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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying the signs of spring.....longer days, warmer days.

Some of you have not contacted me by e-mail and I am embarrassed to say I'd forgotten to list my e-mail address. It is: **monty4@juno.com**. I'd love to hear from you. I'll be going to Kentucky this summer for a course on Appalachia, given by Elderhostel, at Williamsburg, KY at Cumberland College June 15-21. I am going with Floy McDonald, a friend who has genealogical interests in KY and NC. We are flying to Kansas City, MO and then we'll pick up her cousin, Laureen who will drive on to Williamsburg.

I'm trying an identification adjustment with this Newsletter. Christian Weedman Sr. had several children as we all know. I have been identifying the various lines FROM Christian Weedman THROUGH George, Christian Jr.' children's names. For instance DANIEL's line means that Christian Jr.'s son, Daniel & Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman are their descendants link to Christian Jr. WILLIAM's line, meaning William and Rebecca (Haycraft) Weedman's

connection to Christian Jr. ILLINOIS line means descendants of GEORGE and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman and their link to Christian Sr. We seldom had a response from our Illinois cousins in those days and so we simply used the phrase "ILLINOIS" Weedmans. Now, in anticipation of more input from George's descendants, we can identify them by means of JOHN (Il) as distinguished from JOHN (Ky) JOHN (Il) would thus mean John, George's son. If you read JACOB (Il) think: Jacob, son of George. George is YOUR link to Christian Sr. Christian Sr. also had a son named JOHN who left few descendants that we are able to discern at this time. One son is all the male children he had. This son, Nicholas left descendants. So we call this line NICHOLAS' line (not JOHN'S line). Is this clear? Read it over again and think it out. I gave above a few examples of the KY, IL, & Nicholas' line). They all link back to Christian Sr., through his sons: George, John, Christian Jr., & Jacob. Jacob's

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The descendants of James Henry Weedman hold a family reunion annually in Grayson Co., KY. Details of the most recent one appears here.

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line will be identified as JACOB's line (this links him to Christian Sr.). If this system seems to be more confusing, let me know, and we'll think of another way. Of course the BEST way is for each family to buy the Weedman Genealogy from **Gena Lee Theiss**, which clarifies this 'line' business.

By the way, for those of you who have the revised copy of the Weedman book, turn now to page 260. Where you see, on the left side of this page, turn the book so you're facing it, **George Weedman ?** Nicholas, etc., change that to **JOHN Weedman**, Nicholas, etc.. Just the name George needs to be changed to John.

James Henry Weedman Family Reunion

Wouldn't you know it? As soon as I put the last Newsletter in the post, a letter came from **Jimmie Weedman**, telling about the **JAMES HENRY WEEDMAN** Reunion, held annually at the old home place of John Weedman, son of Christian Jr. near Caneyville, KY. In the future these reunions will be held the 3rd Saturday in August. Even if your granddaddy or great granddaddy was not James Henry Weedman, you would be welcome to join his family descendants that Saturday. Please make a note of it on your calendar now. Myron & Sherry have settled in there and they are wonderful hosts to all who come. JOHN's line (Ky.). Those in attendance were: Myron and Sherry Weedman, Jerry Weedman, daughter Jessica & son Brent Weedman, Jason Yarden, friend of Jessica, Rhoda

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Mudd, and Robin Cooper, daughters of Henry, and Robin's son Todd Weedman, and her stepson Chad Cooper, Rhonda Thompson, friend of Todd, Dorman and Brenda Weedman, & daughter Renee' and son, Darren; Charlie, and Mary Smith, and daughter Beth Smith, Wendy Stuart, Katie Cook, Dorthene and Clarence West, Allen, son of Sherlene, and Missy Fentress; Chester Fentress; Robert, Brenda and Steve West, Tom West, Henry and Shirley Weedman, Randy Weedman and daughter Brandy, & son Jeremy, and Randy's friend, Alfreda Clark. Alfreda brought Shaylin and Jordan Clark, her sons, Scott, Dorothy, Tom, and April Geary, Monica Nicole and Chris Geary; Dave and Sondra Harbison, (Sondra, did you furnish the lemonade?) Jimmie and Alma Weedman, Alan Weedman's son Terrance, Brandon Sims, Christina and Dana Stevenson, friends of Brandy; Mandy Clemons, William Dodson, Sherry's father, and Nikolas Dunkelberger, nephew of Sherry. As you can well imagine, this was some large crowd, but you can be assured that a good time was had by all.

Obituary

Robert J. Weedman

Joyce Anthony notified me last May of the death of **Robert J. Weedman**, 77, of Henderson NV, and died in a Las Vegas hospital. He was an Army veteran of WW. II. He was born 19 Dec 1918 in Goodland, KS, and was a retired machinist, and had lived in Henderson, NV 44 years. His

wife, **Mildred** of Henderson survives him, and also his daughters, **Marie Weedman Jones** of Las Vegas, and **Karen Weedman Gilding** of Tonopah.. Sons **Robert Weedman** of Boulder City, CO., **Leslie Weedman** of Henderson and **Evan Weedman** of Grand Junction, CO sister **Gene Weedman Henninger** of Atascadero, CA, 25 grandchildren, and 26 great grandchildren. He attended the chapel where his final services were held at the Church of Jesus Christ Of Latter Day Saints. Burial was at Southern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery. Although late, we wish to extend our sympathy to the survivors. It's NEVER too late to remember them, DANIEL's line (Ky).

Obituary

Frances (Frankie) Smith

Gena Lee notified me shortly after Christmas that **Frances Smith "Frankie"** died on 2 January of 1997. at the Jewish Hospital in Louisville. She was a native of Breckinridge County. She was retired from Armour Foods Company and a member of Baxter Avenue Baptist Church. Survivors: daughters **Wilma Craft** and **Bonnie Harrig**; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was buried at the Evergreen Cemetery in Louisville KY.

She surely didn't look old enough to have great grandchildren. I first met **Frankie** at Rough River State Park. Her sister **Ressie** was with her and

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Recent deaths of family members are reported. Please drop Marianne Montgomery a note when news of a death is learned for inclusion here.

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Rebecca Middleton was there, also. Frankie came to the 1990 reunion at Clarksville, IN. She was a descendant of JOHN's (Ky) line, through **Herbert Weedman**, his grandson, and **Nancy L. (Smith) Weedman**.

Weedman Family Deaths

George Riley Weidman Robert Simmons Weidman

George Riley Weidman of Three Rivers, MI died there on 20 December 1996. He was a retired automobile worker. George was a son of **Charles Green** and **Martha (Lanman) Weedman** and was born 24 November 1996.

Robert Simmons Weidman died 15 March 1997 in Blytheville, AR. Born 7 January 1916, he was the son of **Floyd** and **Anne Weidman** and was a retired tinsmith.

*(Publisher's note. Although spelled Weidman, both of these were of the William Weedman line through his son **Green Berry Weedman** and **Charles Green Weedman**. The spelling of their surname has caused considerable discussion in the family, some of which could become heated at times! George was the brother of **Harry E. Weedman**, father of Nick).*

Inquiry

James Weedman Family

Last May also, although unrelated to the death of Robert (NV), **John Horan** from Houston Texas wrote me to

see if I could identify a **James Weedman** b. 1870 who married a **Lucy Clarke**. He with his family had attended the 1934 Clark Family Reunion I found a **James Weedman** b. 12 October 1860 who married a **Lucinda Clark**. Names used in the family were the same, so I knew we were on the right track. I happened to be in Kentucky staying with Gena for a few days after the reunion. We got out The Weedman Genealogy and got his lineage back to Christian, Sr. He was descended from **John Weedman**, son of **Daniel** and **Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman**. Daniel was a son of **Christian Jr.**, who was a son of **Christian Sr.** I'm saying this because the Robert Weedman who died last May was also a descendent of **Daniel** and **Nancy Spurrier Weedman**. DANIEL (Ky) line.

He's related to the Deom's, Gregg's, and Basinger/Baysinger's, so that places this family around Evansville in the 1930's. James and Lucy had:

William Russell Weedman, b. Dec. 1896 m. **Hazel Hancock** ca 1920 died 1969.

Fannie Hope Weedman, b. Nov. 1899 m. **Nathaniel Dyball**.

George Weedman, b. Sep 1900, m. (unknown), died 1989.

Hassell Weedman, b. Feb 1902, m. (unknown).

Nathalie Weedman, b. 1904-5, m. Leo Dyball

Thelma Weedman, birth date unknown, marriage unknown.

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An inquiry regarding the family of James and Lucinda (Clark) Weedman is addressed in this issue.

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This family lived in Gibson Co., Indiana. I sent the information from Gena's book to John and he was most happy to receive it. He's descended from the CLARK family, but is collecting data on all the allied families.

News from Bill & Thea Weedman

Bill and Thea Weedman wrote to tell us the latest news. They rode the Midnight Madness bike-a-thon last August20 miles! Their daughter, **Arie** spent the winter semester studying in Florence, Italy, learning about Italian cuisine while there, also. She was able to see some of Rome and London in her free time. Bill, Thea and Arie were at our Evansville, Indiana reunion in 1994 (or was it 1992?). It's always good to hear from them. E-mail: **ariew@aol.com**. Bill mentions his brother **Ronnie**, and I know we'd all like to meet him. Send Ron a copy of the Newsletter, Bill . **STEPHEN** (Ky) line.

Las Vegas Area Weedmans

Joyce Windisch Anthony also sent for **Nancy (Conklin) Jefferys** the names of others in the Las Vegas area of Nevada, sought by Nancy's family: **Robert Weedman** - 59 Atlantic Ave., Henderson, NV (702) 565-8505

Robert & Shannon Weedman - (702) 294-0365

Then there's the one in Colorado, son of the **Robert J. Weedman** who re-

cently died. Nancy, these seem to be the main prospects for your family there in the Las Vegas area.

New Weedman

Katherine Renee Jefferys

Nancy informs us that she and Ross are grandparents. **John and Teri Jefferys** had a baby girl on November 9th, 1996 at Salem Hospital, Salem, OR. She was named **Katherine Renee Jefferys**. We're really happy for you, Nancy and Ross, and great grandma, **Helen Lois (Weedman) Conklin, Schwarze**. Golly, the first time I saw John, he was just a kid at the picnic at Portland of the WEEDMAN-LITTLE-JORDAN families. Doesn't time just fly?

ILLINOIS COUSINS PLEASE NOTE:

Joyce has some early letters written by **HAND** and **WEEDMAN**'s of the Des Moines area. Joyce, I feel you have an e-mail address, too, and let's talk. **John Silliman**, also a descendent of the Illinois branch, has his **HAND** line traced back to Long Island. I found that some of the Long Island **HAND** families went to Cape May, NJ, and united with the Quaker faith. Perhaps Joyce and John's **HANDS** shall meet on their genealogy charts! John's e-mail address is: **PGM18A@prodigy.com**

John is descended from **Philip Weedman** son of **Asa** and **Delilah (HAND) Weedman**. Asa's father was **John**

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News of births of Weedman family members should be sent to Marianne Montgomery. Her address is on page 2.

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and his mother **Rachel (WILSON) Weedman**, John was the son of George and Charlotte HUHNS Weedman. Other names on John's Pedigree chart are: **GILLESPIE, MOORE** and **WEINGARDNER**.

Weedmans In The California Gold Rush

In the Spring of 1850, five Weedman brothers and Stephen Cover, Solomon Hand, William Davis and Joseph Kirkpatrick got gold fever and from their gentle Mt Pleasant community in Dewitt Co., Illinois, they did go, armed with guns, foodstuffs, and what else they'd need for the trip. They left their womenfolk at home, for their safety. They had every intention of returning, and so they'd planned to take life up again in their homes with their wives safety their main concern.

The names of the Weedman men were: **Asa, George, Amos, Isaiah and John**. There were three younger Weedman brothers who did not go, They were **Zadoc and Thomas S.**, familiarly known as Dick, and **William**.

They reached the gold mines in September of 1850, after having to deal with Indians, difficult traveling conditions, rattlesnakes and thirst. Most of you have read of the covered wagon days when the West was still very wild and you know of the hardships they endured. The tragic story of the Donner Party from Springfield, IL and others has been told over and over. Now we enjoy the 6 and 8 lane

freeways that span the country but in 1850 it was dirt, disease, highway robbery, Indian raids, and you know the story. Well Solomon Hand was the only casualty of the group. He froze his hands and feet and they had to be amputated. He died shortly thereafter. The Mt Pleasant party didn't find the gold they sought. They encountered a rough and rugged, bunch of men, who had only one aim....to get rich in the gold fields. Bawdy women, alcohol, gambling and thievery were rampant. The Weedman men returned after a year. Kirkpatrick and Davis remained 2 years and only Stephen Covey stayed for three years. He died at the age of 88 in Farmer City in 1902. I have abbreviated the gold rush eventful saga, due to space restrictions here, but the histories of Dewitt County Illinois has the unabridged version. Also the biographical sketches of the Weedmans who made a mark in Dewitt County history that remains to this day.

From DeWitt County history...

Philip Weedman

Philip Weedman, son of **Asa and Delilah (Hand) Weedman** is numbered among the successful general farmers and stockmen of the Santa Ana Township area of central Illinois. No discussion of Dewitt county can be carried on very long without mention of one or more of the Weedman families who founded the area. Mention the name Weedman in Farmer City and you have instant respect. His land consisted of one-hundred and eighty five acres of prime farm-

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The story of the Weedmans who went to California in the Gold Rush fascinating. Are there others still unreported?

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land on sections 29 & 30. He was located just a mile from Farmer City (...while writing this, I'm thinking "did he live in Weedman, IL?". If the little Weedman Church could talk, we'd learn a lot about the olden days in that area). Philip specialized in breeding short-horn cattle, and Shropshire sheep. His ranch called Fair Prairie Farm, was known far and near for the quality of the stock Philip so carefully bred in the best scientific ways of those days. Philip was born Feb. 17, 1844. His mother grew up in southern Illinois, and in her late teens moved to McLean County. Some time after Asa died, she married **Edward Adams** and they moved to Miami County, Kansas. Philip married in Piatt County, IL, **Anna Gillespie**, daughter of **Harmon K. and Nancy Gillespie**, natives of Pennsylvania. **Philip and Anna** were parents of two children: **Frank and Louola** (called **Ola**). Philip and family were members of the Methodist Church.

I'd like to ask you who are from our ILLINOIS Weedman lines to please send in your stories, sketches, memories or hand-me-down stories of your people, as we need to get more familiar with the lines from Ohio and Illinois. But I need your cooperation and the stories that you have treasured over the years. Recipes? Will you send them? And if you have questions, queries, whatever you want to contribute, please send them. I will be happy to look up or print your stone-wall lines. I have been working on several lines lately, some with success, and some remain unsolved.

Genealogy on the Internet

Weedman Family Web Site

We have established a Weedman Family Genealogy web site on the Internet. The purpose is to facilitate contact with people who are starting to work on their genealogy and have Weedman family ties. Nick Weedman set up the website and you are invited to "visit". The address of the site is:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/HNWEEDMAN/>

Your comments and suggestions are invited after you have visited the site. Please contact Nick at:

[hnweedman @compuserve.com](mailto:hnweedman@compuserve.com)

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Donations and Dues

We would like to acknowledge recent contributions to the *Weedman Newsletter* from the following:

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Roy Weedman
Marianne Montgomery
Gena Lee Theiss

Our thanks for you generous support.

And please, send Nick your dues and contributions. Dues were due Jan. 1st. and I wish to gently remind you that unless you're financially challenged to an extreme degree, your \$5.00 dues are due unless you paid up by Jan. 1st. Thanks so much, folks. For our kids and grandkids sake, if not for our own, we want to keep the WEED-

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*Visit the
 Weedman
 Family
 Genealogy web
 page on the
 Internet! Your
 comments and
 suggestions are
 asked.*

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MAN name alive and well, and moving across our nation's Weedman homes. You may indeed reproduce this Newsletter for your kin. Nick's address is on page 2. Send your NEWS to Marianne.

New Weedman Arrival

Jacob Christian Weedman

Paul and Emily Weedman, San Diego, had a baby boy on October 26, 1996, and named him **Jacob Christian Weedman**. What a beautiful name! Congratulations to this little treasure and to his happy parents and family! We are all his family, in a way, and so we can all celebrate his arrival. Paul is a descendant of **Jacob Weedman**.

(Publisher's note. I have gone through our Weedman data base and believe this is the first Christian Weedman since the second generation of the family in this country. We are delighted at the choice of names. Thank you, Emily and Paul!)

Now this reminds me that I need to know the parents and grandparents of each cousin who attended the Reunion last July. As we add new cousins, we like to add their lines for at least 2-3 generations, so that we can relate to and possibly share information on the lines with them.

Melissa Weedman Europe Trip

Melissa Weedman, daughter of **Jesse and Jerri Weedman** of Joshua Tree, CA., has just been on a Euro

Tour through Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy. She and Arie could share some impressions and pictures, of the places they each have visited over there. I was over there, too, but that was back in 1960 and I'm sure times have changed since then. Jess & Jerri and family are all busy and happy and the kids and grand children are growing and happy.

Update Sought

I'm waiting to hear how the bone marrow transplant from **Glenda Fisher** for **Denise Fisher**, daughters of **Lloyd and Virginia Weedman-Fisher** turned out. **Denise** has been diagnosed with leukemia, and is being treated at the Univ. of Colorado. Her sisters, **Lisa, Diane and Glenda** and her Mom are supporting her all the way, and that's half the battle; to have loved ones at hand. **Glenda** is a match for bone marrow, and her treatments will extend over a year's time, so please.....pray with me for **Denise's** full recovery from leukemia. You can drop **Virginia** an e-mail at pviller@aol.com.

New Series

Christian and Elizabeth Weedman Daughters and Their Families

We will begin a series of articles in this issue on the daughters of **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman**. Much attention has been given to the male children and their descendants. Now we will cover the female lines.

The naming of young Jacob Christian Weedman is believed to be the first time the name Christian has been given to a Weedman since Christian Jr.

The youngest daughter

**Catherine Weedman
wife of John Huhn, Jr. and
Jacob Keefover**

Catherine Weedman was the youngest daughter of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** and was born about 1779 in Fayette County, PA.

According to records of the Jacob's Lutheran Church in German Township, Fayette County, she married **John Huhn, Jr.** on May 2, 1795 in that Church. **John** was the son of **John Huhn, Sr.** and his wife, **Dorothy**. The elder Huhn's lived in Fayette County and died there in 1810 and 1806 respectively. In the marriage record, Catherine's surname is spelled **Widman**.

Baptism records of Jacob's Lutheran Church show the following children of **John** and **Catherine Weedman Huhn** baptized there:

Hannah Huhn b. January 29, 1796
Henry Huhn b. November 11, 1797
Sara Huhn b. November 2, 1799
John Huhn b. July 21, 1801 and
baptized August 23, 1801

No other children are known to have been born to the couple although it is possible there were more.

John Huhn, Jr. died sometime between the conception of his son, **John**, born in 1801 and the drafting of the will of **John Huhn, Sr.** In the elder Huhn's will which was dated October 20, 1803 (probated September 5, 1810), he names his

children and heirs of son, **John**, deceased.

Thus **Catherine** was left a young widow with several young children when her husband, **John Huhn, Jr.** died.

Catherine is named in her father's will when he drafted it in 1811. He names his daughter, **Catherine Keefover** in that document. So, it is clear that **Catherine** re-married following the death of her first husband. And, that event occurred between 1801 and 1811.

If **Catherine Keefover**, **Catherine Huhn**, and **Catherine Weedman** are all the same, several questions become evident:

What happened to the children of Catherine when she moved to Ohio?

Why didn't the Keefover's adopt the Huhn children?

Did the children survive?

These questions seemed unanswerable. Then, the records of Perry County, Ohio provided some of the answers.

In the Perry County, Ohio Probate Court records the case of the estate of **Catherine Keefover** was found on file. From this, it was learned:

- * **Catherine** died in 1861
- * **James Keefover**, son of **Catherine**,

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Articles on other daughters of Christian Weedman will include Mary Myers, Barbara Riffle, and Sarah Walters. Nothing on daughters Elizabeth Murphy or Margaret Weedman is known at this time.

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was appointed executor of the estate.

* **John Davidson, John Eversole, and Edward Smith** were appointed appraisers for the estate on June 22, 1861. The estate was appraised and an estate sale was held on July 12, 1861.

* **James Keefover** filed the report of sale on August 8, 1861.

Then, on October 5, 1863, it became clear that settlement of the estate was going to be anything but simple. James stated in a report to the Court that two heirs, **Henry Huhn**, deceased, late of Fayette County, Pennsylvania and **Hannah Hull**, supposedly deceased, of Indiana were entitled to a share of the estate but could not be located. Their shares of the estate were to be kept in escrow by **John Eversole**.

This document alone proves that **Catherine Keefover** had indeed been married to **John Huhn, Jr.** and was the mother of the children listed in the Jacob's Lutheran Church records. It further gives evidence that perhaps the other children of this marriage (**Sara** and **John Huhn**) likely pre-deceased their mother.

On March 5, 1864 a document was filed with the court stating that **Henry Huhn**, son of **Catherine**, had the following children: **John, Benjamin F., James C., Henry C., Issac P., Jackson, Sarah** (wife of **Henry Franks**), **Margaret** (wife of **John A. Lyon**), **Dianna S., Mary E., and Caroline Huhn**. All were stated to be residents of Fayette County.

Then on January 19, 1867, **Rachael M. Jennings** and **William Jennings** of Monroe County, Illinois gave a deposition stating **Rachael** was one of three surviving heirs of **Hannah Hull**, daughter of **Catherine Keefover**. It was further stated there were a total of six heirs, three of whom had died without issue.

Two other children of **Hannah Hull** had previously appeared in 1864 to stake their claims. **John H. Hull** of Harrison County, Missouri filed papers on August 13, 1864 and **Ezra A. Hull** of Fulton County, Illinois stated he was a grandson of **Catherine** on October 20, 1864. All appointed as their attorney, **Samuel B. Hull** of Jacktown, Licking County, Ohio who may have been a relation.

Finally, the estate was settled as shown in an undated paper. The estate after all expenses totaled \$477.09 and was split four ways: **Hannah Hull heirs, Henry Huhn heirs, James Keefover, and Sarah Eversole**.

Was **Sarah Eversole** a Huhn or a Keefover prior to her marriage which presumably was to **John Eversole**? A check of 1850 and 1860 census records for Perry County should reveal her date of birth or cemetery records of the county may be more revealing.

The story of Catherine will be concluded next issue? We will want to contact Huhn's and Keefover's to determine if a family bible might exist revealing more Weedman data.

Catherine Weedman Keefover and her husband, Jacob, are buried in the Good Hope Lutheran Church cemetery in Hopewell Township, Perry County, Ohio.

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello, Cousins,

Hoping that everyone is enjoying this summer. We will remember it when the days grow shorter and colder, so let's make the most of it while we have it.

Thanks to all who e-mailed me their current e-mail address. I leave it to you to keep me informed as to the latest news for your branch of the family. Things have been too quiet out there lately. Hope all is well.

One of the first Weedman cousins I met was **Elizabeth Weedman Snodgrass**. She and hubby **Noble** have attended every Weedman reunion except this last one. At the last reunion we missed her and wondered how she is doing. I got a nice letter from her, and then news of a wedding in the **WILLIAM Weedman** line.

Elizabeth Gail Weedman, daughter of **George Perry** (the younger) and **Mary Lou Weedman** was married on Friday, January 31, 1997, to **Frederick William Hering Jr.** Their new home is at 9420 Brackin St., Orlando, FL 32825.

It just occurred to me that there was another **George Perry** and **Mary Lou**

Weedman! I speak of **George Perry** and **Mary Lou "Molly" (Hatfield) Weedman**. I'm sure **George P.** was probably named for the older man of the same name. Well **Gail** and **Fred**, we hope you won't forget us and hopefully we'll meet you and your hubby at the 1998 Reunion in Evansville, IN. We join in wishing this young couple a long and happy marriage. **WILLIAM's** line.

Sharon Bryden sent her new address: 2910 Vigal St., Springfield, IL 26707-8970. She's not far from Evansville, IN and we hope we'll meet there next summer.

1998 Weedman Reunion Plans

Jan Bruner says that they have planned kind of a unique time for us when we attend the next reunion in '98. The outlined plan she sent is this: A friend of **Jan's** is catering the food. The setting for the festivities is an old German Lutheran church. No doubt it will be

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The next Weedman Family Reunion will be held in Evansville, IN in 1998. Jan Bruner and her daughters will host the event.

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somewhat like the churches the early Weedman's attended. However INSIDE, it will accommodate our group in the large dining room, in the auditorium and stage.....oh oh, maybe a piano, Jan? It's 1 1/2 blocks from one of the finest libraries in south Indiana for genealogy research. We may not have time to research while the reunion's going on, but we can arrange to stay over a day or so to look at what they have. It's the Willard library there in Evansville. The theme will be German-Dutch and they have lots of plans. This church is near the zoo, downtown is easy access from there, and there will be fun for all. I'll have something on hotel / motel accommodations in next Newsletter.

I hope **Jan, Bettie Sillman and Cherie Brown** got together by phone, mail or otherwise, and shared the **Mordecai**

Weedman information that each has. When you write it up for the Newsletter, girls, send me a copy. **STEPHEN's** line.

Jan still is looking for **Barbara (Brown) Weedman's** parents and grandparents. **Barbara** was the wife of **Mordecai Weedman**, son of **STEPHEN Weedman**. It is believed she may have been born in Meade Co., KY (**Barbara Ann Brown**) I think their parents were **John and Nancy Brown**. Am I correct, Jan? What else have you learned about them?

The response to the recent mailings regarding donations and dues was applauded by many who received them. They were glad to be reminded, and we feel we all need a nudge now and then. Since dues are due Jan. 1st, so

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soon after Christmas, we will credit you for the new year should you want to send them earlier say, November. We keep books on it, so you will be duly credited for whatever you send. Send to H. N. Weedman (Nick) at 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC. 28731.

Doris Kizer writes that her grandson, **David Terry Fleisher** son of **James Terry** and **Charlene LaVon (Beaufort) Fleisher** married 4 Jan 1997 in Reno, Nevada to **Kristie Lynn Martinez**, daughter of **George Edward** and **Linda Diane (Whitworth) Martinez**. **Linda** was born 25 May 1976 in Reno, NV. **Terry** was born 15 Feb. 1976. We wish the newlyweds a lifetime of happiness and health.. **Doris** always keeps us up to date on **NICHOLAS'** line. The church they were to be married in had been recently flooded in the flooding of that area so they had to find another church for the wedding. They only had 3 days to do this. All's well that ends well however, and another happy couple launched out into the land of wedded bliss.

Hazel Weedman, widow of **James Ed Weedman** wrote. Like all of us widows, **Hazel** is still missing **Ed**, but she's doing real well in spite of some set backs. Like myself, she says "I never felt any age until after **Ed** died." Sometimes I think something in us dies with our mates. **Hazel** just turned 80 on June 18. She and **Ed** raised five sons who now have families of their own and are scattered around here

and there. That's the way it goes. Happy the family where the children are able to work and live close by. **Steve** lives in Westport, KY; **Mark** is in Bedford, IN; **Bill** is in Floyd Knobs, IN; **Bill's** twin, **Mike** is in Greensboro, MD; and **Jeff** is in Sheperdsville, KY. Well, **Hazel** has a family of fine Christian men to be proud of. **STEPHEN'S** line.

Virginia Weedman Fisher married **Ed Cook** in October of 1996. They are making their home in Platteville, Colorado. **STEPHEN'S** line.

UPDATE on **Denise Fisher's** condition: As you know, **Denise** had surgery in October and another one after that, followed by two brain surgeries, as she had developed a blood clot on her brain. She went into a coma the latter part of November, and no more has been learned since then. **Denise** is the daughter of **Virginia Weedman Fisher** now **Cook**. We feel saddened by this turn of events and we can only hope that "no news is good news" as the old saying goes. **STEPHEN'S** line.

Newsletter Donations

Since our last Newsletter, a number of generous donations have been received. These will allow the Newsletter to continue through much of 1997.

A number of special gifts have been received. Our special thanks to those who have given over and above the re-

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A significant number of donations have been received since the last Newsletter. All are appreciated and will help to insure continuation of this publication.

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quested donation level. Donors include:

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We are highly appreciative of those who have made efforts to keep the Newsletter going.

Readership Survey

For a number of subscribers, we are including a self-addressed, stamped post card in this mailing. The purpose of the post card is to seek information from those recipients on whether they wish to continue to receive the Newsletter or not. This is an attempt to insure that mailings are made only to those who are interested and to drop those who are not.

It will take only a few seconds to complete the card. If you receive one, please take the time to indicate your preference and drop it in the mail.

Pioneer Medical Doctor

Dr. C. B. Weedman

The following article is an excerpt from a history of Huron County, Ohio published in the early 1900s.

Dr. Charles B. Weedman was a second generation physician. His father, Dr. George W. Weedman was very likely the first medical doctor in the Weedman family. George was the son of Jacob and Catherine (Bishop) Weedman. Jacob, the second son of George and Charlotte Huhn Weedman, died in 1829. Most of the family of Jacob and Catherine Weedman remained in Ohio although there appears to be some mobility of the family between Illinois and Ohio. The article lends some clue as to family origins but is incorrect in stating that the father of George Weedman came from Germany to Ashland County, Ohio.

Dr. C. B. Weedman who since 1894 has continuously practiced medicine and surgery in New London, his ability winning him an extensive patronage though out this part of the county, was born in Ashland County, Ohio on January 28, 1858. His father, George W. Weedman was also a native of Ashland County, while the grandfather was of German birth (sic). Leaving the land of his nativity in early life he crossed the ocean to the new world and became a resident of Ashland County, Ohio, where amid pioneer surroundings he lived for some years. His son, George, was educated and ... practiced continuously for 40 years, maintaining his office at Nova, Ohio where he died September 5, 1890. He

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was married to Sophronia Richards, who was born in Orange, Ashland County, and to them were born two children, C. B. and Eliza.

Dr. C. B. Weedman studied medicine in the Western Reserve University from which he graduated in 1880. He then entered into partnership with his father in Nova and there were associated in business for ten years. In 1904, he removed to New London and was no stranger here as his practice had extended into this county.

In 1880, Dr. Weedman was married to Miss Lucy Iona Dubois, a native of Plymouth, Ohio. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Weedman have been born two children. The son, Dr. Don V. Weedman is now a dentist in Toledo, Ohio and he graduated from the Western Reserve Dental School in 1904. The daughter, Elizabeth, is a musician of note and a musical director of ability.

The article describes Dr. Weedman's memberships and interests. It is unknown when he and his wife died. Dr. Don V. Weedman died in July, 1969 in Toledo. We have not made contact with any descendants of this family.

News from Tell City

We were recently pleasantly surprised to get a couple of notes through the Internet from the two children of **Mrs. Ronald Weedman** of Tell City, Indiana. **Ron** hosted the 1986 Weedman Reunion and died an unfortunate death in September, 1988.

Linda (Mrs. Ron) Weedman teaches Home Economics at the Tell City Junior High School.

Stephen is a freshman in High School and will be in the Class of 2000. He is an "A" student for the most part and in on the Student Council. He is also on the Hoosier Academic Team (actually two – Science and Social Studies) as well as a number of other activities. He seems to be quite active both academically as well as in extracurricular activities.

Kechia is now 20 years old and a Sophomore at Western Kentucky University majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. She wants to be a Science teacher when she graduates.

It was great to hear from them and to learn that they are doing so well.

A side note, speaking of Tell City. I just learned that the county seat for Perry County was moved from Cannelton to Tell City. We don't know when but a new court house was built to house County Government in Tell City.

Family Reunion Held Henry Linas Weedman Descendents

A new subscriber, **Carol Rohloff** of Danvers, MN reports that a family reunion for the descendents of **Henry Linas Weedman** was held in Min-

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A number of Weedman Family Reunions are held annually. We will report of those about which news is received.

The second in a series of articles on the female lineage of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman is pursued here. Mary Weedman was the oldest child of the family.

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nesota in late July. Although details are sketchy, a fairly good turnout participated and Carol stated that it was an opportunity to bring together people who hadn't seen each other in years. We welcome Carol to the **Weedman Newsletter**. Carol is a great granddaughter of **Henry Linas Weedman**.

Henry's line was: **Christian, Sr.**¹, **George**², **John Jesse**³, **Asa**⁴, and **Henry Linas**⁵. Henry (1850-1910) lived in DeWitt County, IL moved to Webster County, IA and then to Kansas before returning to Webster City, IA where he died. He married **Cynthia Ann Reed** and they had a large family. A son, **Earl Elmore Weedman**, was the grandfather of Carol.

Thanks for advising of the family reunion and we trust there will be others in the future.

Female Weedman lineage continued

Mary Weedman Oldest Daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman

This is a continuation in a series of articles on the female descendents of Christian, Sr. and Elizabeth Weedman. In researching the female lines, we hope to be able to add to the information we have gleaned primarily from research on the male descendents. The bulk of the information learned on Mary Weedman has come from applications for pension for

her husband's Revolutionary War service.

Mary is assumed to be the oldest child of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** and his wife **Elizabeth**. She is named first in her father's will dated 1810 or so and it appears that the normal convention of naming children in order of birth was used.

She married **Adam Myers**, son of **Henry Myers, Sr.** August 2, 1779 probably in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. **Henry Myers, Sr.** was a veteran of the Revolutionary War as were three of his sons: **Adam, Henry, Jr.** and **Frederick**. Adam was born at Fort Town on the South Branch of the Potomac River in Virginia on March 15, 1755.

From the documents in the application, **Mary** is learned to have been born at the same place on February 1, 1762. The South Branch of the Potomac River is now in Hampshire County, West Virginia. Importantly, this shows the location of **Christian Weedman** prior to his move to Fayette County, Pennsylvania. From other sources, it is known that in addition to **Christian Weedman** and **Henry Myers, Ephriam Walters** was also resident in the same place at the same time. It is thus likely that they migrated together to Fayette County. From early records, **Christian, Frederick Myers**, and **Ephriam Walters** were neighbors. Indeed, the Weedmans, Myers and Walters intermarried.

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Adam and Mary Weedman Myers had the following children:

Barbara b.	July 2, 1780
John	April 11, 1782
Jacob	August 13, 1784
George	December 3, 1786
Isaac	October 8, 1787
Elizabeth	January 26, 1791
Hannah	September 6, 1793
Adam, Jr.	unknown
Sarah	July 10, 1799 (?)
Silas	February 13, 1802

Interestingly, Godparents of two of the children are familiar: **John's** was **John Weidman** (sic), a brother of **Mary**; and, **Jacob's** were **Jacob** and **Mary Riffle** (one of the daughter's of **Christian** and **Elizabeth** married **Nicholas Riffle**).

Adam was a resident of Montgomery County, PA when he joined the service for the Revolutionary War and later lived in Fayette County. Montgomery County is adjacent to Philadelphia and this may give a clue where further genealogical research should be conducted. Ultimately, the family lived in Huron County, Ohio. He died on either February or December 15, 1844.

Mary lived beyond **Adam** and filed for a pension in her own right. In one of the papers in which she gave a deposition, it states she was difficult to understand because she spoke "Dutch". It is known that the **Myers** (sometimes spelled **Moyers**) kept a family bible in Dutch.

Adam Myers had a brother, **Henry**,

who also served in the Revolutionary War. In his pension application, he states his brother, **Frederick** was an Ensign in the Company in which he served. **Henry** moved to Kentucky and ultimately to Ripley County, Indiana where he died in 1842.

No will has been located for **Henry Moyers** or **Myers, Sr.** but all of the pension papers indicate the family connection. We have had no contact with the **Myers** family or any researcher working on the line other than Mr. **James C. Melton** of Elizabethtown, KY who furnished much of the information used here.

It is interestingly that we can learn so much from looking deeply at the families of the daughters in the Weedman family.

Obituary

Virginia Bunton

Virginia Bunton, daughter of **Bobby** and **Phyllis (Montgomery) Bunton**, of Columbus, MS, passed away Aug. 5th from cancer. She was a victim of the fast-acting T-cell cancer, and her body was given for research, according to Virginia's wish. She was born October 26, 1962 in Alamogordo, New Mexico. Mother **Phyllis** is a daughter of the late **Paul Montgomery** and great granddaughter of **Nancy (Weedman) Huff**, DANIEL's line.

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Obituaries for Virginia Bunton, Edeth Jewel Wright, and Wanda Pearl Weedman are given. Please advise Marianne of any family news for publication.

The origin of the Weedman family in America has always been open to speculation. Only the line which clearly came from Sweden can identify its roots. Contact with Robert Widmann may allow us to make some definitive European links.

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She leaves her mother, **Phyllis**, brothers **Cordell**, **Stephen** and **James** all of Columbus, MS, step-grandmother **Marianne Montgomery**, and cousins galore to mourn her passing. She was an artist, and poet. She will be greatly missed by her family and acquaintances.

Obituary

Edeth Jewel Wright

Some sad sad news.....Edeth Jewel Wright, 78, died recently at Caritas Medical Center in Louisville, KY. He was a native of Warren Co., KY and worked for P. Lorillard Tobacco Company. He was a Mason, and a member of Auburndale Church of Christ. He is survived by wife Mereda (Weedman) Wright, Leola Comstock, sister and brother, Elvis Wright. Burial was in Louisville Memorial Gardens, Louisville, KY. JOHN's line.

Edith and Mereda attended nearly all of the Weedman Reunions. Edeth was called Jewel by his close acquaintances and relatives. We surely send the family our sincere sympathy and pray the Lord's care for each one. I have no date for Jewel's death, but I received word of it after the last Newsletter went out around April 10.

Obituary

Wanda Pearl Weedman

Wanda Pearl Weedman, daughter of **Lonzo** and **Maggie (Deweese) Weed-**

man, died on May 23, 1997. She was 76 at the time of her death. No other details are known as of press time. She is survived by two brothers; **Rodney Weedman** and **Lon Weedman**. **Roy Weedman** of Nashville, TN notified us of the passing of Miss Weedman. Our sincere sympathies to her family.

Family Origins

Widman(n) Family Research

Contact has been made with a Mr. Robert Widmann who is a genealogical researcher working on the Widman(n) family. He is currently translating work done on a Widmann family in Germany in the 14th century.

We hope through collaboration to be able to make a possible connection between Christian Weedman, Sr. and roots in Europe. A close examination of the signature on his will, deeds executed by him, and his immigration record could well conclude the name was originally Widman. In German, pronunciation would be "Veedman". It is possible that the name was this originally but Anglicized at some point.

We will cooperate with Mr. Widmann to determine if there are in fact links to connect Christian Senior with some in his findings.

We intend in the next issue to show Christian Weedman's signature as he entered the country about 1750 with those in his will and other records.

Marianne Montgomery

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Where has the time gone? It's Fall already and here in Washington State, we feel we have been cheated out of half our summer! Hope everyone had a good summer, no matter what the weather in your neck of the woods.

In June, I enjoyed my first Elderhostel experience. In spite of cracking 2 ribs in a fall on the way to Kentucky, I was determined to stick it out and get the benefit of the experience and the investment I'd put into it. We were at Williamsburg KY, home of **Ken and Sue Weedman**, and their son, **Russell**. I was hoping to see them there, but after a painful day dealing with the rib pain and study, I simply was too sore and tired to put on a good face. I have to say, however, that I'm glad I went. We learned about Appalachian music, writings, religion and culture. One really appreciates the people of an area more when we study their culture. I've always been fond of Mountain music, and Mountain people. That was my reason for choosing Appalachia for my first Elderhostel venture. I hope to participate in future studies with them. We stayed at Cumberland College. My roommate was **Floy Mc-**

Donald. She and I made the trip there together. She has relatives at London, where they had a family reunion in her honor.

We realize that when we add news it's **hard** for those without our **WEEDMAN** book, to figure out where the people we write about come in. That's why I put the line name in CAPS. You may be wondering from which line **Cecil** and **Olive Weedman** originate (see page 22). Well, it's **JACOB's** line. **Jacob** was a brother of **Christian Jr. Weedman**, and both were sons of **Christian Sr. and Elizabeth Weedman**.

In the **WEEDMAN** genealogy, **Gena Lee Theiss**, author, presented a **Summary of the Weedman Family** as we knew it at that time, compiled by **Nick Weedman**. Now Nick and I have been exchanging e-mail and discussing how we can make it easier for recipients of the Newsletter, to recognize the place of any given "line" (for instance

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*Best Wishes for a
Joyous Holiday
Season!*

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E-mail addresses are updated. This, along with the Internet, is helping to change the face of genealogy.

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JOHN's line) as to where it fits in the total picture of the Weedman family. Nick will be working on a plan to bring us up to date.

Cathy Stone (JOHN's & ELIZABETH's lines) has been on the Internet, and she has a "box" which she hooks up to her own TV, and from the box working through her TV set, she can access any place on the Internet. Now just what this box is, I cannot understand, but I do know that these "boxes" (Cathy calls it a Power Box) can send and receive e-mail. She and I have been exchanging messages via e-mail. I want to add some e-mail addresses of our cousins who are on e-mail. If your name isn't on the list, and you too have e-mail address, please contact me and others whose names appear below. I know I've left some one out, so please drop

me a message so that I can include your name next time.

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PLEASE advise us if your e-mail address changes. Did we forgot anyone? Send us an e-mail and tell us you're out there, and have an e-mail address.

Robert Widmann contacted Nick on his website, and said that he was translating a book on the Widmann clan of Germany. We know that our Christian Sr. signed his name "Widman" so we feel that we may be on to something with this possibility that Rob Widmann presents. We have printed Rob's summary on page 24.

There may be many of you who aren't actually tracing your family trees but who have often wondered about some branches of your family. You now are familiar with the WEEDMANs but how about the other side of your family? If you care to send me a paragraph or two about one of your family lines, I'll do my best to send you back something positive. Include full names and dates in your paragraph.

Genealogy is a fascinating subject, because it connects with the history

of our country. For many of us, it isn't enough to know that **Christian Weedman** came to America and 25 years later he's in Fayette County, PA. We want to know where he was after he signed the Oath of Allegiance in Philadelphia after he got off the ship. We want to know if he stayed in Philadelphia, and if so how long? Did he know **Ephraim WALTERS** then? Or **Adam MYERS**? Did they go to Virginia together? When? You see, there are a lot of things about Christian's life we would like to know. We've been learning some things we didn't know about him, that makes him more than a name. He "comes alive" for us as we learn about his life after disembarking at Philadelphia, and owning land in Fayette Co. We find that by tracing the daughters of Christian, we are learning about some of the other people in his family that point to where the early Weedmans were! For instance, **Mary** oldest daughter of **Christian Sr. and Elizabeth Weedman** — you read it in the Summer Newsletter. With the information obtainable on the Internet, we are connecting to those lines we had been seeking but with little success till now. Nick has been the go-getter on these daughters' lines. Now **Cathy Stone** has found a WALTERS connection which we will be putting together for a future Newsletter. Her input, added to Nick's and a Walters researcher discovered on the Internet, will be of interest to **Sarah WEEDMAN's** descendants. (Sarah married **Andrew Walters**). Wills, too, sometimes give important information that

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Marianne points out the common residence in Virginia of a number of related family lines. Is there more than coincidence in all having lived in the same part of Virginia at the same time?

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helps fit the pieces of the puzzle together. As time goes by, we will be adding these findings to the Newsletter. Meanwhile, let me know any births, marriages, divorces, illness or deaths in the family. This is YOUR Newsletter and we want to share your family information to encourage, congratulate, sympathize pray with and otherwise stand with you in your joys and your concerns and sorrows.

A cheery letter from **Bill and Helen Gregg** was received. Good to hear their news. Like many of us, Helen and Bill are planning to attend the next reunion in 1998. It'll be in Evansville, Indiana and I hope to meet many of you there, "old timers" and "new timers". Details of the 1998 Reunion appears on the last page of this issue.

Obituary

Betty Jean (Stone) Ohlmann

On June 1, 1997, **Betty Jean (Stone) Ohlmann**, 67, passed away at Columbia Suburban Hospital at Louisville, KY. She was a retired registered nurse and administrator of the Kentuckiana Christian Home. Survivors are a son, **Paul Ohlmann**, a brother, **Charles Stone**, sisters **Wanda Lewis, Joyce Drake and Barbara Thompson**, and three grandchildren. Burial was at St. Michael's Cemetery in Grayson County. Her husband, **Bob**, has been deceased for several years. Betty, called Jean, was the daughter of **Willis and Udelia (Miller) Stone**,

granddaughter of **Lafayette and Palestine "Pallie" (Dennison) Stone**, great granddaughter of **John M. and Mehitabel "Hettie" (Weedman) Stone**. JOHN's line.

Obituaries

Cecil and Olive Weedman

News of the death of **Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Weedman** has been received. On September 9, 1997, **Olive June**, wife of **Cecil Weedman** of Fairfield, IL passed away at Good Samaritan Hospital at Mount Vernon. Surviving were her husband **Cecil**, a son, **Dennis Weedman**, of Springfield, IL a sister **Milderine Payton** of Wayne City, IL. Burial was at Maple Hill Cemetery, Fairfield. Cecil and Olive attended the Clarksville, Indiana Weedman reunion.

Cecil J. Weedman died October 18, 1997 just 39 days after his wife's death. He was an inspector for the Illinois Department of Transportation and was very active in the Republican Party. He served as a longtime Republican committeeman and for a number of years as county GOP Chairman in Fairfield, Illinois. In addition to his son, **Dennis**, Cecil was survived by two brothers, **Murrel Weedman** of Fairfield and **Jesse Weedman** of Joshua Tree, California.

Jesse advised he and his wife, **Jerri**, had visited **Cecil** only a couple of days prior to his death. The funeral was attended by the Governor of Illi-

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The deaths of three family members are noted here. A husband and wife died of natural causes only 39 days apart.

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nois, a number of aides, and many others.

Our hearts and sympathy go out to the family, and to the family of Betty Jean Ohlmann.

Readership Survey Results

A Readership Survey along with the last issue of the Newsletter was conducted among about 50 subscribers. This was an attempt to insure that those who were receiving the Newsletter had an interest in viewing it.

The response to the survey exceeded our expectations. A number of donations were received and several recipients asked to stop receiving the Newsletter. A few never responded. On balance, we are exceedingly happy with the results.

Following is a list of donors since the last Newsletter. The initial group made high level donations:

Neil Munch
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Heywood Weedman

Renewals were received from:

Philip Weedman Bateman
Kathy Fisler
Carol Rohloff
Jimmie B. Weedman
Mark Weedman
Murrel Weedman
Edeth Wright

A special thanks to all who responded and to those who made contributions to keep the Newsletter going. Marianne Montgomery has been editing the publication for over 30 years!

Widmann Family

(As mentioned in the last issue, information from Rob Widmann who is researching this family has been received. Was this the origin of the Weedman family in the U.S.? At this point, we simply do not know. However, we will retain contact with Rob and if any possible connection is determined, it will be pursued).

My great grandfather, **Rudolph** emigrated from Ehningen in 1869 following his brother, **Jacob** who came to America in 1854 from Wurttemberg.

I've been able to trace our branch of the family tree back to a **Hans Widmann**, mayor of Aidlingen in 1599.

In addition, I've found that the Widmann clan may have originated in the mid 14th century with an illegitimate son of **Count Eberhard** the Illustrious, **Mangoldt Widmann** (the

*Could the **Weedman** family have been **Widmann** originally? See the article done by Rob Widmann for some possible clues.*

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name supposedly derived from his ownership of property called Widemhof, a fiefdom given him by his father). There have been two Barons (**Von Muringen** and **Von Pruckberg**) and two counts (**Von Ortenberg** and **Von Sommereg**). A branch of the family achieved wealth in Venice and there is today a canal as well as a Palace, square, street and bridge named Widmann there. A **Carlo Aurilo Widmann** was Admiral of the Venetian Navy at the end of the 17th century. Also notable was medieval composer **Erasmus W.** and the possible author of the Faust legend, Johan.

Widmanns helped to found the University of Tübingen in 1477 and served as among its first chancellors, canons and professors of law.

Siebmacher lists some 40 plus coats of arms under the spelling Widmann and 30 or so more under the Widman spelling. Name variants such as Wydmann, Weidmann etc. account for 20 to 30 more crests.

The British Museum lists 208 works in its library by Widmanns, most in the German language.

The above notwithstanding, most Widmanns have been craftsmen and farmers.

I face a huge amount of translation from German and as my skills are slight in this area would welcome help. But there has also been a book published in Italian re the Venetian

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Henry Linas Weedman Family Book

In the last *Newsletter*, it was reported that a family reunion of the descendants of Henry Linas Weedman was held in the Summer in Minnesota. We recently received a book compiled by Carol Ann Rohloff to commemorate that event.

The book is exceptional. It contains a genealogical listing of all descendants of Henry L. Weedman with a very generous input of family photographs, obituaries, and other items. I think Carol has set an example for others to follow as they have Reunions for specific family branches. Congratulations on a well done work, Carol!

Those descended from this line will want to see the book. Contact Nick Weedman for Carol's address.

Nick Weedman

Female Weedman lineage continued

Barbara Weedman daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman

Barbara Weedman was the second daughter of **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.** She was born about 1763 or 1764 probably in Hampshire Co., Virginia. While no marriage record exists, it is clear that she married **Nicholas Riffle** of Fayette County, Pennsylvania about 1780.

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Barbara, the second daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr. is profiled in this issue.

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The Riffle family is of Swiss-German origin according to James H. Riffle, Jr. of Orlando, FL. **Nicholas** was born March 16, 1752 in the Virginia Panhandle to **Jacob Riffle** according to Mrs. Mildred Blosser Weaver. It is interesting that the Weedman family was in the Virginia Panhandle in the 1760s (Hampshire County) – were the families acquainted in that area?

Nicholas served in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1808 and is buried in the Jacob's Lutheran Church Cemetery in Fayette County. Barbara certainly survived him as she is mentioned in her father's will dated 1811. However, no tombstone exists for her in that cemetery or any other in Fayette County as far as we know.

From baptism records in that church and other sources, the following children are known to have been born to the couple:

Jacob born 5 Sept. 1781
died 23 Oct. 1870

George born ca 1785

Elizabeth born ca 1795

Hannah born 15 Oct. 1796

Catherine born 9 Jan 1801

In 1812, **Barbara** and **Jacob** administered the estate of Nicholas according to Orphan Court records. But, by 1837 it is clear Barbara had died. The lawsuit which evolved following the death of her brother, **John Weedman** in Licking County, Ohio, is stated that "...**Jacob Riffle, George Riffle, Elizabeth Riffle, Hannah Riffle, and Catherine Riffle** of Fayette County,

Pennsylvania..." were nieces and nephews of John. It is likely that most or all had married giving an indication that the family was not up to date on this branch of the family.

No will or probate record exists for Elizabeth. Perhaps she re-married or lived with one of her children until her death. Attempts to connect to Riffle researchers working on this line have been only marginally successful.

Nick Weedman

Final Issue for 1997

There will be three issues of the **Weedman Newsletter** for 1997 rather than the traditional four. While there is ample material to use, the clock has caught us! We intend to revert to four issues in 1998.

Marianne Montgomery and **Nick Weedman** extend to everyone our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous 1998!!

1998 Weedman Family Reunion

On the next page, details of the 1998 Weedman Family Reunion are announced. Jan Bruner and her family will host the event.

Please note that Jan desires to get an indication of the number of people who plan to attend. Evansville is a short drive to Perry and Pike Counties in which a number of our ancestors lived. Hope to see you there in 1998.

Marianne and Nick

This is the final issue of the Weedman Newsletter for 1997. Any suggestions for articles for 1998 would be welcomed.

WEEDMAN NATIONAL FAMILY REUNION
Emanuel Lutheran Church
1st. Avenue & Franklin Street
Evansville, Indiana

Greetings Weedman Family,

We have been busy making preparations to welcome you to Evansville for the Weedman Reunion.

How about visiting a zoo, indian mounds, a museum, a nature park, old homes, golf courses (regular and miniature), libraries, gambling boat, or shopping at the mall? We have all of that in Evansville pluse some great swimming and strolling areas.

All of this will be awaiting your pleasure when you arrive to celebrate the 8th Biennual Weedman Reunion-- June 19-20, 1998.

Don't mean to toot our horns, beat our drums, rattle our cans, or plunk our strings about what is going on, but **YOU** will.

The tentative schedule is as follows:

Friday the 19th: Arrival welcome in church basement 5pm to 9pm. Will include finger sandwiches, punch, cookies, and coffee.

Saturday the 20th: Free time to enjoy Evansville at it's finest. Dinner at 5pm. Then upstairs for a business meeting and entertainment.

Since we don't know if the Weedman's were Dutch or German, our theme for the reunion will follow both lines.

The cost will be \$25.00 per adult and \$10.00 per child.

We will be sending information for you to make your own hotel - motel reservations. There are also some camping areas for those who wish to use those facilities.

Be sure to plan your vacation to attend the reunion if you need to. Below is a form to fill out so we will have an idea of how many to plan for. This will not commit you at this point.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

NUMBER OF ADULTS: _____ NUMBER OF CHILDREN: _____

Please return by January 31, 1998.

Your Cousins,
Jan, Jancilla, Ronda, and LeAnna

p.s.
Send forms to: Jan Bruner
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47711