baby girl. Amy Turner and David Clark are the proud parents. Amy's maternal grandparents are George and Gena, of course. She and David are living in Perryville, MO at the present time. The baby girl is Shelly Paige Nicole Clark, born March 16, 1995; 7 lbs. 7 - 1/2 oz. Born in Perryville. We wish Pat and C. Ricky Wright as well as all the other members of the family our congratulations.

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Eleanor Deom has been abroad with three other cousins. They visited Belgium and France. They visited cousins in Belgium. These cousins were on the DEOM side of the family. Many Belgium immigrants came to southern Indiana in the latter part of the last century. It was so great to meet them, although the cousins here in US had been so far away for cousins in Belgium.. They got to see the homes of their ancestor Deoms and then they went to Paris where they were shown around for two days. They really got to see the sights there. Eleanor is of DANIEL's line.

She found Marguerite WEEDMAN Rickardt who's mother passed away, and the sad event caught the eye of our Weedman cousins Bill and Helen Gregg who passed the news on to Eleanor. Marguerite trains Montessori teachers. Perhaps there's a copy around that we can report in the Newsletter of the obituary of her mother. We'd like to know where Marguerite's WEEDMAN line fits in. Perhaps Gena Lee has an idea of where she might fit in. Marguerite has been in India for 13 years. Montessori can be best explained by someone else. I have an idea that it means something like "special" children; bright children maybe? I'm not sure of the exact type of education Montessori is, but I've always known it exists.

Eleanor is now learning French, and intends to go back to her roots some time in the future. She's enjoying her studies and her computer. Eleanor, did you know you can buy a program for your computer, where you write a letter in English and hit a key and it

translates it into French? Yep, that's right. Ask your local software dealer. Comprenez vous? Eleanor was coming to Washington State in March or April to visit her daughter in Toppenish, and then to New Orleans after that. What a lucky girl!!

In addition to the letter from John Siliman we got another one from Bettie Silman. John sent a pedigree chart to the De Witt County, IL library and staff there helped him with biographical sketches of Asa's ancestry back to John Jesse and George, and the children of Asa, from DeWitt County and McLean County, IL. I am going to be excerpting these sketches as we go along, and bringing us up to date as to the Illinois branches of the family. Bettie is from STEPHEN's line through Mordecai Weedman the same as Janelle Bruner. Bettie hopes that she can join us at Falls of Rough in '96 and if she can, she'll bring her mother. We hope that they both will be there.

Betty Snodgrass wrote and said that she was so pleased with last year's reunion and especially happy to see George, Gail and Georgia there. Each year more cousins join us for the first time, and we have such great fun for those two days.

### Evansville Directory

Cathy Stone sent the following list of Indiana Weedman extractions from the Evansville, IN (Vanderberg County) City Directories:

*A number of biographical sketches from the McLean Illinois county history are contained in this issue.*

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*Weedman  
listings from the  
Evansville IN  
city directory  
are courtesy of  
Cathy Stone.*

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## 1929

### Home Address

Freeman Weedman

R.D. 5

Mary, (wid. Elisha) Weedman

R.D. 5

No books for 1930-35.

## 1936- 1941

Jantus O & Luvina Nancy Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

## 1942-1943

Jantus O. & Luvina Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Haskel E. Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

## 1944

Florence Weedman

123 S.E. 1st St.

Hassel E. Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Jantus O & Luvina Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

James Weedman

1314 Cody

Lorine Weedman

214 W. Iowa

## 1945

Haskel E. Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Jantus O. & Luvina Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Marguerite Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

James Weedman

701 Division

1946 No book

## 1947

Haskel E. Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Jantus O. & Luvina Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Marguerite Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

## 1948

Haskel E. & Margaret Weedman

1416 W. Columbia

Jantus & Nancy L. Weedman

1123 W. Maryland

Omer E. & Evelyn Weedman

1107 1/2 W. Stanley

## 1950

Haskel E. & Margaret Weedman

2219 W. Delaware

Irven Weedman

no address

Jantus O. & Nancy L. Weedman

908 Harriet

## 1951

Gail H. & Beatrice Weedman

805 E. Gum

Irven F & Bertha E. Weedman

421 Garfield

Jantus O & Nancy L. Weedman

908 Harriet

1952 no book

## 1953

Eugene & Margaret Weedman

2905 N. Governor

Gail H. & Beatrice Weedman

4126 Herndon Dr.

Irven F. & Bertha E. Weedman

421 Garfield

James Weedman

423 3rd. Ave.

Lyle & Ruth Weedman

803 Jackson

Jantus A. & Nancy L. Weidman

908 Harriet

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### 1954

Harold & Floetta Weedman  
705 Culverson  
Haskel E. & Margaret Weedman  
?  
Irven F. & Bertha E. Weedman  
421 Garfield  
James Weedman  
619 W. Illinois  
Lyle G. & Ruth Weedman  
?  
Nancy L. (wid. of Jantus) Weedman  
908 Harriet

### 1955

Harold and Floetta Weedman  
1705 Culverson  
Haskel E. & Margaret Weedman  
12 E. Columbia  
Irvin F. & Bertha Weedman  
421 Garfield  
James Weedman  
219 Harriet  
James A & Stella Weedman  
?  
Lyle & Ruth Weedman  
?  
Nancy L. (wid. of Jantus) Weedman  
908 Harriet

### 1956

Harold and Floetta Weedman  
1705 Culverson  
Irvin F. & Bertha E. Weedman  
421 Garfield  
James A. & Stella Weedman USAF  
908 Harriet  
Nancy (Wid. of Jantus ) Weedman  
908 Harriet  
William T. Weedman  
908 Harriet

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By looking over these names you can see who might be related to who by the address. Also some don't want their address listed. Note the misspelling of a name by the enumerator taking the "census". Notice he has one Weidman where obviously it should be Weedman. Notice how some names change around. For example, Luvina Nancy Weedman becomes Nancy L. Weedman. And is Eugene Weedman (1953) really Haskel E. Weedman? Notice that Jantus O. Weedman has died between the 1953 and 1954 directory listings. Marguerite Weedman is no doubt the same Margaret Weedman that Eleanor Deom spoke of to me in the letter I shared with you in this Newsletter.

I went to Phoenix and to Sacramento in Feb/March. While in Phoenix I had a wonderful visit with Carl and Helen Weedman of Mesa. They took me to a lovely shopping center where we browsed and had lunch. Then we went to their lovely home and enjoyed a nice visit. Carl is so very helpful to the Weedman cause and he has taken the project of writing or otherwise contacting all of the Weedman families in the USA who as yet don't know we exist. Some respond quickly and others are skeptical, or just not interested. Procrastination is another consideration. But sooner or later, those people will pull out that letter and write. In every family there is one who is the family historian, and who will make the contact. In Carl's family, he and Mary Alice Fults and Marjorie Kennedy (brother and sisters) are all interested, and I'm sure the same can be said for others of us.

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*A number of the Weedman families in the Evansville IN city directory are unknown to us. All help in identifying these relatives is appreciated*

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The weather in Phoenix was great. Sunshine every day and a few showers now and then, making it an ideal time to visit that area. I have friends and relatives there and it was just the time to go and see them all. My sister and a brother live in Sacramento with their families, so it was nice to see them all again.

I have my treasured prize I won last year at the reunion.....a tablecloth with the signatures of the other cousins who attended the reunion. I'm looking for a polyethylene clear plastic cover to use when I spread it on table for a meal. I have used it twice, using place mats for each guest and so far no "accidents" have happened to necessitate cleaning it, but I want this plastic clear covering just in case someone should spill... We all do from time to time, so I am looking for that. I suppose I could find this plastic covering in Walmart, but we don't have a Walmart here. I'll find it.

Last Newsletter, I had some tidbits about the Illinois Weedman lines and I'm adding some more data here.

### McLean County Marriages

Asa Weedman to Delilah Hand, 20 Oct 1836

Charity Weedman to Robert H. Rutledge, 9 June 1831

Harriet Weedman to William McCord, 21 Jan. 1841

These were taken from the Illinois Genealogical Society's publication of McLean Co. Marriages 1976.

I'm sure there were others, and I'll add more next Newsletter. I noted that there were several MURPHY's, BISHOP's, HAND's and RUTLEDGES among other allied Weedman families mentioned, and I will extract more of them for the next Newsletter. I don't know for sure if the MURPHY line is the one that connects to the Weedmans or not but Christian Sr. Weedman had a daughter, Elizabeth who married a "Mr. Murphy" and since reading here and there in the various Illinois reference books dealing with the Weedman families, I do notice that many families in that area came from Pennsylvania, and Maryland, as well as Tennessee. So I have culled some clues from all this which I'll look into later. I plan to go to Salt Lake City in the fall. There you can research practically undisturbed for 14 hours. straight, counting lunch time and supertime. I take a bit less the older I get, but still get in plenty of research in 6 days of daily attendance there in that vast library.

Since Bishop is one of our allied names for Illinois Weedmans, I'm noting the biographical sketch of JACOB BISHOP here for those of you who have this family in your line.

### **JACOB BISHOP**

He was born in Frederick County, MD and while in McLean County, IL he was a stock-raiser and farmer. From Maryland, the family moved to Fayette Co., PA and then in 1812, they moved on to Licking County, Ohio near the Perry County line. There he met Mary Ann Weedman,

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*The Rutledge, Bishop, and McCord families have close ties with various Weedman lines in Illinois and Ohio.*

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daughter of George and Charlotte (Hume/Huhn) Weedman. Her brother and Jacob became good friends. Mary Ann married Jacob on May 10, 1820. In 1829 they moved to Randolph Grove in McLean County. There were several families who moved at that time from the Ohio area to McLean County. There the close association with the Weedman family continued.

Jacob and Mary Ann (Weedman) Bishop had thirteen children: Sarah Ann, George B., Hannah, Charity, Jacob C., Charlotte, John S., Mary E., Harriet, William F., Elizabeth, Joseph A, A. M., all living within twenty five miles of the old Bishop Homestead in Randolph Grove. Mary Ann died 24 Jan. 1873. They had sixty-eight grandchildren.

### WILLIAM L. SWINEY

William was born in Menard County, IL on Sept. 3, 1851. His parents,, William C. and Elizabeth (Eldridge). Swiney were early settlers in that area, coming with their family from Kentucky. William Sr brought his family to DeWitt County, IL in 1870. He had owned land in Menard Co., and in DeWitt County. William L. met and wed Sarah C. Weedman after the move to DeWitt county, The marriage took place June 21, 1875. Sarah was a daughter of George Weedman, son of George Weedman Sr. George Jr. was born in Perry County, OH in 1824, his parents and grandparents moving out that way from Fayette County, PA. No mention made of the children of William L. and Sarah Weedman Swiney.

### JOHN WEEDMAN

This is the John Weedman, son of John Jesse and Rachel (Wilson) Weedman. He is the John Weedman who became a wealthy citizen, well known in both McLean and DeWitt Cos. in Illinois. He was very active in many endeavors over the years. Occupation: stock dealer and banker. He was born in Perry County, Ohio Feb 5, 1828. He lived in DeWitt county many years and then moved to Iowa. His father, John Weedman was born in Fayette County, Pa in 1797, son of George Weedman and Charlotte Hume /Huhn Weedman. This John was married to Rachel Wilson who was born in Maryland. He died March 6, 1867 in Webster City, IA where he had moved after the death of his beloved wife, which occurred in DeWitt County in 1853. John Jr. (the banker) lived at home until 1850, when he and three brothers and several others went to California to find gold. They didn't find any to speak of, and so moved back to De Witt County. He married Mary A. McDonald March 31, 1853. She was born in Madison County, Ohio. Sep. 22, 1834.

John and Mary had six children, four living to adulthood. These four were: Harriet J., born Dec. 21, 1857, Cassius M, August 12, 1860; Rachel, Mar. 4, 1862; and John S. born. Dec 15, 1865.

Mary McDonald Weedman wife of John, and mother of the above children was the daughter of Thomas McDonald born in Tennessee in 1802. He married in Ohio Rebecca Erwin,

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*Many of the readers of the Weedman Newsletter descend from the Illinois branch of the Weedman family.*

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born in Ohio. They settled down near Farmer City where Mr. Weedman had a large attractive banking business.

The above sketches were extracted from the History Of McLean County, IL. 1886, Beers publishers.

### **GEORGE and son, JOHN JESSE WEEDMAN**

George Weedman, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Craddock)? Weedman was born in Pennsylvania and moved with his family to Perry Co. Ohio "some years after his marriage". He was first married in Fayette County, PA to Charlotte Hume/Huhn. The record of the baptisms of some of their children in St Jacob's Lutheran church spells the name Huhn. And indeed, the Huhn records of that church are spelled with the old country spelling.....Huhn. This biographical sketch says that George's father was born in Holland and emigrated to PA prior to the Revolutionary War. This sketch was given to the compilers of the Portrait and Biographical Album of Piatt and DeWitt Cos. Illinois published in 2888, after the deaths of Christian Sr., George's father.

The land in Fayette Co where George was born was named "NEW HOLLAND" and perhaps the family did live in Holland from where they sailed (Rotterdam) on the "Anderson" to the New World, but originally, it is believed, until proven otherwise, that they were of German descent ..... which isn't much different than Dutch. However, of late I've done nothing to confirm this. I have a new computer, and can get contact with people from

Holland and Germany, and I'll enquire about this matter. Suffice it to say, for now, that George was a son of Christian, Sr, and that he (George) was born in Fayette Co., PA. He and Charlotte moved to Perry Co., (taken from Fairfield Co.) Ohio. After the death of Charlotte, which occurred after their children were grown, he married Phoebe Halsey in Illinois.

John Jesse Weedman was the second child of George and Charlotte, born in Pennsylvania and baptized in the Lutheran church mentioned above. John Jesse grew up in Ohio and in 1830 moved first to Heyworth, in McLean County. Life wasn't easy for them, and soon they moved on to the Farmer City area of Illinois. He married Rachel Wilson in Ohio. Some years after the demise of Rachel, in Illinois, John married Mrs. Minerva Gamble, nee Yazell, and moved to Webster City, Iowa, where he died in 1866 aged 74 years..

### **LIST OF THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE WEEDMAN RE-UNION IN 1994.**

Lori Baker  
Lisa Renschler (guest)  
Joe and Katheryn Basinger  
Brandon, Blake and Nathan Ritchie  
Leanna and Brittany Brown  
Kim Ritchie  
Jan Bruner  
Mike Seitz Jr.  
Kim Byers  
Jan and Mike Seitz, Sr.  
Max Byers  
Doug Seitz  
Leah and David Crupper  
Elizabeth and Noble Snodgrass

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*George and  
Charlotte  
(Huhn)  
Weedman were  
early settlers of  
McLean County,  
Illinois*

Eleanor Deom  
 Cathy Stone  
 Janella & Sarah Forcum  
 Gena and George Theiss  
 Rhonda and Amber Francis  
 Lola J. Vance  
 Mary Alice Fults  
 Carl and Helen Weedman  
 Helen and Bill Gregg  
 Dewey and Marvene Weedman  
 Diane Hall  
 Elizabeth "Gail" Weedman  
 Lavada Heath and husband  
 George Perry Weedman  
 Lisa Henn  
 Georgia C. Weedman  
 Sharon and Bob Herke  
 Jim and Ardis Weedman  
 Marie Weedman Hunt  
 Jeff and Jane Weedman  
 Mary Kaufman  
 Jimmie and Alma Weedman  
 Marjorie Kennedy  
 Roy and Luetta Weedman  
 Andrew and Marie Kohut  
 April Wright  
 Phil Kohut  
 Pat and Rick Wright.  
 Tony Kohut  
 Darrell and Kim McBride  
 Betty and Robert Miles (guests)  
 Marianne Montgomery  
 Ben Quinton

There are 54 names here and I trust that no one was left out of this list. Weedmans and guests came from IL, IN, KY, TN, FL, NE, WA, & AZ,

Have you sent your dues to Sara yet? If not, why not? I don't want to hassle anyone, but merely a gentle reminder. With new postage rates, your help is needed to sustain this effort.

We'll continue with the McLean Co.,

Marriages, and the biographical sketches of the Weedmans in the Illinois lines that we have data on. If any of you reading this from the Illinois line would like to bring us up to date on your line, I'll be very pleased. I need to hear from Denise Swigart. Denise we need your line from yourself as far back as you can go so that we can connect you to the clan. and Bettie Sillman, John Silliman, and Cathy Stone, can we get some family connections from you all?

George Theiss at this writing is doing much better, news for which we are grateful and thankful to God.

I went in for foot surgery (not serious) Tuesday, April 18. I'm getting around pretty well now. Had a bone spur and enlarged bone due to wearing too narrow pointed more or less, shoes. removed.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Hal D. Weedman, 86, of Lamar In on February 16. Hal was born August 22, 1908, son of James and Sarah J. Weedman. His wife, Nelicie (Yeager) Weedman, daughters, Sarah Russell and Bernice Board, and sons Cecil and C. D. Weedman survive. Preceding him in death were daughter Loretta, sons Hal J. and Harold K. (twins), and Jake. Brothers Paul, Robert, and Woodrow also preceded him in death. He leaves two sisters, Lorine Evans of Evansville and Stella Floyd of Leavenworth, IN. Hal was buried in McQuady KY.

Take care and do let us and Jimmie Weedman hear from you soon.

*Marianne Montgomery*

*Participants in  
the 1994  
Weedman  
Reunion are  
listed.*



# ❖ Weedman Newsletter ❖

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Hope you all are enjoying a fun summer. I have the latest Reunion news for you. As those of you know who attended the last reunion, Jimmie and Alma Weedman were going to secure reservations at Rough River State Park for our 1996 reunion,. In order to be first in an expected long line, Jim and Alma spent the night of June 30 at the Lodge, and were up at 5:00 a.m. (or some such wee hour in the morning), and to make a long story short, they were included, but the problem is: The Management could not assure that there would be dining facilities ready, and the remodelling that is planned has not got a fixed day for completion, so that we'd be on rather shaky ground if we went ahead and made our reservations there. The Management took reservations from those who could quickly switch plans. We couldn't do that without some months' notice, because many of us buy our tickets months in advance at a good price, so what Jim did was to look around for another place that would be in that area. He got one, and secured reservations at Bardstown, KY, home of Stephen Foster, and a well known historical landmark of Kentucky. ( **OLD KENTUCKY HOME STATE PARK** ) Bardstown was one of the first settlement places for many of the first families in

that area of Kentucky, Many allied lines of Weedmans are to be found having settled in that area so long ago. I'll have more when I receive something from Bardstown C of C, which I have sent for and I'm sure Jimmie and Alma will be forthcoming with more details. They have secured a goodly number of rooms, and the location of nearby Motels. They were promised a meeting room, good dining, and all of the other amenities that Rough River had in their lodge. Bardstown is in Nelson County, which was one of Kentucky's earliest counties, having been formed from a part of Jefferson County, which was formed in 1780 from Kentucky County, VA. Nelson county was formed in 1784, the year of the great influx of white men into what was then the home of several Indian tribes including Cherokee, Choctaw, Kaintuck, and other tribes which gave the earliest settlers a rough time till treaties and land sales could be worked out to everyone's satisfaction.

Many of the first settlers were from

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*The 1996 Weedman Reunion will be held in historic Bardstown which is the county seat of Nelson County This is a change from earlier plans..*

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*The contact address for the organizer of the 1996 Weedman Family Reunion is listed for your convenience.*

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Virginia's Augusta County, (part of which was later called Kentucky County, VA. Other settlers came down from New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland, and over from the Carolinas. They went first to the settled safer places, and Bardstown was ready for them in 1784. When Nelson County was first formed it took in a larger territory than it does today. Counties which were derived from Nelson are: Washington, Marion, Taylor, and parts of each of: Edmonson, Hart, Green, Butler and McLean, Ohio, Davies, Hardin, Breckinridge, Meade, Hancock, Bullitt, Spencer, Larue and Grayson. So if you had people from any of these counties, you will want to check out the libraries and historical societies in this area, as well as visit the site of Stephen Foster's home, and maybe have a look at Fort Knox. They don't give out samples, however, so bring

your own money. We are bound to have an enjoyable time, and we can count on Rough River Dam State Park for our 1998 reunion. We thank Jim and Alma for getting these facilities for us, and you'll hear more about them as time goes by. If you have questions that need fast answers, please feel free to write to :

**Jim Weedman,  
8906 Cottingham Way  
Louisville, KY 40258.**

We are having the reunion in Kentucky, true, but you wonderful Illinois and other states cousins are expected to be there too. At each reunion we choose a place to have the next one, and at our last meeting, Rough River was chosen. There was plenty for children to do and everything was close for camping, hiking and all

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Queries regarding the Weedman family or allied lines are welcomed. Attention will be given to each one and for those which cannot be answered by family genealogists, publication in the *Newsletter* will be made.

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round enjoyment, so we can still make arrangements to get to the old Weedman stomping grounds as freeways make the distance short for travelling around the area.

## William G. Weedman Death Reported

William G. Weedman Jr., 71, of Columbia, SC and formerly of Louisville, KY passed away April 30, 1995. William was born in Louisville, and spent time in the Marine Corps during WW II, and worked till recently as regional manager for Barber Colman Company, in SC. He was a member of several organizations, and the Eastern Parkway Baptist Church in Columbia. His survivors are: Grace Ward Weedman, a son, William G. Weedman III; two daughters, Paula Shannon of Prestonburg, and Susanne Schaps of Hammond; his mother, Anna Weedman, a brother, David Weedman; two sisters, Gladys Weber, and Theresa Stone; and five grandchildren. Memorial services were held in Lexington, SC.

We want to extend sincere sympathy to those who grieve William's passing, and also to Hal Weedman's family who mourn his leaving this earth, even though we are somewhat late, still they know we care, and we hope the Lord will bring them safely through this lonely period.

Please send me news of any of our people as soon as you know it so that I can let your more distant cousins know we all care. Thanks.

I got a lovely letter from Joyce Windisch-Anthony in which she sends the 1880 census for DeWitt County. She adds some facts that weren't listed in the census, and for this we are very grateful. I'll try to get it in this Newsletter. She plans to send the rest of it for the Fall Newsletter. She has it typed in a layout that demands a single column page or two, so I'm sending it to Nick to organize on his computer. Speaking of Nick, he is planning to join us for the 1996 reunion, but of course, plans can change. Right now he's pretty sure of being able to make it..

Keep Nick's dad, Harry E. Weedman of Blytheville, AR, just might be there, too, but he is not in the best of health at this time. We surely hope to see them both. We'll keep you all informed.

Bettie Silman of Elsinore, MO wrote concerning the Weedman Crest in the Newsletter of Winter of 1992, Vol. 25 #4. Her Swiss neighbor could read German and she translated the data in German for Bettie. We followed the article up with the translation in I believe it was the Spring edition of the Newsletter (1993). Bettie asks if it is definitely OUR Crest, and how did we come by it. I believe Doris Kizer was the one who sent it to me. We have no idea if this Widman is ours or not., even though Weedman was originally spelled Widman. Betty goes on to say that this Widman family owned a

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*Our sympathy to  
the family of  
William G.  
Weedman, who  
recently died in  
South Carolina.*

*There is a reasonably good chance that our surname was actually Widman or Widmon. See this issue for a possible clue to our European origin.*

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small jewelry and silver manufacturing company and his specialty was making silver crest spoons. He was killed during an air raid of WW II. The place is still going, and his son-in-law and daughter are running the place now. They are: Alois and Grete Rischreiter. The first Widman in this family was named Israel Widman, and he was one of the founders of Baden, Germany. Bettie didn't say what town Alois and Grete live in now and where the factory still stands. Bettie, could you add this information? Maybe it is Baden?

### Family Crest Information

Speaking of Crests and Coats of Arms, I received a letter from G. K. Beulah & Co., 23 Park Street, Hull, HU2 8RU, England, makers of heraldic products and crests of all kinds. They have over 100,000 crests available for 100 Clan names, and they hold records of family arms for the majority of European names. You may want to write them for their brochure, and details. Price quote was from \$28.00 to \$37.00. The brochure they sent showed very good work, and the price seems to be good, too. Since there may be several different crests or coat of arms for one name, they would like to have a Xerox copy of the one you prefer, should you decide to go with their offer. For instance, although the brochure can't list all of the names representative of what they have, I know from my own research that the SHAW family has 2 and possibly more, coats of arms. If you write, you may want to ask if it is possible to design your own crest

and have it made up. You know, it is possible to place a lovely crest of your own as the beginning of your own family dynasty. I know a family named Scott who designed one and it hangs proudly on their wall. Mr. Scott is a fisherman, and his wife a seamstress, and so the crest contains four sections; one with a fish in a net, another with a needle & thread laying atop a piece of cloth, and the third is a dog and the fourth has 5 hearts with the initial of each of their children's names in a heart. It will be passed on to the oldest child in each generation.

I can talk to Germans on my Computer, and I received a reply (in English) from Rainer Koetting saying that Widman is fairly common. It exists in Odenwald, a little mountain area between Darmstadt and Heidelberg. It is not as common as Meyer, Mueller, Schmidt or Schmitt. Herr Koetting says. I will ask about the name Weedman on the European Bulletin Board, too.

Thanks, Bettie for bringing up this topic.

### Weedman Mascot

Diane Hall sent several "poses" of our mascot, the Weedman. I sent a picture of him off to a company in Folsom, CA.. and they made him on a rubber stamp for me. I will stamp him for Nick, and perhaps he can somehow transport it into the finished Newsletter so that you can see the size of it. If you want one for your own (rubber stamp) I can order them from Folsom. They would be \$6.00 each. No profit made by me, but a joy

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to offer this service, and have them made for any of you who want one. I stamp mine happily on much of my correspondence. It's soooooo cute!!!

I just found out I have an application (program) on my computer called Draw. I wonder if I could lay a picture of the weed man up against my monitor screen and draw it with my "pencil"? I will have to learn how to use the program.

### A Note from Cathy Stone

Cathy Stone has sent us her pedigree chart down from Elizabeth Weedman who was a daughter of Christian Weedman Jr. and Mary Marshel. Elizabeth married Hosea Stone. Their son, John M. Stone born 1822 in Grayson Co., KY married Mahetable "Hettie" Weedman, daughter of John and Mary "Polly" Stone Weedman. They were double cousins. We don't know where they were buried nor where they died. If the Stones had a burial ground, we might find them buried there. Gena Lee, what might you know about this? Is there a STONE cemetery in or around Caneyville? Their son, Lafayette Stone born 5 June 1858 married 13 Jan 1889, in Grayson Co., Palestine "Pallie" Dennison, daughter of Henry Clay Dennison and Eliza (Weedman) Dennison. Eliza was a daughter of John and Polly (Stone) Weedman.. Palestine and "Lafe" Stone are buried in the Oakwood Cemetery in Ohio Co. KY. Their son, John William Stone was born in Ohio Co., KY in 1905, and he moved his family to Evansville, IN. He mar-

ried Hazel May Simpson, daughter of Silas and Nancy Mary (Simpson) Simpson. Silas' father and Nancy's father may have been some way related, but it's not apparent on Cathy's chart. John passed away 16 Nov. 1982 in Evansville. Other familiar names in Cathy's pedigree are: Carter, Barnes, Ezell, Walters and Rains. I find this chart very interesting, as the old Kentucky families are well known. I can hardly wait for next summer's reunion.. Cathy writes:

*"My name is Catherine "Cathy" Stone, and I was born 31 May 1946 in Madisonville, KY. , the second daughter of John and Hazel (Simpson) Stone. I have a college degree in Psychology but at present time I am disabled due to the disease Fibromyalgia, I have continuous pain in my muscles and soft tissue. Since I've had this condition, I've wanted to find out if I were pre-disposed to it through heredity. I have been researching my family and am interested in the cause of death of my ancestors."*

*"I love to travel and especially to drive to my destinations. I enjoy crossword puzzles, mysteries, trivia, and research. I enjoy playing Tetris on the computer. I enjoy friends, various social activities. I never married. I live alone and in spite of constant pain, I look forward to every day."*

We are glad to know you, Cathy, and hope you'll be at the reunion next summer. Thanks for all the contributions you have made to the Newsletter.

*Cathy Stone's interest in the Weedman family genealogy may be unique.*

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Cathy sent a map of a part of Ohio County showing "Weedman Loop" just off of Western Parkway. Those of you familiar with that area may know the 'Loop'. The Weedman family have surely made their mark in history, and are continuing to make it. There's a business building on School St. in Beaver Dam, KY called "The Weedman Building". Can someone tell us how it got its name? How about Weedman Loop?

### **Evansville Indiana City Directory Weedman Listing - 1958 - 1961**

Continuing with the Evansville Weedmans in the annual City Directory, we begin with 1958.

#### **1958**

Evelyn Weedman  
1163 Putnam  
Owen Weedman  
421 Garfield  
James A & Stella Weedman  
no listed address  
Lyle G. Weedman  
no listed address  
James A. Weedman  
423 1/2 -3rd Avenue  
Nancy (widow of Jantus)  
908 Harriett  
William T. & Judy Weedman  
no listed address  
Harold and Floetta Weidman  
1705 Culverson

#### **1959**

Owen F. & Bertha Weedman  
421 Garfield  
Evelyn Weedman

1163 Putnam

Harold & Floetta Weedman  
1705 Culverson  
James & Stella Weedman  
908 Harriett  
Lyle G. and Ruth Weedman  
no listed address  
William F. & Judy Weedman  
no listed address

#### **1960**

Harold & Floetta Weedman  
1705 Culverson  
Owen & Bertha E. Weedman  
421 Garfield  
James A. & Stella Weedman  
510 Helfrich  
Lyle & Ruth Weedman  
no listed address  
Nancy T. (wid. of Jantas Weedman)  
908 Harriett  
William F. & Judith Weedman  
908 Harriett

#### **1961**

Owen F. & Bertha Weedman  
421 Garfield  
James A. & Stella M. Weedman  
629 Cross  
Lyle G. & Ruth Weedman  
Henderson, KY  
William Rev. & Judy Weedman  
908 Harriett  
Harold and Floetta Weedman  
1705 Culverson

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### **Green Brother' Mill in Grayson County Kentucky**

Gena Lee Theiss sent a very interesting article about the old gristmill at

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*The Evansville Indiana City directory shows where the family of some of our subscribers were living in the late 50s and early 60s.*

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Falls of Rough River, operated by the Green Brothers for 140 years before 1960. It was made an historic site in the 1970's. A picture came with the article. The Green brothers operated the old mill and adjacent wheat house and corn crib after Judge Benjamin Sabastian built it in the early 1800's. George Washington is supposed to have owned part of the land at one time where the Green family lived and built their business.

Now the heirs of the Green estate and the Kentucky Heritage Council and leaders of Breckinridge and Grayson Counties hope to obtain a federal grant to restore the area to it's original state. The Green heirs stated that they would like to see this area become a "step back in time" for the public. We must agree that we, too would like to see this happen. There's a grant that will match private funds that may be raised for the restoration. I don't know who is in charge, or how one could contact the Green heirs, but wouldn't it be interesting to learn the whole story and who were the "Green brothers"? I am reckoning that one of them was Willis Green, a citizen of Grayson Co. in 1850. He died in 1856, I believe, but need to recheck that.. I feel certain that this Willis Green or his ancestors, were somehow connected to the Weedmans. I've gone over this with you all before. IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYTHING ABOUT THE GRAYSON COUNTY GREEN FAMILIES, PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU..

Response was good from the Illinois Weedmans and we are happy to continue the biographical sketches of the

early Illinois Weedman families. We want to save room for the census records (1880) sent by Joyce W. Anthony, so I'm going to include only a couple of biographies here.

### **Amos Weedman - Biographical Sketch**

Amos Weedman was born on May 12, 1826 in Perry County, Ohio. He was a son of John and Rachel (Wilson) Weedman. While he was quite young, his family along with several other related families moved to DeWitt Co., IL. He married Mary McCord on December 16, 1847. She was born May 25, 1850 in Jackson County, TN to James W. and Julia (Moore) McCord. Her parents were: Charles and Mary (Smith) Moore of Wales and Scotland respectively. Charles was a cooper, and a Revolutionary War veteran. They were parents of Smith Y. and William Rucker Weedman. These two are listed with their families in the 1880 census, part of which follows.

*Amos Weedman  
was a sheriff of  
DeWitt County  
Illinois at one  
time.*

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# 1880 DeWitt County Illinois Census

## Weedman and Related Families

Joyce Windisch Anthony, 7348 Mission Hills Drive, Las Vegas NV 89113-1304 contributed the following excerpts from information contained in the *DeWitt County Illinois Genealogical Society Quarterly*, 1995, Volume XXI-1. These are Weedman and related families who lived in Santa Anna township, DeWitt Illinois when the 1880 census was taken. Joyce adds her notes to the information contained in the Census.

The census contains the following information which is grouped by household in the County: name of person, age, sex, occupation of head of household and/or relationship to the head of household. birthplace of person/father of that person/mother of that person, and notes from Joyce.

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McCord, John H.	42	m	farmer	IL/TN/OH	(son of Harriet Weedman)
McCord, Sarah A.	38	f	housewife	OH/PA/PA	(nee SLICK)
McCord, Lara A.	15	f	daughter	IL/IL/OH	
McCord, William H.	9	m	son	IL/IL/OH	

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Weedman, Z. C.	43	m	farmer	IL/PA/MD	(Zadok Casey, s/o John & Rachael)
Weedman, Rebecca D.	44	f	wife	OH/VA/OH	(nee WOLFE)
Weedman, Lawrence W.	3	m	son	IL/ILOH	
Weedman, Wm. C.	23	m	half brother	IL/PA/IL	(is this Melvin Weedman ?)

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Weedman, George	57	m	farmer	OH/PA/MD	(s/o John, Sr. & Rachael Weedman)
Weedman, Catherine	52	f	wife	IL/MO/OH	(nee DANNER)
Weedman, Mary J.	24	f	daughter	IL/OH/TN	
Weedman, Zadok S.	17	m	son	IL/OH/TN	(Zadock St. Clair Weedman)
Weedman, Abraham L.	15	m	son	IL/OH/TN	
Ledgerwood, John	27	m	hand	IN/TN/IN	

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Weedman, Philip	34	m	farmer	IL/OH/IL	(son of Asa & Delilah Hand Weedman)
Weedman, Anna D.	29	f	wife	IL/PA/PA	(nee GILLESPIE)
Weedman, Frank L.	4	m	son	IL/IL/IL	
Weedman, Lou O.	1	f	daughter	IL/IL/IL	
McMurray, Alfred	45	m	hand	MD/OH/MD	widowed

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Weedman, Rucker	31	m	farmer	IL/OH/TN	(Wm. Rucker son of Amos)
Weedman, Sarah C.	25	f	wife	IL/NJ/NJ	(nee PAGE)
Weedman, Simon S. K.	1	m	son	IL/IL/IL	

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Wilson, Elias H.	37	m	farmer	IL/OH/NC	
Wilson, Sarah C.	31	f	wife	IL/OH/TN	(d/o Jeremiah & Alzira Weedman)
Weedman, Mary E.	23	f	sister-in-law	IL/OH/TN	
Hirst, Alzira J.	54	f	mother-in-law	TN/TN/TN	(nee PAYNE "WEEDMAN-HIRST")
Welch, Charles	15	m	laborer	OH/KY/IR	

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# ❖ Weedman Newsletter ❖

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello, Cousins!

This Newsletter will be a bit late for "Fall" because I've been having some problems with my printer. I've tossed my typewriter out and so I'm dependent on my computer and printer to do all my writing. The typewriter wasn't all that good. Keys stuck, some never would move again, so it was time for me to get rid of that.

First I want to catch you all up on the correspondence that has come my way.

### Audrey Weedman Meade

Nancy Conklin Jeffreys wrote and informed me of the deaths of her Aunt Audrey Weedman Mead, and Uncle Virgle Leroy Mead. Audrey Mae is from DANIEL's line and was a daughter of John Earl and Constance (Huddle) Weedman, early settlers of Wasco, OR. Audrey was born April 5, 1923, and died August 14, 1995, at home in Coquille, OR. Virgil had died nearly a year previously at home in Coquille. A private interment service with family present, was attended at Coos Bay, OR. at Sunset Memorial Park. A reception open house followed at the Mead home in Coquille.

Audrey and Virgle were parents of three children: Ronald Mead, Portland; Gayle (Mead) DePeal, Coquille, and Sherlyn (Mead) \_\_\_\_\_. Her second husband's name was blurred and I couldn't read it, sorry. They live in Portland.

The mini reunion of the Little / Weedman descendants of Jacob, son of DANIEL, have been getting together for a number of years, and naturally, have lost many dear ones lately. I'm sure I've said it before, but I'll repeat....."we'd surely love to have the Portland group join with us at one of the National Weedman reunions. Kentucky is a lovely state, and they take such good care of their state parks, it's a joy to visit them. I just inserted that little note to let our Oregon cousins know we feel their loss, and would love to share our reunion fun and food with them, should any or all decide to make it to the 1996 reunion. Thanks, Nancy, for writing.

I received a letter from Jan Bruner and

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*The deaths of Virgle Leroy and Audrey Weedman Meade are reported by their niece, Nancy Conklin Jeffreys*

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*Jan and George Bruner celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary.*

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she said they had celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a wedding remembrance celebration in their church. There were over 200 guests and the occasion was a memorable one for Jan and George. Each of the children gave a testimony as to the good life their parents had given them, and Jenella, and Teresa, Jan's step daughter (but truly her daughter .... except that she did not give birth to her) sang. Jan didn't say what songs were sung, but we'd like to hear them sing at the next reunion, wouldn't we folks?

The church was decorated in purple , lavender and silver, in a Hawaiian theme. She and the girls made beautiful leis for all of the guests. Silk orchids enhanced the pretty plastic leis just as good looking as if they had been in Hawaii and got them there... The guests were encouraged to wear

casual or Hawaiian dress and the couple who stood up with them were there at the altar with them again for this service. The vows of marriage were not repeated again, as Jan says, the ones they said 25 years ago were still holding and binding as they ever were. There was plenty of finger food, punch, cake and coffee.

Jan had a knee replacement in April of '94 and that knee became unglued and had to be replaced in March of this year. Now it's okay, but the other knee may have to have surgery at some later date. Maybe it has already been taken care of, as Jan mentioned November as a possible time for that surgery.

Jan asked that we ask you all if you have any information on the three BROWN sisters and brother Charles. The three girls all married Weedmans

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## About the Weedman Newsletter

The *Weedman Newsletter* is a quarterly family publication with emphasis on the genealogy of the Weedman and allied families. It is distributed to interested family members, selected genealogical societies and libraries. Circulation is 100.

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Queries regarding the Weedman family or allied lines are welcomed. Attention will be given to each one and for those which cannot be answered by family genealogists, publication in the *Newsletter* will be made.

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from STEPHEN'S line. William John.....or John William..... who married Nancy LASLEY. They had the three daughters, Barbara, Louisa and Elizabeth, and a son, Charles. Barbara married Mordecai Weedman; Louisa married Addison M. Weedman, and Elizabeth married Amos George Weedman, sons of Stephen and Mary Ann (Gilbert) Weedman.

### Gilbert Family Connection

Jan has learned that the father of Mary Ann Gilbert was Aquilla Gilbert, Sr. Can any of you uncover more data on the GILBERT family too? The Gilbert, Brown and Lasley families lived in Breckinridge and Meade Cos. KY. Some of Stephen's family went to Perry Co., IN as well. Cathy Stone is working on the MARSHALL family and we all are so very grateful, Cathy for the help you've given, and will give, as you seem to be able to find difficult elusive grandparents, etc. that the rest of us miss. So Cathy, I hope you are wide awake and your mind is cranking up the names above, and we will look forward to your thoughts on all this. MARSHALL - parents of Mary needed. Mary b. about 1785-70, so her father may have fought in the revolutionary war. He would have fought from a Virginia line, as Kentucky wasn't formed till after the Rev. war, although there were settlers there before 1775. The area was called Kentucky Co., VA, taken, I believe from Fincastle Co. VA. So look for Virginia Marshalls.

AQUILLA GILBERT SR. would

probably have been born about 1740. There shouldn't be too many "Aquilla Gilbert" s in that area. I doubt if there'd be more than one.

Remember in the last Newsletter I told some about the series of pedigree charts Cathy Stone made from researching the various lines Weedman and allied. She cited sources and among them. Cathy visited local libraries in Grayson Co. KY for information on her Kentucky lines. She went to Hartford, Leitchfield, both small towns, but their libraries apparently hold a treasure trove of data. Cathy is descended from Hosea Stone and Elizabeth Weedman, and John Weedman and Mary ("Polly") Stone. Hosea Stone was from Henry Co. VA and Cathy has traced his line back to a Thomas Stone, of VA. Dennisons trace back to William Dennison, 1783, of VA. Other names Cathy has in her line are: Trammel, Coy, Goff, GREEN, Cotton, Carier, Barnes, Embry, Walters, Elzell, Rains and Reynolds.

Cathy was at our last Weedman Reunion. By the way, her Walters family is also from VA. Her Barnes family is from Maryland. Many Maryland families pioneered in Nelson County and adjoining Washington County. Take a few extra days and visit local libraries in that area at Reunion time if you have roots in that area. Cathy's address is:

**Cathy Stone, 5233 Carriage Dr.,  
Apt. 214, Evansville, IN 47715**

*Cathy Stone has recently done genealogical research in several Kentucky locations and found a wealth of family information*

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## Weedman Family Reunion Details

Jim Weedman will be sending you all the latest news about the upcoming reunion. It will be the weekend of July 10-12. We are fortunate that we will be enjoying a Kentucky State Park environment, because they take such good care of their parks and always the parks seem to be near some famous spot. Stephen Foster's home was one of the famous places nearby, and each year for about 30-40 maybe more years there has been an outdoor panorama of the Stephen Foster story. There will be opportunity for us to see it next summer. MY OLD KENTUCKY HOME State Park, at Bardstown, KY is on a main highway route, and Bernheim Forest is nearby, so is the Barton Museum of Whiskey History, if anybody's interested. I suppose whiskey got started in a still.....back in Ireland or Scotland, and the people brought the recipe to America in colonial times. Or maybe they got the recipe from the local Indians? Who knows. Maybe it would be an interesting place to see. Nelson County was one of the first counties to which many of our ancestors came, so local libraries there may be as bountiful as the ones Cathy visited, in genealogical research.

Got a call from Jim Weedman who is host for the Reunion of '96, and he is going to be sending out an informational letter detailing Reunion plans, places to see and stay, etc. You will receive it soon.

When you hear from Jimmie about the

Reunion plans, if you plan to go, would you let Jimmie know? We look forward to seeing as many as possible there. You'll like Bardstown and the surrounding area. It's lovely. Set aside that weekend and a few more days if possible, for the reunion and additional sightseeing around the area. If anyone has ideas for children's entertainment, please let Jimmie have your ideas on this, too. He has some plans, but can always use more.

Bettie Sillman writes that she is tracing Wren, Beagle, Robbins, and Albright families, but I don't know where, dates, or other data to pass on to you, but if you are searching the above names, drop Bettie a line. Her address is:

**Bettie Silman, Rt. 1, Box 183 B,  
Elsinore, MO. 63937**

Her great grandparents were Joseph B. and Julie Ann Albright. (Stephen's line).

Some of the letters from which I'm exempting information from are written to Sara, our treasurer. You send her your dues and the nice letters she has received from you are so appreciated. She'd love to answer them all personally, but due to her many duties as wife, working mom, and the time these duties demand, she is unable to answer them all, and has passed them on to me because they have information for the Newsletter. Sara wants to thank you all for these, and I too am thankful for them, as I can pass the information out via the Newsletter.

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*The dates for  
the next  
Weedman  
Family National  
Reunion are  
July 10-12 in  
Bardstown,  
Kentucky*

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### Wilma Lee Marriage

A letter from Wilma Lee of Coweta, OK has come to me from Sara, and in it she tells us that her husband, Ronald D. Campbell died December 26, 1988. He was buried in the family plot in the Oakdale Cemetery at Davenport, Scott Co., Iowa. On July 21, 1991, Wilma married John Dewitt Lee. They were married in Broken Arrow, OK. Wilma is descended from Sarah Ann, daughter of John and Polly (Stone) Weedman which we refer to as JOHN's line. She married Simon Probus. We are saddened to learn of Ron's death, but happy to hear that Wilma has found happiness once more with John. 1988 is a memorable year for me as well, as I lost my husband in August of that year. Time marches on regardless of our losses, and we go on, too, in various ways. We offer John our congratulations for finding and being chosen by Wilma. We wish you both the best life and happiness ever. Thanks so much for sharing your joy with all the cousins.

### Weedman National Directory

Nick and Carl Weedman have begun a project of contacting every Weedman in the USA. Big project, eh? Among those who were contacted was Frank Weedman of Helena, MT. Frank showed the Fall Newsletter (1994) in which we told about the Reunion of that year) to his sister, Lutie M. (Weedman) Strand. Lutie sent us a check with her note, for the work of putting out the Newsletter. We are very grateful, Lutie. Lutie lives in

Big Timber, MT. Don't know from which line you're from, Lutie, but if you'll send me that information, I'll pass it along to the cousins you have all over America. How about that? Perhaps Nick has contacted you already? We hope that we'll meet you next summer at the Reunion.

A software program which lists all U. S. telephone numbers has been purchased and we find there are over 400 Weedman listings. We should begin the project shortly of making the contacts described.

### George and Polly Weedman Relocate to Naples, Florida

Just now, George Weedman ( Illinois line) called and said he and Polly have moved from Rapid City SD to 316 Morgan Rd., Naples, FL 33961. Due to his recent bout with pneumonia, followed by a stroke, and Polly's visual impairment, they moved to be near their son who lives in Naples. He really enjoys Florida, and although due to physical reasons, he and Polly are unable to be at the next Reunion, he sends his best wishes, and he mentioned his first cousins, Gail and Charles, and I think Gail lives in Kokomo, and Charles in Kansas City, but I may not have that information straight. Anyway, Gail and Charles are interested in the family tree, and we just might meet one or both of them at next reunion. Both are married, and will be visiting George and Polly this winter. It was great talking to George, although I was sorry he is unable to travel at present.

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*George and Polly Weedman have relocated from Rapid City SD to a warmer climate in Florida.*

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Due to the volume of catching up correspondence I'm passing on, I will not be including the biographical sketches of more of our Illinois cousins. Nick will finish the Weedman listings in the 1880 census, sent to us by Joyce Windisch Anthony. I'm sorry I didn't get this out sooner, but you wouldn't believe the problems I have had with my computer printer. However, watch for the next Newsletter....the Winter one. That's dues time for 1996. If there are any out there who may have subscribed this year or last (1994-5) and who haven't received their full years' Newsletters (1994-1995) please contact ME, Marianne, at 1428 S. Mildred St., Apt. 4407, Tacoma, WA 98465. I'm the one who has the

back issues. Sara takes the dues, and mails out your Newsletter, and Nick puts it into shape, editing and adding as space permits. All three of us have a hand in the Newsletter.

This will be the final Weedman Newsletter for 1995. All of us who are involved — Marianne, Sara Carty, and Nick Weedman want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy, and prosperous 1996!

We hope to see all of you at the Weedman National Family Reunion in July.

*Marianne Montgomery*

## DeWitt County Illinois 1880 Census, continued

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This is a continuation of the listing furnished by Joyce and completes her submission. The remaining information is found on page 26, Volume 28, Issue 3, Summer 1995.

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Weedman, Martin L.	26	m	farmer	IL/IL/NC	(son of Isaiah & Ruth Weedman)
Weedman, Mary L.	23	f	wife	OH/PA/OH	(nee MERCER)

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Weedman, Squire W.	33	m	farmer	IL/OH/TN	(son of George & Catherine Weedman)
Weedman, Anna	27	f	wife	IN/KY/KY	(nee CHAPMAN)
Weedman, Etta K.	6	f	daughter	KS/IL/TN	
Weedman, George W.	4	m	son	KS/IL/TN	
Williams, Eliza E.	46	f	aunt	IL/PA/MD	(d/o John, Sr. & Rachael Weedman)

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McCord, Harriet	60	f	head	OH/PA/MD	(d/o John Sr. & Rachael Weedman)
Thorn, Lottie	21	f	servant	NY/NY/NY	(married Smith Y. WEEDMAN)
Farebanks, Luther M.	35	m	boarder	OH/	trade RR man
Coyle, John P.	28	m	boarder	PA/PA/PA	minister