

# ❖ Weedman Newsletter ❖

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Spring.....when all our thoughts turn to summer planning. I hope many of you are planning to attend the **Weedman Reunion** in Bardstown, KY, JULY 12-14 weekend. After the reunion, plan to stay Sunday, and see those sights you didn't see on Saturday, and just in case you want to go to the Library or Courthouse for genealogy, you can stay over Monday. Or come in time to check some things out on Friday. I'm not trying to tell you what to do, but I AM trying to encourage you to come and join us for the reunion. Contact numbers for **Jim and Alma Weedman** as well as the Holiday Inn in Bardstown, Kentucky are listed later in this Newsletter.

## Weedman Reunion - Latest Update

Keep your fingers crossed. Unless something unforeseen comes up, NICK WEEDMAN will be at the next reunion! Many of you have met him before. He has been the backbone behind your Newsletter. If it were not for Nick and Sara, yours truly could not have done it all. There is the mailing, the putting plain text into Newsletter text and format, keeping up to date with the mailing list and

Xeroxing, addressing, stamping and mailing them, and keeping track of the finances. I do the writing of the Newsletter, but they do all the rest. Anything you want to write for NEWS, send it to me, and anything else; dues, change of address card, etc. goes to Sara. Check Page 10 for our addresses. Nick and Merrie Carol will be settling in North Carolina as soon as their home there is completed, but he'll tell us all about it in July at the Reunion. I am hoping his dad, Harry Weedman will be able to attend, and perhaps some other members of the family.

While you're thinking of it, go now and take care of your reservations for the Reunion. July 12-14.

I'm calling for my reservations today. Holiday Inn, that is, and as the days get longer, I get anxious for the time I know I'm going to enjoy in Kentucky. How about you? I dress for the heat, and go casual.

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*The dates of the Weedman Family Reunion are July 12 & 13. Venue will be the Holiday Inn in Bardstown, Kentucky. Some activities in Grayson County are possible if there is sufficient interest*

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This will be the last Newsletter before the Reunion, so please address any future questions to **Jimmie and Alma Weedman**. Or call me, (206) 566-9169 if anything comes up that you need a phone # for. I keep my Winter Newsletter handy to use for reservations, etc.

**Doris (Doty) Ford**, (JACOB's line) sent photos and an ancestry chart showing the Ford descent from Christian Weedman. These pictures will be welcome additions to the Weedman Photo Album. That reminds me we always have the albums at the Reunion, and it is a welcome event. We all add what pictures we want there, and enjoy looking over the reunion events of past years, and noting the resemblance of the different cousins; showing the Weedman traits, and golly, I'd like to see every one reading

this, there. The pictures, by the way, are of Michael Earl and Peggy Ann Ford when they were kids. They're all grown up now with families of their own. Here's a photo of pretty Peggy, who became the bride of Edward Hunt Ray III, in her lovely wedding gown at the foot of a sweeping stairway. Also one of handsome Earl Weedman Ford, as a young man.. Well Earl, you're a little older now.....bring your family to the Reunion and let us meet them all. (Photos in next issue!).

By the way, **William Hardin Weedman** and wife, **Marietta (Elder) Weedman** were parents of **Earl Weedman**.

*Family Deaths*

**Melvin Weedman**

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We want to extend our sincere sympathy to **Virginia Fisher, Betty MacKenzie and Melva Barber**; and to **Bill, Jim and John Weedman**, children of **Melvin Weedman**, who passed away February 13 in Lexington, KY. He lived in Wilmore, and before that, in Louisville, KY. He, his daughter Virginia, hubby Lloyd and family were at the 1986 Reunion. He was a veteran of WW II and at the time of his death, he was 71 years old. He was a son of **Roy Henry Addison Weedman**, and first wife **Emma Lena (Whelan) Weedman**. Melvin married **Irene Mary Jergens** on Jan 5, 1945. He is buried at Lebanon National Cemetery in Marion County. Left to mourn his passing, are 6 children, 28 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Virginia had a lively family and I'd love to meet you all again. The kids would be all grown up now. Virginia, you'll read this, so please write and send the latest news of your family. Many of us remember you and not a reunion goes by but someone mentions your family, wondering how you are.

### **Bobby J. Bunton**

**Bobby J. Bunton**, husband of **Phyllis (Montgomery) Bunton**, passed away on March 3 in Columbus, MS. He was 70 years old. Born Aug. 24, 1925. He and Phyl had 5 children; one, **George Paul**, predeceased Bobby. Burial took place in Columbus, MS.

Phyllis lives in Columbus, MS and she

and two of the children who still live at home, are planning to move back to Iowa later this summer. Keep them in mind as they make this big adjustment and change.

### **Computers**

How many of you have computers? I get "on line" (Fidonet) on the free service Bulletin Boards and Gena Lee is a Systems Operator on one she set up herself. She has her own Bulletin Board now. Let me know if you have a computer and modem, and if you want to get in touch with me "on line" ..... free, or, call Gena Lee. Let's see how many of us can keep in touch via Fidonet.

*Many family members now have computers and modems which are used for on-line services. If you are "on-line", please let Marianne Montgomery know.*

### *Family Update*

### **Doris Kizer Family**

**Doris Kizer** ....NICHOLAS ' line, wrote a nice letter getting me up to date with additions to her family. I would like more of you to do this; I don't care if it's 5 years ago that some event occurred in your family, I will take note, and I'll pass it on to Gena in case she does an update of the book. See page 274 in the Weedman revised genealogy.

1c **Douglas Allan Pierce** and wife **Claudia Gail Reetz** now have two children:

**Jessica Pierce**, b. 1987 Glendive, MT

**Jenna Kaye Pierce** b. May 1989 in Glendive, MT.

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**Jason Eugene Johnson** ( son of **Gregory and Linda (Olson) Johnson.**

and a daughter **Jessica Lynn Johnson** b. 5 June 1990 & passed away in 1991.

Page 279 (near the top of the page) (4a) **Sheldon Allen Ackerman** married 10 June 1995 to **Shirley Smith.**

By the way....**Gena Theiss** will have some copies of the book, **"CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1735-1986"** (revised edition) at the reunion, so decide now how many copies you will need. George will be there, too, and there will be other men there, fellas, so don't think it's just for women and kids. We will be hitting some of the old territory .....**WEEDMAN COUNTRY** so bring your cameras.

#### *Illnesses*

#### **Perry Montgomery**

**Perry Montgomery** (DANIEL's line) fell while doing his daily work-out exercises in a Health Club in Mason City, Iowa, his hometown. He slipped into a coma, and as I write this, he has not come out of it. It is about 10 days now. They found that he was very very low on potassium, and that's what caused the problem. But he may have had a stroke or a subdural brain hemorrhage, causing a stroke. He is 60 years old and the son of Paul Montgomery (Monty) and first wife,

## **Weedman Family Reunion Contacts**

Jim and Alma Weedman are the host couple for this year's Reunion. They and their family have spent a large amount of time planning for the event. **Jimmie and Alma's** address is: 8906 Cottington Way, Louisville KY 40258.

The venue for the Reunion is the Holiday Inn in historic Bardstown, Kentucky. Room rates are reasonable (see last issue for details). There is an 800 number for reservations for the Holiday Inn but it is not available as we write this. The local phone number is: (502)348-9253. If you call directly to the Holiday Inn, mention you are reserving rooms for the Weedman Family Reunion.

#### *Internet Connections*

## **Weedman Family Data in Kentucky and Illinois**

Recent excursions in "surfing" the Internet have turned up some data on the Weedman family which could be new. At sites dedicated to State Archives, Kentucky lists birth, death, and divorces for various time periods. In a future issue, we will publish the death list.

Illinois has some interesting land records. Among these are homestead entries in 1830 to 1852 by early Weedman settlers. Maybe next issue!

*Marianne Montgomery*

*Contact names, and phone numbers for the July Family Reunion are shown on this page. We hope to see you there!*

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## WEEDMANS GATHER AT BARDSTOWN FOR 7TH BIENNIAL REUNION

Hello Cousins,

It's almost Fall and I'm late with our Summer edition, but my oh my, what a lovely summer it has been. As our headline says.....Bardstown was the site of our Reunion this year, and the time passed all too quickly. Nick Weedman was with us and all who hadn't met Nick before had a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat with him this time. Rev. Gary Weedman, now living and working in Tennessee was with us again. It was indeed great to see him again, also (JACOB'S line). We had a social gathering room which was open throughout the weekend, and where friends dropped in to snack and chat. Jim and Alma Weedman of Louisville were our hosts and they provided soft drinks and snacks for our enjoyment as we gathered and got acquainted. We had a full agenda of activity to participate in for those who chose to go to the various places.

### Stephen Foster Pageant a Hit!

Friday evening we attended the STEPHEN FOSTER STORY, a presentation which has been featured for

thirty years put on by the Nelson County Historical Association in conjunction with the Bardstown Chamber of Commerce. The weather was perfect and the setting for the drama was breathtakingly beautiful. Old Southern charm permeated the performance. We could easily imagine we were there in that era with Stephen and his friends at the time it took place. While the story was being acted out of the life of Stephen Foster, his songs were sung, danced to, and played by the actors so that we were able to appreciate the special talent Foster had for writing words and music for those beautiful songs. My Old Kentucky Home meant so much more to us as we saw a replica of the Home in the woodsy background of the drama setting. It is something I will never forget!

### Grayson County Cemetery Tour

The next day we traveled to several graveyards, sites of burial for our Ken-

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*This Issue of the Weedman Newsletter is dedicated to a report of the recent Reunion held in Bardstown Kentucky. A special thanks to Alma and Jim Weedman for being such wonderful hosts on this occasion*

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tucky branch ancestors. We visited the Willis Green Weedman grave near Little Clifty Creek. It has been suggested that perhaps his grave should be moved next to that of his wife, Cassie (Collard) Weedman Higdon. I hope I'm correct about this. Perhaps this might be brought up at the next yearly reunion of JOHN's line at the old John Weedman home place. Well we visited the three above named cemeteries, and enjoyed a lovely lunch prepared for us by Myron and Sherry Weedman, and Katie Weedman Cook and Dorthene Mudd Weedman West. It was a meal fit for a King, and everyone enjoyed themselves and the hospitality offered by these dear cousins. The setting and the weather was lovely, a gentle breeze was keeping us cool and comfortable.

Willis Green Weedman was the son of John Weedman, son of Christian Weedman, Jr. and ancestor of so many of our faithful cousins who are regular attendees of each reunion. I am thinking of preparing a biography of his life and if anyone has some memories, family stories, even a picture of him, will you please share your stories with me? Pictures sent will be taken care of and carefully returned, if desired by the sender. Otherwise, they will be presented for inclusion in our family Photo Albums for all to enjoy. BUT if anyone closer to Willis Green than I am would like to write up the story of his life, then they will be given first opportunity to do so, and I will surely defer to them. Just let me know, please, so that we won't be duplicating each other's efforts.

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Let me know also about the decision to move the grave of Willis Green Weedman from the woods and brush on the property of Mr. Childers, who met us on the road in and gave us permission to visit the graves. Besides Willis Green, there were several other graves; J. Burnett, and M. R. Burnett. Who were they???? Anyone know???

Well we were happy that no one has complained about that poison ivy we climbed into when we visited Willis' grave! We all went to the Courthouse in Leitchfield on our way to the old home place, and washed our hands .....and our arms and legs too as best we could. What a wonderful day! Some did not take this cemetery trip, and they got together and visited in the Social Lounge, or went to Bardstown sight seeing.

## The Banquet

Evening found us rested and ready for the delicious banquet prepared in buffet style and there was plenty to choose from. As the evening progressed, we enjoyed Roy Weedman reciting his poem "The Name Is Weedman" (see page 20). Jim Weedman, our host was MC for the evening. Highlights were: the presentation and unveiling of a special gift to the family, from Carl Weedman, unable to attend this year, by his sisters, Marjorie Kennedy and Mary Alice Fults. As the women carefully unveiled the gift, we all were delighted to see a Weedman Family Crest!! The Crest was researched by Carl, and made professionally by a

company specializing in Crests and Family Coats of Arms. Later on in the evening, each attendee was presented with a cup with the Weedman Crest on it. A treasure we will always cherish. Although absent, Carl and wife Helen's presence seemed to be felt among us. The crest was displayed appropriately and graced our banquet room for the remainder of the evening.

An exchange of state souvenirs took place. Many of us forgot, but lucky were those who remembered and exchanged with each other. I think we should promote this exchange as a regular feature of each reunion banquet. These could be spoons, pictures, cups, glasses, or ..... you name it. I was one of those who forgot to bring something, and boy, was I sorry. Well let's have this again next time.

A time of silence for prayer and remembrance of loved ones ill, unable to attend, or deceased who had been with us in the past. As we silently remembered them, we could almost feel their presence ..... and indeed..... they WERE present in our hearts, prayers and warmest wishes.

Prizes were won by Jane Weedman, Sue Weedman, Bill Weedman, Gary Weedman, Oz Johnson, Katy Achtiem, and Roy Weedman. Russell Weedman gave each of us a photographed double print large post card picture of two paintings; one by Peggy Shaw and the other by himself. Russell has a unique gift of Painters Logic which allows him to "see"

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*The banquet food at the Reunion was unusually good. The Holiday Inn did a superb job for the Reunion.*

*The possibility of holding the Reunion in 2000 at Weedman, Illinois is under consideration. San Diego is also a good possibility.*

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where he's going with his painting techniques and just how to paint it for the world to enjoy. His paintings are presented in art galleries in Kentucky and Southern Indiana.....that I'm aware of, and others that I am not aware of. This painting he did was "River (Effluvium)" a real treat in modern art.

### **Evansville Indiana will be Site for the 1998 Reunion**

We thanked and appreciated Jim and Alma for the wonderful arrangements for our stay at Bardstown. We asked for volunteers for the next reunion, and Jan Bruner volunteered herself and two daughters, Janella Forcum and Ronda Francis to be the hostesses for the next reunion which will be held in Evansville, IN at a different location than the last one.

### **Reunion Participants**

Several new cousins were present. We all enjoyed their presence and hope they'll join us again in Evansville. They were: Aida Weedman, (widow of Hershel), Mark Weedman and Mariclaret Patton (Weedman), Paul and Emily Weedman, and Anamaria Weedman. Chris and Melissa (Weedman) Achtien, and children, Katy, Evan, Chris and Lauren Achtien; Jesse ("Oz") and Helen Johnson, Paul and Betty Johnson; Sorry if I inadvertently left someone out.

Others attending were: Nick Weed-

man, Jim and Alma Weedman, Jeff, Jane and Katie Weedman, Ben Quinton; Marjorie Kennedy, Mary Alice and daughter Nancy Fults, David, Sondra and Patrick Harbison; Russell Weedman, Ken and Sue Weedman; Steve and Melissa (Weedman) Fitzmayer; Roy and Luetta Weedman; Marianne Montgomery, Rev. Gary Weedman, Sharon Herke with Kim, Brandon, Blake and Nathan Ritchie; Diane Hall, Lori Baker; LeAnna and Brittany Brown; George and Gena Lee Theiss; Paul and Donna (Theiss) Hosse; William and Helen Gregg, Leah Crupper, Myron and Sherry Weedman, Jan Bruner and Amber Francis; and Janella and Sara Forcum.

### **Venue for the Reunion in 2000 Discussed**

Some time before the banquet Nick and several others discussed having the 2000 Weedman reunion at the old Weedman, Illinois Church, and Farmer City Illinois area. Weedman, IL is within stones throw from Farmer City, and the little church there and WEEDMAN road post is a tribute to the fact that the Weedman family had been prominent in that area.

Our wonderful San Diego cousins, Paul and Emily Weedman offered, meanwhile, to host the 2000 Reunion in San Diego. It isn't often that we'll have a choice of two places, to meet, but I forgot to bring the subject up at the Banquet. This is 4 years away, and we have more time to discuss it. Paul and Emily, what do you think?

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You were great to offer to host, but, should the Weedman IL site be available in 2000, would you be willing to host us in 2002? Seems like ages away, but with the way time flies these days, it'll be here before we know where the time has flown!!

We'd like to get some thoughts from you all, so please sit down and think about it, then jump up, grab pen and paper and write me, then dash out and mail your letters.

By the way, I haven't gotten all of my pictures developed which I took at the reunion. I ran out of film, and Donna Hosse came to the rescue. The film she gave me is still in my camera and I have more pictures to take before developing this film. The ones I did take on the first roll weren't "close up" enough to look good for Xeroxing for the Newsletter, as they were taken at a distance. If any one has any close-ups to loan me for the Newsletter, I'll take care and return them to whoever loans them to me.

Janella brought me some of her famous Peach cobbler....including the BBQ sauce for a change in flavor. Yum! Remember the 1992 reunion, when she first brought her peach cobbler? Her BBQ ribs sauce kind of spilled onto the cobbler, and although she apologized for that, the Weedman twins, Brent and Blair, and myself, were busy trying it, and .....honestly, that BBQ flavor didn't hurt it at all, and .....it was tangy and different. If you've never tried BBQ sauce on your Peach Cobbler, try it.....you'll like it.

And we hear that Sondra Harbison makes a good lemonade.....her specialty. Sondra, be sure to bring some of that to the next reunion! Her lemonade is unique!

We had quite a few children at the reunion and they were as good as gold. They will always be welcome at our biennial reunions, and they will carry on the tradition when it's their turn.

### Family News

I had a lovely card from **Nancy Jefferys** (DANIEL's line) announcing the marriage of **John Jefferys** and **Terri Henderson** on March 18, 1996 at Knollbrook Christian Reformed Church in Corvallis, OR. Reception followed the ceremony and many friends and family members attended. May they enjoy many happy years together.

Nancy had hand surgery last February and was off work (at Fred Meyer Store) till May. She's doing well now. **Freddie Schwarze** is recovering from a stroke suffered last October. We wish him a complete recovery.

**Lola Vance** is who was unable to be with us in July is recovering nicely from a stroke which occurred last February. I know she'll be looking forward to joining us at the next Weedman Reunion in Evansville in 1998.

**Sara and Tom Carty** announce the birth of their son, **Ethan Nichols Carty**. Ethan was born on July 5,

*A photo page from the Reunion will be featured in the next Newsletter. Anyone with good photos is asked to share those with Marianne.*

*The Reunion provided an opportunity to establish contact with Weedman family members who live in San Diego.*

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1996 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Sara has distributed the Weedman Newsletter for a number of years.

## New Newsletter Publisher

With the birth of a new son, **Sara Carty** will have her hands full. And with the retirement and repatriation of **Nick Weedman**, he will assume responsibility for publication of the **Weedman Newsletter** effective with this issue.

Sara has done a superb job of publishing and distributing the Newsletter and our thanks go to her for her dedication in that role. **Thanks, Sara!**

Nick retired from 31 years service with Monsanto and has relocated to Flat Rock, North Carolina where he and **Merrie Carol** are building a new home. He will be consulting on a part time basis primarily for Monsanto in China but will have time to resume his interest in family history.

## New Weedman Contact

As described earlier in this edition, we were pleased to see several new faces at the Reunion. Of particular interest was **Aida Weedman**, the widow of **Hershel Weedman** (JACOB's line), her sons **Paul** and **Mark**, daughter, **Anamaria** and daughters-in-law, **Emily Weedman** (wife of Paul) and **Mariclaret Patton** (wife of Mark). Aida, Anamaria, Paul and Emily live in San Diego while Mark and Mariclaret now live in Davenport, Iowa.

Paul showed a great interest in genealogy and demonstrated some work done on the computer program, Family Tree Maker, which prints a pedigree chart with ancestral photos. A very interesting concept!

Hershel was descended from the Jacob Weedman family which has its roots in Southern Indiana. The line is: **Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Jesse Hamilton Stewart<sup>4</sup>, Andrew Garfield<sup>5</sup>, Hershel Ray<sup>6</sup>.**

We knew that Andrew and several family members moved to San Diego in the 1940s but we have had little direct contact with that line since then. We hope our new acquaintances will be able to help fill some of the missing information on this line of the Weedman family.

Please send me your news and correct any omissions or errors you notice in my account of the July 12-13 reunion. Did I leave anyone out? I surely didn't mean to do that.

I owe some letters .....and I want to thank Joyce Anthony and Nick, for the material they sent. It will be included in future Newsletters. I enjoy hearing from you and if you have any suggestions on how I might improve the material I put in the Newsletter, let me know.....what do you want to see? Am I overlooking some items of interest that might be included? Any comments will be gratefully received and considered.

*Marianne Montgomery*

**Kentucky Death Records**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>			<u>Age</u> <u>Years</u>	<u>County of</u> <u>Residence</u>	<u>Place of</u> <u>Death</u>
	<u>Day</u>	<u>Mo</u>	<u>Year</u>			
Weedman, Alton	30	1	1978	72	Grayson	Grayson
Weedman, Alton 2	28	11	1933	u1	Grayson	Grayson
Weedman, Alvona	8	11	1967	78	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Beco	11	5	1977	70	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Belva A.	1	3	1982	85	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Burl F.	9	3	1935	u1	Daviess	
Weedman, Burl L.	25	3	1968	54	Ohio	Ohio
Weedman, Chester	10	1	1979	77	Butler	Butler
Weedman, Claude	5	12	1979	81	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Cynthia B.	9	10	1982	29	Oldham	Jefferson
Weedman, Daisy	28	10	1981	81	Meade	Meade
Weedman, David H.	26	5	1985	72	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Deloris	27	10	1978	28	Indiana (State)	Jefferson
Weedman, Dolly	13	8	1973	87	Bullitt	Jefferson
Weedman, Edgar L.	3	1	1958	57	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Edward	17	12	1971	65	Grayson	Daviess
Weedman, Elizabeth A.	29	4	1918	64	Meade	Meade
Weedman, Elizabeth J.	2	10	1973	54	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Eloda	25	3	1976	65	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Emma L.	29	9	1924	21	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Emma L.	29	1	1950	60	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Estel	10	5	1953	60	Grayson	Jefferson
Weedman, Ethel M.	9	5	1990	73	Ohio	Ohio
Weedman, Florance	31	7	1914	2	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Fonzo	5	3	1946	62	Hopkins	Hopkins
Weedman, Goldie M	13	2	1988	59	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Gordon L	30	5	1968	56	Ohio	Ohio
Weedman, Gracie I	1	5	1949	52	Grayson	Jefferson
Weedman, Harroll M.	30	12	1975	51	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Harry	30	6	1962	80	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Heber	29	12	1963	56	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Hershell	28	7	1936	11	Grayson	Grayson
Weedman, Highland	14	3	1947	75	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Ira G.	14	1	1992	79	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, James	17	6	1922	51	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, James E.	24	1	1990	71	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, James T.	5	3	1956	71	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Jane	6	10	1975	50	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Jewell	16	10	1916	4	Grayson	Grayson
Weedman, Jewell E	4	5	1945	2	Ohio	Jefferson
Weedman, Joe A.	7	1	1967	16	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, John B.	13	5	1936	67	Meade	Meade
Weedman, John D.	15	10	1969	24	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, John F.	31	12	1933	75	Ohio	Ohio
Weedman, John P.	27	5	1971	67	Bullitt	Jefferson
Weedman, Joseph M.	22	11	1964	75	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Katie L.	29	1	1935	44	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Kenneth	11	2	1939	u1	Jefferson	Jefferson

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*This listing of deaths in Kentucky came from State records accessed on the Internet. The balance of the list will be printed next issue.*

## **The Name is Weedman**

by Roy L. Weedman

**My surname is Weedman, a name I contend  
Is simply a Weed with a Man on the end.  
It's not complicated – no problem with that,  
The name is as plain as Granddaddy's old hat.**

**But from the confusion this name can invoke  
You'd think it a name where no English is spoke!  
An alien tongue like perhaps Portuguese,  
Or Outer Mongolian or Upper Chinese.**

**An Islamic jargon from the nation of Turkey,  
Or a Spanish lingo from around Albuquerque.  
A Bushman change from the Aussie Outback,  
Or the Arabic yak or ancient Iraq.**

**No matter how clearly or distinctly you tell it,  
The inevitable question is "How do you spell it?  
Is that E before I or I before E  
Or a couple of E's and a singular D"?**

**I once met a guzzler who burped with a leer  
"Your Weidemann's surely do make a fine beer".  
Weidemann, Wideman, Wedman, or Weed,  
Aggravating, frustrating, confusing indeed.**

**Sometimes on the couch while relaxing my bones  
I would that my name were just Jimmy J. Jones,  
I could stick out my hand and emphatically say  
"The handle is Jones, simply Jones, Jimmy J."**

**Just Jimmy J. Jones, no problem at all,  
A baby could spell it by the time he could crawl.  
But Solomon say in Ecclesiastes One  
There's nothing that's new that is under the sun.**

**So really I guess if the truth were but known  
Somebody would louse up a handle like Jones,  
And ask the dumb question just about any day,  
"Do you spell that name Jones with a G or a J?"**

*Roy L.  
Weedman is  
retired and lives  
in Nashville, TN  
with his wife,  
Luetta. He is  
talented with the  
pen as you can  
see in his latest  
work!*

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

First of all, I'll take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Yes, before we know it, we'll be into Thanksgiving plans, then before we can take a breath, it's Christmas!! So let's count our blessings and enjoy the Season once more.

We had hoped to include a page or two of pictures from the Weedman Reunion but that will have to wait. In the past, pictures simply have not copied well and Nick will work with Kenneth Weedman who has facilities at his disposal at his school to do a better job. It will be worth waiting for!

### James Henry Weedman Family Update

Got a nice letter from **Kathryn (Weedman) Cook**. She's Alton's daughter, and JOHN's line. She brought me up to date as much as possible on the deaths and marriages in the families descended from **James Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Carter) Weedman**. I carefully added the dates and events in my copy of the **WEEDMAN GENEALOGY**. Now I'm listing them for you, in the event you, too, will want

to add them to your books. The families can be found on pp. 131-137 of the Revised (1988) edition of the Weedman Genealogy (red book). For those of you who have the blue book, check the Index for "James Henry Weedman" for the correct pages.

And for each one we send our heartfelt sympathy. Yes, I realize some have been gone quite awhile before we got "caught up" but STILL we do feel sorrow and let's remember that a person was behind every name; and they lived, and we thus acknowledge by our sympathy, that they are no longer with us.

**John William Anderson** - son of Jess and Pearl (Weedman) Anderson - Nov 5, 1995.

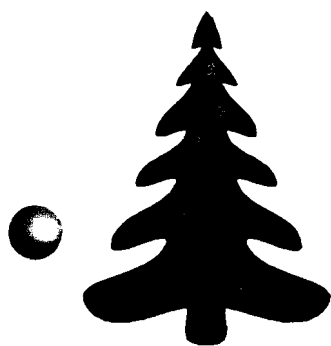
**Joe Frank Anderson** - brother of John, son of Jess & Pearl - Nov. 17, 1990.

Both were from Jefferson County.

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Best Wishes for a  
Merry Christmas  
and a Happy 1997  
from

Marianne  
Montgomery and  
Nick Weedman

*Our appreciation to Kathryn Weedman Cook for providing this update on the James Henry Weedman family.*

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**Henry Woodford Weedman** son of Estel and Mona (Preston) Weedman - Feb 27, 1995.

**Jim Barton**, Woodford's son-in-law (husband of Helen Weedman Barton) June 16, 1996. Helen lives in Louisville.

**James Estel Weedman**, brother of Woodford, died Aug. 1991. He lived in Washington State.

**Hubert Eugene Weedman**, brother of Woodford and James Estel, - Dec. 17 1995 in Hodgesville, KY.

**Lena (Anderson) Weedman**, wife of Alton Weedman - Jan. 3, 1988.

**Charles Louis Stewart**, son of Charles and Mertie (Weedman) Stewart - July 8, 1994 Grayson Co., KY. Buried in Sanders Cemetery, Grayson Co.

**Eva (Weedman) Collins**, sister of Alton Weedman, widow of Carson Collins, died Sept 3, 1991. All of the above, are descendants or in-laws of James Henry Weedman's family.

Kathryn also reported the marriage of **Chester Alan Fentress, Jr.** son of Chester and Sherlene (Weedman) Fentress, on June 6, 1992 to **Michelle Cannon**. They have a daughter born Nov. 4, 1995 named Allison. Good news. Congratulations to this couple.

**Kelbert Collins**, son of Eva and Carson Collins, married **Ima Gean (Brasher) Hayes** December 18, 1994. Belated congratulations to Kelbert and Ima Gean, also.

We appreciated Kathryn's bringing us up to date with James Henry's family. Are there births, deaths and marriages

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## About the Weedman Newsletter

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in other families which we need to know about and announce? Please let me know, and I thank you in advance.

#### *Obituary*

### **George David Weedman**

A letter from **Polly (Westaby) Weedman** announced the death of **George David Weedman**, son of Claude and Mary (DeCamp) Weedman on Sept 28, 1996 in Naples, FL, where he and wife Polly had been living with their son Richard. George was born Jan. 27, 1914, in Perkins Co., South Dakota. He was 82. His obituary, which was lengthy, tells of his illustrious life. He was a civic leader and a Naval Officer in World War II. He leaves wife **Polly**, and son **Richard**, daughter **George-Anne Planck**, two grandsons, **Sanford** and **John**, and four sisters, **Merna Thomas**, **Adelaide Donaldson**, **Elizabeth Fitzgerald** and **Edna Roundwaite**. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, and a son, Robert Spencer Weedman. He will be buried in Rapid City, SD. We extend to Polly our deepest sympathy. We know George will be greatly missed by friends and family circle. George was from the ILLINOIS line.

George was very supportive of the Weedman Newsletter and genealogical research on the family. He will be missed as are all of those who have departed.

### **Retirement Happenings**

**Jan Bruner** writes that both she and

her hubby retired in June.....and have been on the go ever since! **BRUNER** reunions - three of them, and our **WEEDMAN** reunion took care of July and trips around the south and Midwest where they did some family research took the rest of the summer. Eight family birthdays were celebrated in Sept. and October.

Well.....maybe after Christmas Jan can sit back, take a deep breath and say "Ah.....how sweet it is!" as she enjoys the slower pace we ease into as our retirement settles in.

Jan says she wonders now where they ever found time to work! Retirement can and does seem to fill up one's time as much or more than the working years did. Ask Gena Lee Theiss .... and Nick is finding out too how fast the time goes in retirement. Speaking of Nick, he's adding on to this newsletter the results of his recent discovery about our early **WEEDMAN** kin!

### **A Note from Virginia Weedman Fisher**

I received a nice letter from **Virginia (Weedman) Fisher**, telling me of her change of address, and bringing her family news up to date. Her mother, **Irene Jergens Weedman** passed away in 1990 in Colorado, six years prior to the death of Virginia's dad, **Melvin Weedman**, of Louisville. She is of **STEPHEN**'s line. Virginia and husband **Lloyd Fisher** have agreed to a parting of the ways,

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*George D. Weedman lived in Rapid City, SD for years prior to his move to Naples FL. His wife, Polly, was a television commentator in Rapid City.*

*Gena Theiss has proven to be quite adept with computers. She has her own genealogical computer bulletin board service in Louisville.*

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and their divorce is final. She tells me, also that her wonderful family of teenagers, , who we met at Rough River State Park at the 1986 Reunion, have grown up now; **Lisa**, the oldest is 27, **Diane**, 25, **Glenda**, 24 and **Denise**, 23. Sad news.....Denise has been diagnosed with leukemia this year. Glenda was her donor for bone marrow this week, as I write this (last week in October). We wish you, Denise, complete recovery, and we are proud of you, Glenda, for your contribution to help your sister in her recovery. We remember this family from 1986, and hope to see them all again at another reunion. She sent a nice check "to keep the Weedman Newsletter going".

Thank you, Virginia, and all of you who have contributed to the Newsletter. Virginia's new address: Virginia Weedman-Fisher, P. O. Box 1158, Platteville, CO., 80651-1158. E-mail pviller@aol.com.

### **Electronic Mail Who Has E-Mail Addresses?**

For those of you with computers and able to get and send E-mail, my E-mail address is monty4@juno.com. Gena Lee's is gena.theiss@ftd.org. **Bill and Thea Weedman's** is ArieW@aol.com. **Nick Weedman** is at 100036.75@compuserve.com. **Kenneth Weedman** is on the Internet and we find about 12 Weedmans on CompuServe including Freeman J. Weedman in Papillion, NE; Richard D. Weedman in Naples FL; and oth-

ers in places from Cincinnati to Anchorage to Milwaukie OR. Send me your E-mail addresses and I'll be happy to add them to the above.

### **A Note from Bill and Thea Weedman**

**Bill and Thea** wrote recently and told of daughter **Arie**, whom we met in '94 when they attended the reunion at Evansville. Arie is at Pepperdine University, and majoring in journalism. She's involved with the summer camp activities at the high school journalism camp there. Arie has had the privilege of traveling in Europe recently, including visits to seven countries with a group of students who went there to broadening their horizons of the culture and ethnicity of those countries. Italy, Spain, France, Germany, England and Switzerland were among the countries she visited. Arie is so enthusiastic; we know she'll go far in her chosen field, be it journalism or something else.

### **Gena Theiss - Computer Genealogy Fan and Expert**

The **LOUISVILLE COURIER JOURNAL** this summer published a special feature in their LIFETIME section titled Searching for your Roots and Gena Lee was interviewed. She told of how we can find our roots using the new technology of today. Computers are available and easy to work with, at most larger libraries

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and all Family History Centers (Mormon libraries). Gena spoke on her experiences using her own computer, and Bulletin Board. Gena has pulled out all the stops when it comes to computer research. In the article a good picture of Gena Lee appears. It was taken by the interviewer who came to her home. There she sits, at her computer....ready to work. We're proud of you, Gena. She did the two Weedman books on her computer.

### Camera but no Pictures

**Mary Alice.....(Fults)** I apologize for not sending you a copy of my pictures taken at the Reunion. My camera although it had a new battery and supposedly was in good shape, went wrong some way, and the pictures were so dark, I didn't order a second copy. I have since taken that camera back to the store, and exchanged it for another. It had been a new camera I bought with a special zoom lens for close-up pictures that I'd bought especially to bring to the reunion. What a disappointment, and it was made in USA....or so it said on the material write-up.

### A Note of Thanks to Jeff Weedman

In the rush to get the news of the reunion to you all, I neglected to add that the cups which we all received at the Reunion this summer with the Weedman Crest on them, were possible because of the efforts of **Jeff**

**Weedman**, son of **Jim** and **Alma Weedman**, our hosts for 1996. Jeff carefully drew the crest and designed it to be the correct size to be put on the cups. The work of drawing the crest from the original design, was Jeff's. And Jeff, we thank you wholeheartedly for the careful and precise work you accomplished to bring us this wonderful souvenir of our 1996 Reunion!

### A Reunion in Weedman, Illinois?

We're hoping for a Weedman Reunion in Weedman, Illinois, and we want to get the Illinois Weedmans in the picture for the next year's Newsletters, so that we'll be more acquainted with this branch of the Weedman family. Thanks to those who have sent biographical sketches from which I will be extracting data, and pictures of the Weedman Methodist Church. We featured **Amos** and **Asa** so far, and will tell you about the Weedman 49ers and **Philip Weedman** in the next Newsletter. Any data which you send will be appreciated and this means the present as well as past Illinois Weedman news. Nick has been adding Kentucky Death records, and we'd like to do the same for the Illinois Death records. They perhaps are "out there" somewhere in cyberspace or available at Springfield. Let me hear from you. If you send me an E-mail message, I'll have it within 2 hours of time sent or, the next time I

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*The possibility of having a Weedman Family Reunion in Weedman, Illinois is an idea on which comments are sought.*

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turn on my computer, and call up my mail.

### Christian Weedman, Sr. In Virginia in 1762!

Recent research has revealed that **Christian Weedman, Senior** and his wife, **Elizabeth**, were living in Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) in 1762. In addition, details of the family of Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers, the oldest daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman were learned.

Prior research had shown the earliest known location of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** was in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. In a letter written by **Dr. J. A. Walters** of Dayton, Ohio on March 17, 1879 and published in a Fayette County newspaper in the 1880s, he stated that Weedman had taken residence there in 1769. Land had been acquired by "Tomahawk Improvement" and later legal title was obtained. We know that Christian got a warrant to land in Fayette County on April 1, 1785, had a survey done on April 25, 1785, and received a patent on the land on June 11, 1798. This was the land he called, "New Holland". However, no record of movements prior to 1769 were known for Christian. Before this discovery, that is!

An application for a Revolutionary War pension by **Adam Myers** contained some excellent information on

the family. The information is abstracted and quoted:

### Adam Myers Revolutionary War Widow's Application

**Myers, Adam (or Moyer)**

Pennsylvania line, application W10552.

Soldier was son of **Henry Moyer (Myers)**, Senior and was born 5, 15, or 25 March 1775 (sic) at Fort Town on the Potomac River in Virginia. Soldier married Mary, daughter of **Christian and Elizabeth Wiedman** (sic) on 2 August 1779. She was born 1 February 1762 at South Branch, Virginia. Soldier died 15 December 1844. Widow applied 24 March 1845 in Huron County, Ohio. Children were:

<b>Barbara b.</b>	Jul. 2, 1780
<b>John</b>	Apr. 11, 1782
<b>Jacob</b>	Aug. 13, 1784
<b>George</b>	Dec. 3, 1786
<b>Issac</b>	Oct. 8, 1789
<b>Elizabeth</b>	Jun. 26, 1791
<b>Hannah</b>	Sep. 6, 1793
<b>Adam</b>	Dec. 23, 1795
<b>Sarah</b>	Jul. 10, (year unclear)
<b>Silas</b>	Feb. 13, 1802

Source: *Genealogical Abstracts of Revolutionary War Pension Files*, page 2464, abstracted by Virgil D.

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*The discovery that the Christian Weedman Sr. family was in Virginia as in 1762 is a major "find"!*

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White, published by National Historical Publishing Company, Waynesboro TN in 1990.

We will now undertake genealogical research in Hampshire County, WV and in adjacent Frederick Co., VA to determine in any information is available on our ancestor's presence there. Of interest is the fact that the wife of **Christian Weedman, Jr., Mary Marshall**, apparently lived in an adjacent Rockingham County, Virginia where her father, **James Marshall** left his will in the late 1780s.

Our family has Virginia ties as well as those in Pennsylvania. It is interesting that after years of genealogical research, something of this nature has been discovered.

### Donation - Our Thanks!

A donation was received from **Virginia Weedman Fisher** and which we want to acknowledge. In addition, a number of donations were received at the **Weedman Family Reunion**. All of these help to keep the *Weedman Newsletter* going.

The *Newsletter* costs about \$100 per issue for copy service, envelopes, and postage. While we don't charge for subscriptions, a donation of \$5 per year per subscriber is sufficient to off-set expenses. If you want to donate, you may mail your check to either Marianne or Nick. See their addresses on page 22 of this issue.

### Inquiry

#### Mordecai Weedman Relative Seeks Family Information

We recently received an inquiry about family information from **Cherie Brown** of Metairie, Louisiana. Cherie states her great-grandmother was **Ella Mae Weedman**, daughter of **Joseph Bennett** and **Julia Anne (Albright) Weedman**. Cherie would like to make contact with people descended from the same line.

**Jan Bruner** and **Bettie Silman** might contact Cherie and share information on this line. **Joseph B. Weedman** was a son of **Mordecai** and **Barbara Ann (Brown) Weedman** and he, in turn, was a son of **Stephen** and **Mary Ann (Gilbert) Weedman**.

Cherie Brown's address is: 1031 Alta Street, Metairie LA 70001.

Good luck in your searching, Cherie.

#### James Marshall, Father of Mary Marshall Weedman

**Ron Green**, a genealogical researcher who has an interest in the Marshall and Mauck (Mock) families has reported locating the will of **James Marshall, Sr.** who was the father of **Mary (Marshall) Weedman**.

The will was made in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1778 and probated in 1780. Rockingham County, Virginia is adjacent to what was, at

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*The family of Adam Myers was originally in Fayette County, Pennsylvania and then moved to Huron Co., OH*

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**Kentucky Death Records** , concluded from the Summer 1996 Issue....

This is the conclusion of a listing of death records obtained off the Internet from Kentucky State Vital Statistics. There is an obvious gap from Louis C. Weedman to William R. Weedman in the list — the inability of the operator (Nick Weedman) to extract all of the file.

The list is published here for two reasons: first, to fill in information on some of the individuals that was lacking previously, and second, to demonstrate information which is available on the Internet. The ability to access information from census records, vital statistics, etc. on-line is changing the whole face of genealogy.

*The Internet is carrying more information which is of interest to genealogists. The conclusion of the listing of Weedmans in the Kentucky Death Statistics is just one example of what is becoming available.*

Name	Date of Death			Age Years	County of Residence	Place of Death
	Day	Mo	Year			
Weedman, Kertie	13	5	1945	42	Grayson	Grayson
Weedman, Lena E.	3	1	1988	81	Grayson	Grayson
Weedman, Letha	24	2	1984	81	Meade	Indiana (State)
Weedman, Lillie A.	11	9	1912	u1	Breckinridge	Breckinridge
Weedman, Lonzo	29	10	1945	59	Ohio	Daviess
Weedman, Lorene	6	9	1991	89	Bullitt	Bullitt
Weedman, Louis C.	29	11	1951	51	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, Louis C.	21	2	1974	51	Jefferson	Jefferson
Weedman, William R.	12	8	1987	80	Ohio	Ohio
Weedman, Zelma	17	2	1989	66	Jefferson	Jefferson

This concludes the publication of Weedman entries in the Kentucky Death Statistics.

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that time, Hampshire County, Virginia. That was the location of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** in 1762 when his eldest known daughter, **Mary** was born. Whether the families lived in proximity to each other or had knowledge of each other is unknown.

In his will, **James Marshall, Sr.** names:

**William Marshall**  
**Agnes** wife of Daniel Mauck  
**Jane** wife of Henry Barlow  
**Mary** wife of Christian  
 Weedman, Jr.

**James, Jr.** who married Elizabeth  
 Lewis  
**Sarah** wife of Peter Bloom

We have asked Ron Green to provide additional information on the children of **James Marshall, Sr.** and will report those findings later.

We need to watch closely to see if any of the family of **Mary Marshall Weedman** lived in Kentucky close to her.

Enjoy your holidays, and try not to work too hard.

*Marianne Montgomery*