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Summer 1999

Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins

Things are looking up! Spring has turned into Summer and it looks like a good one so far. Hope all of you are making plans for a happy summer this year. During the change of seasons, there is always the danger of tornadoes and hurricanes, as well as floods and we do sincerely hope that no one in our increasingly large family circle has been in any way injured or suffered loss in the many recent weather problems.

Wrong Volume, Issue and Page Numbers!

In our initial issue for 1999, an error was made in the numbering of the Volume, Issue, and page numbers.

We stated in error that the Volume was 31, Issue 2, and the beginning page number was 10. That was incorrect.

The correct details were: **Volume 32, Issue 1 and it included pages 1-8.**

I apologize for this error.

Nick Weedman

Sad news of the death of one of the patriarchs of the family came earlier this Spring. **Harry Edwin Weedman**, of Blytheville, Arkansas passed away on Monday 29 March 1999. (See details in the obituary section.) He was Nick's dad,

and many of those who attended the earlier reunions remember him as the oldest attendee at each reunion. He was a real live wire in any conversation at the reunions. He will be greatly missed by all family and friends who mourn his passing. We extend our condolences to the family circle.

We received some notes from several of you and were delighted to hear your news. A short note from **Rev. William Weedman**, of Springfield, IL stating that he is enjoying the **Weedman Newsletter**.

Jan Bruner is busy tracing her native American roots in North Carolina. It seems Jan may be descended from a member of the Nansemond Nation in NC. If this reaches any of you with BASS roots, perhaps you can share with Jan. She hosted the last Weedman reunion and look back in your last year's (1998) Spring issue for her address. She also has several BRUNER lines from Meade County, and is seeking **William BROWN** of that county, so if anyone has Meade County BROWNS and BRUNERS, you are welcome to get in touch with Jan at brujangen@aol.com.

Sharon Hall sent a picture of the old cov-

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Please note the error in our previous Newsletter on the numbering of the Volume and Issue.

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Out thanks to Sharon Hall for sharing the story of the Indiana covered bridge. This is in an area where many of our ancestors lived.

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ered bridge in Spencer County, Indiana, which crosses the Anderson River there at Huffman Mill, from which it gets its name. It is one of the oldest covered bridges in Indiana, and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Indiana. It will remain in place, but be used only for pedestrian traffic. A new bridge for vehicle traffic will be completed in 2001. The old bridge, built in 1864 by **William T. Washer**, is made of yellow poplar, and is considered one of the finest examples of such bridges. It has seen many a Weedman cross its boards in both boots, and automobiles as well as on horseback. If that old bridge could talk, what tales it would tell. We are very grateful that it will not be destroyed in order to build the new one. Travelling west from Tell City, one drives along route 66 till Troy. Turn right onto Rt. 545 and watch for the road to the right that leads to Huffman. You'll be able to walk across the river on the old bridge and see the work in progress for the new one. One can reach it going west on I-64, and turn-

ing left at St Meinrad, on 545, passing by Fulda to the Huffman crossing. Thank you, Sharon, for the picture and write-up about the bridge. Sharon hopes that the Weedman reunion will draw many of us to the Illinois site of Weedman, and this is our wish too.

Each reunion has been special, but different from the others, so we all really look forward to them. I want to thank everyone who wrote with suggestions. For the next one, we will try to get a motel where we can all stay, but remember we need to get reservations in early for this. Initial details are on page 16 of this Newsletter.

Jim and Ardes Weedman of Papillion, Nebraska wrote and sent their news. They have been busy keeping track of their wonderful family who have had the privilege of living working or visiting in foreign countries. Jim and Ardes have been missed at the last two reunions, but they have assured us they were with us in

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spirit.

Douglas, their son, married in July of 1996 - at the time of that year's reunion. The bride, a native of Odessa, Ukraine, was **Inna Symonenko**. They now have a daughter, **Margaret Caroline Weedman**, born June 10, 1997. And at this writing, Doug and Inna have added another little one to their family, expected in April of this year.

Jim and Ardes also celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary June 4, 1998. They were married a month before Monty and mejust a flashback here..... They celebrated at the Officers' Club at Offutt AFB, Nebraska at Omaha. Among those that attended were: daughter **Terri**, and her daughter **Rachel**, from Bandung, Indonesia; daughter **Becky** and husband, **Robert**, and sons **Kirk** and **Connor** from Guam. **Douglas, Inna and Maggie** from Shawnee, KS also attended. **Jim's** brother, **Charles** and his wife **Molly** attended with their two sons; **Charles** and **John**, and **John's** wife **Sheri**. **Jim and Ardes** are looking forward to the reunion in 2000. Bring your photos to show us, Jim! We all like to share the latest pictures of our kids, grandkids yes, and your Weedman ancestors' pictures!

A nice letter from **Jeanette Garris** of Harned, KY was received with her dues check, and she is descended from **JOHN's** line. **Jeanette**, keep us up to date with your family. Remember, you send the news to me that you want to share, and this goes for the rest of you. I love getting your family news and passing it along, via the Newsletter. Jeanette, I hope you're finding lots of information on your line. (She's tracing her **DUNN** line. I presume, from KY??). Jeanette's e-mail address: **bjgarris@bellsouth.net**.

A special "Thanks!" to **Cathy Stone**,

who has been a regular contributor of tips, news, addresses, and referrals of Weedmans and Weedman data to Nick and Marianne. She's right up there with breaking news when it's available. Thanks so much Cathy. Your list of e-mails for family members is greatly appreciated along with everything else you send.

For all who wish to look into possible Weedman research in DeWitt County, IL, the following is an excellent list to subscribe to. Subscription to this page and like pages for those of you with computers, is free, and easily accessible. To have the list sent to your computer, you simply send an e-mail to **ILDEWITT-L-request@rootsweb.com**. Put nothing in the "Subject" box. In the "Message box" simply the one wordsubscribe. That's all. You will hear from the list-owner with any instructions he/she may pass along to all who subscribe. You'll receive messages leading you to other sources to search.

Don't forget to send copy of the furthest back ancestor you have a picture of, to Nick. His address is on the second page of this Newsletter. We're wondering if anyone has a picture of the 2nd or third generation Weedman down from **Christian Sr.** (who's the first generation.).

Sam Sedoris, whose people pioneered Meade County, KY and who is from **STEPHEN's** line, recently made a visit to Bald Knob Cemetery in Meade County. **Ed Weedman** used to tell how his **Aunt Sarah** said that there were Weedmans buried there who had no markers. **Lula Weedman**, Sam's ancestor was a daughter of **Addison Meriwether Weedman** and **Elizabeth Brown Weedman**. **Addison** was a son of **STEPHEN**. Sam, have you written or e-mailed **Jan Bruner**?

Sam set out to find out what he could

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*Jim and Ardes
Weedman live
near Omaha. He
is a retired USAF
officer and is
descended from
Jacob Weedman.*

Sam Sedoris is a new subscriber who is demonstrating enthusiastic pursuit of his family lines.

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about the **Sedoris** and the **Weedmans** who were buried there. Sam is a 3rd great grandson of **Frank Sedoris** and **Lula Weedman**. The cemetery has been known as Ball Knob and Bald Knob Cemetery. Sam sent a detailed account of the **SEDORIS** family from their earliest known ancestor, **Richard C. Sedoris**, father of **Frank** (above). His cousin, **Lloyd Sedoris**, went with him on the excursion.

Lloyd is the caretaker of Bald Knob cemetery and is very knowledgeable about many of the families who have members buried there. Lloyd sees to it that it is presentable for folks to visit there. Before he took over, there was only a dirt road. He called attention to this in 1967 and wrote about it to the local paper. Two days later the county came up there and put down gravel on the dirt road and Lloyd has seen to the care of the road and the cemetery. He has the original deed of land granted to the cemetery by **Frank and Lula Weedman Sedoris**. Another couple, **C.D. Stiles** and wife, **Lucy** also granted a portion of land to the cemetery, and the four of them (above) signed that deed. Lloyd's niece, **Nina Justice**, has been very helpful in the work at the cemetery.

Sam bought a Weedman genealogy from Gena, and presented it to his cousin, Lloyd, and said that Lloyd would find it most useful since he knows of many Weedmans in the past history of the family and would know of many persons mentioned in the **Addison Weedman** (son of **Stephen**) line who are probably buried there. I say "Hats off to **Lloyd Sedoris** and to **Nina Justice** for their unselfish work to preserve a very old cemetery in Meade county where many of **STEPHEN's** descendants are buried. **James Ed Weedman** believed that oth-

ers of **JOHN's** line were probably buried there as well.

We expect to hear more from **Sam Sedoris** on the Weedmans and allied families. His genealogy compilation of the **Sedoris** family shows that many of them married into the **Brown** and **Bruner** lines. He is sending photos of some **Weedman** graves in Bald Knob which will be published in the next Newsletter. We'd like to hear from any of you reading this who might be also related to the **Sedoris** family. You may also write to Sam or contact him by e-mail. His address is: **Sam Sedoris**, 8303 Carriage Pointe Drive, Crestwood, KY 40014. His e-mail address: **sedoris@netzero.net**. We thank Sam for sending us this valuable information about Bald Knob.

Mischelle (or **Schelly** as she's called) **Weedman** wrote recently. She lives in Seattle, and we are planning to meet one of these days when our schedules permit. She's a cousin **Kechia**, daughter of **Ron Weedman** who hosted, with his wife **Linda**, the 1986 Weedman Reunion at Falls of Rough State Park. She mentioned that **Virginia Weedman Hollowell**, of Princeton KY passed away recently. She is a sister of **Gordon L. Weedman**, Schelly's grandfather. Schelly's father and mother are **Bill** and **Pat Weedman**, who attended the '88 reunion as well (**JOHN's** line). That one was held at Nashville, TN. Schelly will have more details when we next go to press....for the Fall Newsletter. Many of you know the family. Schelly's brother, **Rusty** (**William L.**) **Weedman**, is stationed at Fort Bragg, NC, and her sister, **Chantal**, now lives in Hackensack, NJ, where she is Associate Director for Youth Education in the Arts (YEA).

Kechia Weedman, Ron and Linda's

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daughter, (above) is a biology major at Western Kentucky University in her senior year. She graduated this spring.

My grandsons, **Jonathan** and **Jeffrey Kershner** (DANIEL's line) have finished their college year and are home for the summer. Both boys are working at summer jobs. **Jonathan** finished his sophomore year and **Jeffrey** his freshman year. **Jonathan** goes to George Fox University at Newberg OR and **Jeffrey**'s college is Western Baptist College at Salem, OR.

Recently we have been experimenting with improving the pictures of the family and other items we may include, like tombstones, for instance. It isn't possible with every photo we get, but Nick is doing the best that can be done with each one. **Green Berry Weedman** and wife, **Susan Cart** appeared in the last newsletter. They are WILLIAM's line.

The work goes on to establish the families of the children of **Christian Weedman Sr.** We were especially seeking a more complete picture of **Nicholas and Barbara (Weedman) Riffle's** family. Recently, contact was made with Mr. Robert Riffle of Philadelphia and he shared work done by a cousin, Mr. Earl Riffle.

In this, we learn a little more about the family including many of the names of the grandchildren of **Nicholas and Barbara**. In addition, it was learned that **Barbara** married **Michael Kern** after the death of **Nicholas**.

We had wondered why there was no tombstone for **Barbara** next to that of **Nicholas**. It now appears she is probably buried next to her second husband. **Kern** lived in Monogalia Co., VA (now West Virginia) but may have resided in **Fayette Co., PA** when he married **Barbara**. We

will continue our efforts here.

Perhaps someone out there has information that has never been published in either of the **Weedman Genealogies** by **Gena Lee Theiss**. Will you share this information with us, and if possible give dates and places so that we can verify if need be? Compiling information on any family is like looking for a needle in the haystack once you've gotten the "easy" information from relatives. Then you have to go searching, knowing that many of those for whom we search are in places we'd never expect to find them.

Obituaries

Everett Lamar Weedman

Everett Lamar Weedman died in Louisville, KY on January 20, 1999. He was a retired and formerly a supervisor at B.F. Goodrich. Mr. Weedman was a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by three sons: **Steven, Kenneth, and Donald**; daughters: **Theresa Noone, Deborah Hart, and Rebecca Bunch**; brothers, **Carl and Wallace Weedman**; and a sister, **Linda Jupin**. The funeral was held on January 11, 1999 with burial at Bethany Memorial in Louisville. He was born July 4, 1930 to **George Winfred and Daisy (Bennett) Weedman** in Paynesville, Meade Co., KY. He married **Virginia Singler** in 1953. (His lineage: *Christian, Sr.¹, Christian Jr.², Stephen³, Addison Meriwether⁴, John Cabel Breckenridge⁵, George Winfred⁶*). Source: *Louisville Courier Journal*.

Virginia Weedman Hollowell

Virginia Weedman Hollowell died on April 14, 1999 in Princeton, KY. She was married to **Burhl Hollowell** and had one

Please advise Marianne of any birth, marriage, or death in the family for inclusion in the Newsletter.

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daughter, **Margaret (Peggy)**. She was born April 4, 1917 in Jefferson Co., KY to **Lonzo** and **Maggie Deweese Weedman**. (Her lineage: *Christian, Sr.¹, Christian Jr.², John³, Willis Green, Sr.⁴, John Franklin⁵, Lonzo⁶*). Source: *Louisville Courier Journal*.

Harry Edwin Weedman

Harry Edwin Weedman died on March 29, 1999 at Greene Acres Nursing Home in Paragould, Arkansas. He was born on June 9, 1909 in Steele, MO to **Charles Green** and **Martha (Lanman) Weedman**. He was a tinsmith and formerly owned and operated Blytheville Sheet Metal Works. He married **Mary Belle Nichols** in 1926 and was survived by four children: **Edwin M. Weedman** of Blytheville, AR, **Anne Weedman Smith** of Plainfield, NJ, **Nick Weedman** of Flat Rock, NC, and **Billie Louise Bruce** of West Lafayette, IN. Mr. Weedman was a Shriner and 32nd degree Mason. He was buried on March 31 in Blytheville, Arkansas. (His lineage: *Christian, Sr.¹, Christian Jr.², William³, Green Berry⁴, Charles Green⁵*).

Patricia Weedman

Patricia Weedman, 82, of Chicago died on December 12, 1998. We have no details of a funeral or burial although a tombstone in Maple Grove Cemetery in Farmer City, IL shows the 1998 death date. Her lineage: *Christian, Sr.¹, George², John Jesse, Sr.³, Asa⁴, Philip⁵, Frank Leonard⁶*.

Perhaps some of our Illinois subscribers can help with details for Patricia Weedman's funeral and burial.

Newsletter Contributors and Subscribers

Subscription rates to the Weedman Newsletter are a modest \$5.00 annually and this covers the cost of printing and postage only. We ask that people subscribe for a full year when they start their subscription.

We reminded subscribers of the need to re-new last issue and the response has been excellent.

Following is a list of Contributors, those who have donated above the \$5 subscription rate:

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Eleanor Deom
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Jeanne Luukinen
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Wilma Parnell

If you haven't renewed, please remember to send a check to Nick Weedman whose address is on page 10 of this issue.

The response of those renewing their subscription to the Newsletter has been outstanding!

Trip to Farmer City

by Nick Weedman

In preparation for the 9th Weedman Family Reunion or National Weedman Family Gathering, I traveled to Farmer City, Champaign and Bloomington, IL in early June.

The timing of the Reunion is to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Weedman family in America (Christian, Sr. arrived in 1750) as well as the presence of the Weedmans in Illinois for 170 years! So, Farmer City and Weedman, Illinois was nominated as the site of the Reunion.

Farmer City is in De Witt Co., IL and has a population of about 2,500 people. There are no facilities large enough to accommodate expected participation in Farmer City so accommodations in Champaign will be arranged.

We will have a picnic at Weedman Park in Farmer City (weather permitting). This is a park donated to Farmer City by descendants of **John Weedman, Jr.** in 1892. In addition, worship service at the Weedman Methodist Church in Weedman, Illinois is planned. More on the Reunion on page 16.

We located the grave of **George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman** at the Miller Cemetery in Randolph Township in McLean County. In addition, graves for their two daughters were located nearby. **Frances Weedman Miles** had found these a number of years ago.

In Farmer City, we received excellent help from **Lee Schofield** who heads the Farmer City Emergency Squad and from **Rev. Louella Pence** of the Weedman Methodist Church.

The Reunion will be a great success if the

enthusiasm shown by these two pervades our participants.

In Farmer City, we found the **Farmer City Genealogical and Historical Society** which has a wealth of information on the Weedman's of this area. They have a large number of pictures of the family which were donated by local residents.

Newspaper clippings going back well over 100 years have been indexed and are there to be viewed at the local library.

We will need help to pull off the Reunion and are adding several local Weedman family members to our mailing list with this issue to determine if they can assist with locating venues, resources, etc. to make this a successful event.

So, **Herbert Weedman, Ted and Terri Kelley, and Ward Weedman** have been added to the mailing list.

I had been to Farmer City about 25 years ago after having made contact with **Frances Weedman Miles**. She was keenly interested in the family and wanted to have some of the land in her family recognized for the fact that the original entrant was a Weedman and was still in the family. I don't think that happened.

I found the obituary for **Frances Miles** who died on 1 January 1985 in Carmel, CA. She was cremated and presumably her ashes brought to Farmer City for burial. She has a tombstone in her family plot in the Maple Grove Cemetery. Her sister, **Patricia**, died in December and that is noted earlier in this issue.

Ona Harrison Weedman

In the newspaper clippings, several items

Farmer City and the surrounding areas of De Witt and McLean Counties, IL have been home to Weedman family members since 1830!

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of interest to descendants of **Ona Weedman** were located.

Ona H. Weedman died on June 2, 1924 in Sulphur Spring, AR after an illness of several months. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery in that city. He was survived by his wife and five children: **Pauline** of Oakland, CA; **Arlene** of Kansas City; **Miriam** (sic), **Charles** and **Gail** of the home; a sister, **Mrs. Redinbaugh** of Dewey, S.D.; a brother, **C. H. Weedman** of Dewey, S.D.; and his father, **William** of Sulphur Springs. All except Pauline attended the funeral.

(**Miriam** was actually **Myron**, a son).

Then, in November, 1924, an obituary for **Pauline Weedman** was published. She died in Kansas City of heart trouble. She was survived by her mother and a sister living in Kansas City; two brothers at the IOOF Orphans' home in Lincoln, IL, and another brother, **Dale** (should be **Gail**) living in the E.H. Wilson home in

Farmer City.

Finally, an article on 30 July 1925 stated **Mrs. Lelia Evans Weedman** of Farmer City married **Bert S. Hatfield** of Ashland on July 27th in Champaign. The couple were to make their home in Champaign.

These are cited as examples of materials available in Farmer City to help piece together Weedman and other families.

A number of subscribers are descendants of **Ona H. Weedman** including **Ed Shillingburg** and several grandchildren of **Myron Weedman**. **Arlene Weedman Shillingburg**, a daughter of **Ona** and **Lelia Weedman** is now 95 and lives in Arizona. Her two brothers, **Charles** and **Gail**, live in Lenexa, KS and Kokomo, IN.

Until next issue, have a great summer!

Marianne Montgomery

The first details of the Year 2000 Weedman National Family Gathering are revealed. Mark your calendar and plan to attend!

Weedman National Family Gathering the 9th Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17th, 2000 in Champaign and Farmer City, Illinois will see the **9th Weedman Family Reunion** conducted.

Events planned include: a picnic at the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City, a special event to recognize **Weedman** family members who are or have been notable achievers, a tour of grave sites for a large number of **Weedman** and related family members, and a worship service at the **Weedman United Methodist Church in Weedman, Illinois**. There will be other events as well. So, stay tuned!

Accommodations will be arranged so that most if not all participants will be housed in a single hotel or motel. Those details are yet to be finalized.

So, please mark your calendars now for **June 16 & 17, 2000** and plan to attend what we hope is the largest Weedman Reunion so far.

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Hello Cousins

Hope you all had a nice summer in spite of the unusual weather that was experienced in so many parts of the nation this year.

In the Summer issue of the *Newsletter*, Nick pointed out that there is much Weedman memorabilia to be seen in DeWitt County, and no doubt, McLean County, IL. It's a goldmine of Weedman family information it would seem from the enthusiastic report that Nick brought home from his last trip there just a couple of weeks ago. He was in the area planning for the Reunion next summer. (See pages 23 & 24 of this issue). We assure you that not only the Illinois branch, but also all of us who go will find much to enjoy and explore while in that area of Illinois for our 2000 reunion.

News from Shelly Weedman of Seattle and Mary Alice Fults of Indianapolis.

I met **Mischelle Weedman** in Seattle recently for lunch together and some good fellowship. She is the daughter of **William** and **Pat (Scharf) Weedman** and grand-daughter of **Gordon** and **Alma (Westerfield) Weedman** (JOHN's line).

Seattle Animal Shelter has a unique way of finding new owners for abandoned dogs. They solicit volunteers to walk the dogs in public places. **Mischelle** was featured in a fall page story in the *Seattle Times* newspaper about this work. "**Schelly**" found her dog through her volunteer work, and now she works as a

volunteer for the Shelter, finding other dog-lovers to adopt the dogs who are walked around Green Lake and other areas. **Schelly** chose a lovely black Labrador for her dog, and the picture of **Schelly** feeding a treat to her dog **Bogie** was prominently displayed in the article. **Bogie** is cute too, but my heart swelled with pride to see **Schelly's** happy face in the picture. Her joy was very evident. **Mischelle** is Senior Product Marketing Manager for a prominent firm in Seattle.

A nice letter from **Mary Alice Fults** tells of an expected arrival of **Carl Weedman**, her brother, to spend a few days with her and **Marjorie**, their sister. Some of you have met **Mary Alice**, **Carl** and **Marjorie**. They would enjoy going to the reunion next summer but they will have to wait and look at the health situation. **Carl's** wife, **Helen** has been ill and she will be flying with him for the visit, and we surely hope she remains throughout the visit, and on into the next year. She sent an article about "The Christ Of The Ohio" statue that many of you have seen. It's a 19-foot high statue made by a German prisoner of War named **Herbert Jogerst**, who was interned in Kentucky during WW II. It weighs 3 tons and stands on the banks of the Ohio

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Robert Miesbauer has surfaced what may be the 4th distinct Weedman family in America.

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River at Troy, Indiana, just 4 miles west of Tell City. It's been there since 1956 and has been an inspiration to many.

Well there are cracks in the statue now and repairs will be costly. The town of Troy is raising money for the restoration of their beloved statue and one citizen declared, "It put Troy on the map". People come from all over the area to see it and say a prayer there. The article was published June 28, 1999. If you haven't seen it, make a little pilgrimage to Troy and enjoy the sight.

Robert Miesbauer of Santa Barbara, CA, wrote telling us his wife's family was Weedman from Wisconsin.

Freeman Perry Weedman, born in Manitowoc, WI and his father's name was **Peter Weedman**, born 1856 in Pennsylvania, and married to **Mary Evans** from Wales. Other than a **Fred Weedman** in the phone directory we know of no other Weedmans in Wisconsin. If anyone reading this does know where Roberts wife's roots may lie

please let us know and we'll pass it on to Robert, or e-mail him personally **Rabbit59@aol.com**.

Sue Trommer of Danville, CA has given us some information on her family. Her Weedman line is that of **GEORGE**, who married **Charlotte Huhn**. George's son, **Jacob**, married **Catherine Bishop** and they were the parents of **Jeremiah Weedman** who married **Alzira Jane Payne**. After **Jeremiah's** death in 1856, she married **Edward Hirst** in 1859.

Jeremiah and **Alzira** had several children, among them, **Martha Jane Weedman**, who married **James Jackson** of DeWitt County, IL. They had a daughter, **Bertha Jackson** who married **James Johnson**. They had a daughter, **Gladys Johnson** who married **Winfred L. Lovejoy**. They had **Jean** and **Margaret Lovejoy**. **Jean** married Mr. **Carlen**, and they were parents of **Susan Carlen**, wife of **Scott Randal Trommer**. They have two daughters -- **Lauren Nicole Trommer**, born

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February 25, 1985, and **Jacquelyn Elyse Trommer**, born July 22, 1987. Both were born in Arizona.

Jean Lovejoy Carlen's daughter **Margaret** married **Ed Scott** and both passed away in 1998. This is just an outline of the descendants of **Jeremiah Weedman** through his daughter, **Martha J. Weedman**. Perhaps **Neil Munch** has a better-documented list that is in his computer, and could print me out a revised copy of his first 1990 outline sent me then. You did a great job on the original of 1990.

Nick will bring us up to date on the Reunion plans. I am already planning in my mind and looking for an airline that goes somewhere near there. (Champaign is the closest city to Farmer City we can fly to that has an airport. He has made another trip to Farmer City and some Ohio places where Weedmans live. While in Farmer City he resumed contacts for the upcoming Reunion next June.

We heard from the Swedish branch of the Weedman family through **Walter G. Weedman**. He first contacted us back in 1970 hoping to establish his family tree. He knew that his immigrant ancestor was **Olaf Weedman** and that he had come from Sweden. Walter has now retired and, along with Karen Lovell of St. Louis, are among our subscribers descended from Olaf Weedman. Walter has agreed to do a column for us in each issue.

We are getting more and more interest in the family by people who find us by way of our web site. There is likely to be more interest from the Olaf Weedman line.

Olaf Weedman was born in Ockelbo, Sweden in June, 1821. In 1855, he immi-

grated to the U.S. with his oldest child being born here. Whether he married in Sweden or in the U.S. will be left to Walter and Karen to advise.

The family settled in Copley township, Knox County, IL. We formerly heard from only one other descendent of this line, so we look forward to the offerings of Walter Weedman and Karen Lovell.

Many of you will remember **Wiona Ruth (Weedman) Myers Breathrick**. She used to attend the Weedman reunions until her death in 1991. We heard from **Leon "Lee" Myers** recently, and he and wife now live in Atoka, TN. He wants to keep in touch, and hopes that he and his family will be able to join us at a reunion in the future. It was great hearing from Lee. He would love to hear from any of those who remember his Mom and /or who would care to write. His phone number is 1-901-837-7653. Both he and **Cheryl** work in West Memphis, so best to call, on a week-end or in the evening. He also welcomes anyone of us who may be passing through that way, to drop by. Address: **Leon Myers, 649 Cullum Rd., Atoka, TN 38004.** (STEPHENs line).

Robert Riffle has been in contact with Nick. While searching in the German records, he noticed a Weedman spelling no one, has seemingly noticed before. It was **Wëdman**, with an umlaut over the e. An umlaut is two dots that are placed over a vowel in order to give that vowel a sound that ordinarily would not be spoken without that umlaut. This makes the sound change from an ordinary **Wedman**. So, perhaps we should add this to the various spellings when searching for Weedman, Wedeman, Wëdman, Widman, etc. The **Riffles** were Catholic to begin with before they became in later generations, Lutheran. Robert found

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We look forward to having more information presented in future issues on the family of Olaf Weedman.

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them in Alsace on the French border. But he also found them in Germany and Switzerland, so he is still trying to sort them out to find the immigrant ancestor of the **Nicholas Riffle** who married **Barbara Weedman**, daughter of **Christian Sr.**

Obituary

Irene Weedman Hammontree

Cathy Stone found another obituary. It's not recent, but an obituary, no matter how far back it is, is always welcomed. **Irene (Weedman) Hammontree**, 73, died Monday 24 June 1996. She was a Baptist and a native of Grayson Co. KY. She leaves a son, **David Hammontree**, a daughter, **Barbara Rosenbarger**, a sister, **Gladys (Weedman) Pile**, two grandsons and a great granddaughter. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery, Crandall. Source: *The Louisville Courier Journal*, 26 June 1996. JOHN's line.

Obituary

Joyce C. Dockery

Joyce C. Dockery, 66, of Morgantown died Friday 17 July 1998 at Bowling Green Medical Center. He was born in Grayson County, the son of **Herman** and **Minnie (Keown) Dockery**. They preceded him in death, as did one son **Thomas A. Dockery**. He is survived by his wife, **Imogene Dockery**; five sons: **Mark**, of Roundhill, **Jackie**, **Billy**, **Stephen**, and **Mickail Dockery**, all of Morgantown, one daughter, **Robin (Dockery) Hawes**, of Ohio County, eleven grandchildren, three brothers, **Opal**, **Estil**, and **Robert**; two sisters, **Beulah Ferguson** of Louisville and **Corine Snodgrass** of Morgantown, and a host of nieces and nephews. He was buried in Isaiah Evans Cemetery in Morgantown. Source: *Ohio County, KY*

Times-News July 1998.

Cathy says that **Joyce** was a grandson of **Wesley and Elizabeth Ann (Weedman) Keown**, great grandson of **Willis Green** and **Cassie Ellen (Collard) Weedman**. JOHN's line.

Obituary

Linda Lou Jupin

Linda Lou Jupin, 59, Brandenburg, died Friday, April 13, 1999 at Frazier Rehabilitation Center, Louisville. She was born in Meade County Feb. 18, 1940 to **George Winfred** and **Daisy M. (Bennett) Weedman**. Her husband, **Roy Jupin** preceded her in death on Jan. 20, 1988, and a brother, **Everett Lamar Weedman** in 1999. She is survived by two children, **Linda Diane Clevenger** and **Jeff Jupin**, of Brandenburg, and two brothers, **Carl L. Weedman**, Brandenburg, and **Wallace R. Weedman**, Homosassa Springs, FL; two grandchildren, **Tyler Daniel Clevenger**, and **Brandon Lee Clevenger**, and several nieces and nephews. She is buried at Cap Anderson Cemetery. Pallbearers were: **Coy Brooks**, **Steve Weedman**, **Brian Weedman** and **Dennis Weedman**, **Bobby Spies** and **Wilburn Clevenger**.

Thank you, **Sam Sedoris**, for this obituary. We will publish older obituaries that have not been published before in honor of those in the Weedman families who have gone on to their just rewards, and in doing so, we recognize their having lived and contributed their part in the world we live in.

Sam Sedoris sent pictures of the **Weedman** gravesites he was able to obtain, and they will be in the **Weedman Photo Albums** for all to see. Probably most would be from **STEPHEN's** line

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We will publish obituaries as received from correspondents. Our thanks to Cathy Stone and Sam Sedoris for contributing the ones in this issue.

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and one or two possibly from JOHN's line.

Adam & Mary Weedman Myers Grave Site Located

I may be forgetting something, but I don't think we have discovered any of the descendants of **Mary Weedman Myers**, daughter of **Christian Weedman Sr.** She married **Adam Myers** in Fayette Co., PA. They went on to the Licking and Perry Co., Ohio area and then Huron County, Ohio. **Debbie Orth** found the graves of **Adam** and **Mary** in Huron Co., OH. The reading on their tombstones states: **Adam Myers** died 17 November 1844, aged 89 yrs. 7 months, and 22 days. **Mary Myers**, wife of **Adam Myers**, died 27 December 1848 aged 86 yrs. 11 months, 26 days. Now we can figure out the exact dates of their births. It looks to me that Mary was born Jan 1, 1762. Did you figure it out that way too, folks? This information was sent to Nick by **Debbie Orth**, Norwalk (Ohio) Public Library.

Jean Huffty's Lineage

Jean Huffty, STEPHENs line, sent her lineage from Christian down to the present. **Stephen** was a son of **Christian Jr.** who went to Meade County and Breckinridge County, KY. For a time, he was also in Perry Co., IN. He married **Mary Ann Gilbert**. They had among others: **Mary Ann (Mollie) Weedman** who married **George Washington Brands**, in Helena AR son of **G. Brands**. **George** and **Mollie** had among others, **Ada Allen Brands**, b. 13 Mar. 1890, married **Allie Leonadis Smith** Dec. 31, 1908 in Helena, AR. They were parents of several children also, including **Wilma Jane Smith**, b. Oct 14,

1916 in Arkansas. She married **James Edward Taylor** in Helena and had the following children:

1. **Lola Jean Taylor**
b. W. Helena AR 1940
2. **Mary Jeanette Taylor**
b. W. Helena 1943
3. **James Edward Taylor Jr.**
b. Pine Bluff, AR 19945
4. **Linda Louise Taylor**
b. Pine Bluff 1947
5. **Curtis Dean Taylor**
b. Pine Bluff 1953

I didn't put in all the children of each generation except the last one because they are already in Gena Lee's revised Weedman Genealogy. Jean Huffty is Lola Jean (above). I don't have a record of her husband's first name or the names of their children if they have children. Jean, is there more to add here?

Frieda Davison sent information on a number of **Weedman** family members who served in the Civil War as well as a number of 1840 census summaries for **Weedmans**. We will publish these later. Many thanks to Frieda for her continued contributions. We will publish a summary of Weedman Civil War veterans in the next issue.

Contributors Noted

Since our last issue, we have received a number of contributions from subscribers including:

Carl L. Weedman
Elizabeth Snodgrass
Lutie Weedman Strand
Mary Alice Fults
Neil Munch
Lloyd Sedoris
Joyce M. Anthony
Wilma A. Lee

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Weedman, Sr.
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**William Bruce (Bill) Weedman
Anne Weedman Smith
Sara Leslie Weedman Carty
Natalia Etzwiler**

If you haven't yet contributed for 1999, please be reminded that we ask \$5 per year to help offset the cost of postage and copying.

The response is always excellent and we are highly appreciative of all of the support we get from Weedman family members.

New Subscribers

We generally try to list new subscribers to the *Newsletter* but the additions have been too numerous to try in this edition. It seems that many have found us through the Internet and some by first going to our Web site. Regardless of how you got to us, we would like to welcome you as a new subscriber. We look forward to learning more about individual families and being able to publish new information here.

Reunion Plans For the 2000 Event

On June 16 & 17, 2000, we will hold our **9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion** in Farmer City and Champaign-Urbana, Illinois area.

This will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival in the U.S. of **Christian Weedman** who arrived on the ship, *Anderson*, in 1750. He is the progenitor to most of the Weedmans in America today. But, by no means all. While the Reunion happens to occur on an eventful

date, we hope to see Weedman family members who are descended from the **Olaf Weedman** and Florida Weedman families represented as well.

Joyce Newman to Provide Assistance

Joyce Newman of DeWitt, IL has volunteered to assist with local arrangements. She is descended from the McCord family, which is related to the Weedmans through marriage. Joyce will provide advice and guidance as we make our Reunion plans. We welcome Joyce and want to express our appreciation for her assistance.

Friday Activities

We will begin our event with registration at the Weedman Park in Farmer City. The children of John Weedman, Jr. donated this to Farmer City in 1892. It has good facilities for a picnic or barbeque and has and is immediately adjacent to the City swimming pool and sports grounds. Hammer Catering of Farmer City will provide the meal.

That afternoon will be free for viewing of archives in the Farmer City library (outstanding clipping file of the local paper going back over 100 years) and the Historical and Genealogical Society. If possible, we will view some of the places the family lived in Farmer City. That night at the hotel, we will hold a panel discussion on family history, genealogical problems people are facing, and for those who are not genealogically inclined, a question and answer session on the family.

On Saturday morning, we will have an opportunity to exchange old photos, obtain family information, etc. until about

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10 am. This will be at the hotel. Then, we will move on to Weedman, IL!

Church Service

At 11:00 am, a non-denominational worship service will be conducted at the historic Weedman United Methodist Church in Weedman, IL (just a couple of miles northeast of Farmer City). **Dr. William L. Weedman** of Springfield, IL has agreed to conduct the service. He is a Southern Baptist minister currently working with the Illinois State Baptist organization. We are looking for people to participate in this so if you have experience playing the piano or organ at your church or sing in the church choir, we need your help. Please let us know!

The **Weedman Methodist Church** was founded in 1879 and on the rear wall of the sanctuary is the founding document. John Weedman seems to have lead the formation of the church and pledged \$100 of the \$1,200 needed for the Church building! The church was named for the community of Weedman in which it is located. Truly historic and a great facility.

Cemetery Tour

Following the Church service, we will tour five cemeteries in the area. The graves of **George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman** are in McLean County and those of some of his children are in a nearby cemetery. In the Farmer City area, three cemeteries will be visited. The number of Weedman and related family members here is overwhelming!

Reunion Dinner

Our **Reunion dinner** will be held on Saturday night at the Woodlawn Country Club in Farmer City. Again, Hammer

Catering will provide the meal. Due to the limited space at the facility (which is the second largest in Farmer City!) we will have to limit participation to the first 120 people who make firm reservations. So, please, make your reservations early!

Weedman Who's Who

At the Reunion dinner, we will induct into the Weedman Who's Who or Hall of Fame a number of family members who have distinguished themselves or brought some type honor to the family. **Jon Austin**, Executive Director of the Illinois Historical Society, and a descendent of **George Weedman** will conduct this. He and **Melissa Weedman Achtiens** are, so far, the Committee to select those to be inducted.

You can nominate anyone in the family for consideration. We should limit consideration to anyone who descends from a Weedman or is related by marriage to the family. You may be very pleasantly surprised to learn of some of the accomplishments of some of our family members. We will limit the number of inductees and, if this proves a success, we hope to continue it in future Reunions.

To nominate someone, simply provide a short summary of why they should be recognized. Send it to Nick Weedman and he will forward to Jon and Melissa.

Family Recipes

Finally, we want to assemble a family cookbook with recipes which have been passed down in the family. **Melissa Weedman Achtiens** has agree to assemble and make copies at the cost of copying for those interested. Send your recipes to her at: 10524 Chestnut Circle, Fishers, IN 46038 or via e-mail at: **Achtiens@compuserve.com**.

One detail of the Reunion is yet to be set — which hotel will be used. Several are under consideration as this goes to press. Selection will be made prior to the next issue.

Weedman Family National Gathering 9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17, 2000

Farmer City, Weedman, & Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 9th biennial **Weedman family Reunion!** The year 2000 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival to America of Christian Weedman, Sr. And, it will mark the 170th anniversary of the family and descendants of his son, George Weedman, in the McLean and DeWitt County, Illinois area. A good cause to celebrate and a great location for a family gathering!

Here is what is planned:

Friday, June 16, 2000

- arrival and registration** in the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City.
- browse in the **Farmer City Historical & Genealogical Society** archives and **Farmer City library**
- see homes once occupied by the Weedman and related families
- a **barbeque or picnic dinner** will be served at the Weedman Park
- an **open forum and panel discussion** about the Weedman family history will be held at the hotel.

Saturday, June 17, 2000

- photo and family information** exchange at the hotel
- 11:00 am, a non-denominational **Worship Service** at the historic Weedman Methodist Church in Weedman, Illinois conducted by Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman of Springfield, IL.
- a sack lunch will be provided following the service.
- Cemetery Tour** to five cemeteries to see where George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman, a number of their children, and a large number of family members are buried. Cemeteries in McLean and DeWitt County which will be visited include: Miller and Shiloh in McLean County; Campground, City, and Maple Grove in Farmer City.
- the **Reunion Dinner** will be held at the **Woodlawn Country Club** in Farmer City.
- induction into the **Weedman Who's Who** will be made at the dinner.

Due to space limitations, participants at the **Reunion Dinner** will be restricted to 120 people. Earliest paid reservations will be guaranteed participation at the dinner. The picnic, sack lunch, and dinner will be catered by Hammer Catering of Farmer City.

Reserve now! Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Mail the following with your check to: Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, N.C. 28731. Cost is \$30 per person and includes the three meals mentioned!

Reservation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of reservations: _____

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

We're in the last month of 1999, and although there's been a lot of hype about the Y2K possible problems, we hope that all of you have taken the necessary steps to insure that you and yours will be prepared...just in case. Most of the primary computerized sources in government; federal, state and local have prepared their equipment to run smoothly over the Y2K hump. In the event, however, that something has been overlooked, it is wise to have enough food, water and money and a good flashlight, on hand to get us through the first week of 2000. After that, the world can get back to the routine events that shape our everyday lives.

Nick, Merrie Carol, the children, and I want to wish each one of you a happy holiday hopefully with less stress and hassle than ever before. We all love the family get-togethers but the shopping and wrapping, decorating and planning well let's just say we hope it goes along smoothly.

News has been trickling in, but we'd like to see more of it. An easy way to remember is "Dues to Nick ----- News to Marianne".

We appreciate the input Nick and **Gena Lee Theiss** have received through their websites. They have been helping nearly every Weedman blooded inquirer. Then **Cathy Stone** has been surfing far and

wide in search of new information on other web sources. Sam Sedoris has been scouting in cemeteries in Kentucky where some of our ancestors died. Many of those contacted by Gena and Nick have provided information on their families, too, and Nick has sent out many family summaries to those he has been able to place in the Weedman family tree. It's a tree that is still growing. If you want to check out the web site, please go to:

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

We would welcome any suggestions you might have regarding the site.

We mentioned in the Summer and Fall *Newsletters* that our ancestor, **Christian Weedman Sr.**, came over in 1750 and some time between that docking in Philadelphia, and the 1790 census, the family went from Pennsylvania to what was at that time Virginia, but we so far do not know just when he went into Virginia. We know he had land in Fayette County, PA in 1765 and that he received a patent in 1784 for the land he called "*New Holland*". His children were all born in America, so we

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Marianne and Nick would like to extend Holiday Greetings to all family members. We hope 2000 brings good health and prosperity to all!

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Newly found information on the widow of Christian Weedman, Sr. is revealed.

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can probably assume that he married in America. If this is the case, then we would like to locate his marriage license. Let's have a contest. The one who finds it first, is going to be our HERO or HEROINE for a year -- from June (Reunion time) to June of 2001. We will treat him/her as a Hero should be treated wait and see!

ReadysetGO! Here are some clues you can use: Go to your local library, FHC, University, School, or Public. Write to the County Seat of Hampshire Co. VA for any and all Weedman marriages, (and any other place you think they may have been married) we know it wasn't Fayette County, because at least one of the children was born in Virginia or maybe all -- we're really not sure. So, let us know of your results.

In the Fall Newsletter, we mentioned contact with **Robert Miesbauer** of Santa Barbara, CA whose wife is descended

from **Freeman Perry Weedman**, who was born in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, whose parents were **Peter and Mary (Evans) Weedman** of Pennsylvania. **Peter** was born in 1856. Don't forget to keep this in mind as you do your research, or if you have friends in Manitowoc, perhaps they would know if there is a biographical sketch of either **Peter** or **Freeman Weedman** there.

We're looking forward to receiving more updates on the Swedish Weedman family from **Walter Weedman** and from **Karen Lovell**. Two heads are better than one when one is doing research, and we hope they have some good news for us.

Nick obtained a copy of a deed by **Elizabeth Weedman**, wife of **Christian Sr.**, where she sold land in Bowling Green, Ohio in 1816, five years after **Christian Sr.**'s death. The deed was for 94 acres of land that **Christian** bought. Witnesses

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

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were **John Bradford and Alexander Morison**. The 1820 Ohio census for Licking County shows two people residing in the home—a male 26-45 years old and a female over 45. Could this have been Elizabeth Weedman?

Obituaries

Although we would like to be more up-to-date on obituaries, marriages and births, we welcome them at any time. We received three recently and perhaps some of you may be acquainted with the next of kin.

Ernest Leon Weedman

Ernest Leon Weedman, 60, of Anderson, died March 6, 1999. He worked 31 years for General Motors Corporation until his retirement in 1996. He was buried at East Maplewood Cemetery in Anderson. Survivors include **Lexie Diane (Hart) Weedman**; sons - **Allen** and **Jason Weedman**; daughters **Rhonda Ledbetter**, **Julie Wise**, **Kathie Chism**, **Shellie Ackard**; brother **Dwight Weedman**; sister **Jean McCune**, and nine grandchildren. His line: **Christian Sr.**¹, **Christian, Jr.**², **William**³, **James Willis**⁴, **Dellis**⁵, **Earl Otis**⁶. Source: **Lexie Weedman**.

Rodney Allen Weedman

Rodney Allen Weedman, 40, of Hardinsburg, KY died Monday, November 1, 1999 in Hardinsburg where he was born. He was employed as a truck driver for Cardinal Carriers Co. in Elizabethtown. Survivors are his parents: **Jack and Marjorie (Tate) Weedman** of Hardinsburg; two brothers, **Randall Bruington** of Kingswood and **Jackie Weedman** of Lexington; a sister, **Joan Severs** of Hardinsburg, and several nephews and nieces. Burial was in Ivy Hill Cemetery

in Hardinsburg. **Dowell Funeral Home** was in charge. His line has not been determined as of this writing. Source: *Messenger Inquirer*. Owensboro, KY, November 3, 1999.

B. Sam Henson

Barney Samuel Henson, or **B. Sam Henson** as he was preferred to be known died in Dallas on 3 January 1999. **B. Sam** was a retired Internal Revenue Service agent. He was born 21 April 1916 in Emory, Texas. We have no other details of his death. **Sam** was a strong supporter of the Newsletter and our family activities. He was descended from **Willis Weedman**, the youngest son of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** His line: **Christian Sr.**¹, **Christian, Jr.**², **Willis**³, **Mary Margaret Bailey Weedman**⁴, and **William Franklin Henson**⁵.

Although we are late, we wish to extend our sympathy to the families of these Weedman men or descendents.

Jeff Weedman of Parkville, MO contacted Nick on his website and submitted some of what he knows to be his family line. But he needed the ancestry he didn't know, to finish his line back to **Christian Sr.** We will share this with you in the next Newsletter. He's getting places and dates to enhance the names he's submitting plus those that Nick filled in. He is descended from the **Daniel Weedman** line.

We have many new families coming into the Family Circle, and I want to invite each of you to think about what you'd like to see in the Newsletter that perhaps we haven't considered yet. Write me at the address given on page 26 or e-mail me at monty4@juno.com. Feel free to

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We would like to have more family happenings to publish including births and marriages.

Can anyone help to connect the William Weedman family of Texas to any line? Could this be the elusive son of John Jesse Weedman, Sr. and his second wife?

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share your family data with me, and I'll share it with the family members. Many Weedman family members have joined and we know you but we don't know your brothers, and sisters. Tell them about the Reunion coming up in 2000 and let's get our registrations, to Nick as soon as possible, as we need to know how many to Plan for.

Who is this Weedman Family?

A family genealogy on the Internet reveals yet another early Weedman family in Texas whose lineage is unclear.

Joseph Pearl Weedman was reported to be a son of a **William Weedman**. Joseph was born in October 1884 in Grapevine, Taggart Co., TX and died ca 1940 in Longview, Texas. He married **Laura Ann Cotner** who was born 31 Aug 1894 in Chismville, Logan Co., AR and died 20 Aug 1992 in Bakersfield, Kern Co., CA.

There were three children born to this couple. **Raymond William Weedman** was born 19 Mar 1914 in Tyler, Smith Co., TX. He married **Alice Butler** about 1944 in California and they have a son, **Tully**. **Joseph S. Weedman**, the second child, was born 11 December 1919 in Fairview, Dallas Co., TX and married **Dixie Clark** on 24 November 1945 in Clinton, Custer Co., OK. The third child was a daughter, **Margie Jane Weedman**.

We know of two Weedman families in Texas in 1870. One was **Willis Weedman**, son of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** who was living in Cooke Co., TX at the time. He had a son, **William**, but it does not appear that he was the one reported above. Another Weedman family was living near Cooke Co., TX at the time but they could not be connected with any

branch of the family. This is probably the family but we will need further research to link them to a branch of the family.

Does anyone know how this line is connected?

Social Security Death Record

The most recent Social Security Death Index lists two recent Weedman deaths. Does anyone know the relationship of these two to any line of the family?

Wanda Weedman, born 21 Dec 1929, d. 26 September 1999 in Beaver Dam, KY. (She appears to have been the wife of **Carroll G. Weedman** but we would like confirmation).

Myrna Weedman, b. 1 Oct 1914, d. 9 Aug 1999 in Jacksonville, AR.

Civil War Service

Freida Davison sent information on several of the Weedman men who served in the Civil War. We have expanded the list to try to include all we could find who did serve. In some instances, we include the military unit in which service was rendered.

Despite the family having been in the country only 110 years when the War started, the fact that family members were on both sides of the conflict shows the geographical diversity reached. Literally, we had cousins fighting cousins in the Civil War.

Bernard Thomas Weedman, Florida. Apparently served in two units. One was Company I, 10th Florida Infantry and the second was in Pickens Company of the Florida Calvary in Pickens Company of

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the Florida Calvary. Son of **Philip** (or **Felipe**) and **Eliza (Wickes) Weedman**.

Daniel R. Weedman. Entered service 12 October 1862 at Big Springs, KY as a 1st Lt. Confederate service. Son of **Stephen** and **(Gilbert) Weedman**.

George Weedman. Enlisted 8 October 1864 as a Private from Indiana. Family unknown.

George Thomas Weedman. Enlisted as a Corporal 6 August 1862 from DeWitt Co., Illinois. Mustered out 21 Jun 1865 as a Private. Son of **John Jesse** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**.

George W. Weedman. Served from Ohio. Physician. Son of **Jacob** and **Catherine (Bishop) Weedman**. Unit unknown.

Isaiah Weedman, DeWitt Co., Illinois. Enlisted 30 July 1861 as a Private. Died in the battle of Holly Springs, MS 20 December 1862 as a Sergeant in Co. F, 2nd IL Calvary Regiment. Son of **John Jesse** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**.

Jacob T. Weedman. Enlisted 11 February 1864 in DeWitt Co., IL as a Private or a recruit. Mustered out 28 May 1865.

John B. Weedman. Enlisted 26 Sept 1861 in DeWitt Co., IL as a Private in Co. I, 39th IL Infantry. Mustered out 20 September 1864. Son of **Jacob** and **Catherine (Bishop) Weedman**.

John W. Weedman. Enlisted 4 September 1861 as a Private from DeWitt Co., IL. He was captured and died 12 October 1864 at Andersonville (GA) Prison. He is buried there in grave number 10785. He was a Corporal at the time of his death. Son of **Asa** and **Delilah (Hand) Weedman**.

Myram Weedman. Enlisted 2 October 1861 at Green River, KY as a Private. Confederate service. Son of **Stephen** and **Mary Ann (Gilbert) Weedman**.

Norman A. Weedman. Enlisted 17 February 1864 in DeWitt Co., IL as a Private in Co. I, 39th IL Infantry. Son of **Asa** and **Delilah (Hand) Weedman**. Died in 1869 probably of War related injuries.

Philip Weedman. Entered service in FL as a Private in Pickens Company of the Florida Calvary. Son of **Philip** (or **Felipe**) and **Eliza (Wickes) Weedman**.

Richard Calvin Weedman. Enlisted 6 September 1862 as a Private in Otwell, IN. Son of **Jonathan** and **Sarah (Bruner) Weedman**.

Thomas S. Weedman. Enlisted 30 July 1861 in Co. F, 2nd IL Calvary as a Corporal from DeWitt Co., IL. Son of **John Jesse** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**.

Zadoc Casey Weedman. Entered service as a 1st Lt. On 3 January 1864 from DeWitt Co., IL in Co. G, 107th IL Infantry; resigned 25 Oct 1865. Son of **John Jesse** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**.

Edmund Hurst. Husband of **Alzira Payne Weedman** (widow of **Jeremiah Weedman**). Killed at Deep Run, VA 16 Aug 1864.

Dr. Andrew Norris. Assistant Surgeon in an Illinois Unit. Married to **Mary Ann Weedman**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Catherine (Bishop) Weedman**.

Sources: **Frieda Davison**, Illinois State Historical Society Civil War data base. **Ancestry.com** Civil War data base.

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The number of family members that served in the Civil War is surprising. And, there are surely more that we have missed. If you can add to this list, please let us know.

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Contributions

We would like to acknowledge donations and contributions to the Newsletter since the last issue. You have all been very generous with your support this year and it is highly appreciated. Contributors include:

Elizabeth Heninger
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Walter G. Weedman

Kechia Weedman An Update

We were pleased to get an e-mail update from Kechia Weedman, daughter of Linda Weedman of Tell City, IN. In an earlier Newsletter, we stated she was graduating last May but she advises we were a bit quick! She gets her B. S. in Biology with a minor in Chemistry with a secondary school teaching certificate on December 18th! She is currently practice teaching at North Hardin High School in Hardin County, KY. She has a web site which can be accessed at:

www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/Galaxy/6499

Thanks for the update, Kechia, and congratulations on your graduation. Best wishes for a successful job search.

She also advises her brother, Steven, will graduate from Tell City High School in May.

Linda Weedman, Kechia and Steven's mother is a teacher at the Tell City, IN High School.

Family of Doctors

In 1997, we reported on **Dr. George W. Weedman** and his son, **Dr. Charles B. Weedman**. **Dr. George Weedman** was the son of **Jacob and Catherine (Bishop) Weedman**. He was born in 1827 and practiced medicine in Ashland Co., OH. He died in 1890.

We have learned that **Dr. Charles B. Weedman**, also a medical doctor, graduated from Western Reserve Medical School and practiced in Ashland, Huron, and Lorain Counties, OH. **Dr. Charles Weedman** was born in 1859 and died in Wellington, OH in 1939. We are now looking for an obituary and his grave site. His wife is buried in Huron Co., OH but there is no tombstone there for him.

Dr. Donald V. Weedman, son of **Dr. Charles B. and Lucy (DuBois) Weedman** was born in 1882. He graduated from Western Reserve Medical School and practiced in Toledo, OH. He died 28 July 1969 in Toledo leaving a wife and no children.

Interestingly, a daughter of **Jacob and Catherine (Bishop) Weedman (Mary Ann Weedman)** married **Dr. Andrew Norris**, a physician, and in that family were at least three physicians spread over a couple of generations. A son was **Dr. Amos Norris** and a grandson was **Dr. A. C. Staley**!

Surely, this family of medical practitioners is unique! We are trying to find a descendent from any branch of this family to try to learn more.

Certainly, this family with all of its pioneering medical doctors and dentist would seem to qualify for our Weedman Who's Who recognition.

The descendents of Jacob and Catherine (Bishop) Weedman produced a bumper crop of Doctors!

2000 Weedman Family Gathering Reunion News and Updates

Eastland Suites Hotel Selected for Reunion Guests

The Eastland Suites Hotel and Conference Center at I-74 and Cunningham in Urbana, IL has been selected to house guests for the upcoming Reunion.

In the final throes of a major renovation, the facility should be in top condition when we use the facility. It was deemed important to have central hotel facility to house all of our participants and permit all of us to get better acquainted.

Located about 20 miles from Farmer City where most of the Reunion events will take place, the Eastland Suites Hotel is in a convenient location for our participants.

The hotel will provide a special rate of \$60 per night for a double room, \$70 per night for a standard suite and \$85 for a double King or Queen suite. In addition, there is a tax of 11% on rooms. Included in this rate is a continental breakfast for guests.

There are 40 double rooms available and a larger number of the suites.

We suggest you reserve space now. To reserve, call (800) 253-8331 and when you book, tell them this is for the Weedman Family Reunion in order to get these special rates.

Help is Needed!

This can be a successful and special Reunion if we can get help from family members as follows:

Branch Shakers!

Volunteers are needed to contact members of their branch of the family and encourage participation in the Reunion. For example, Neil Munch has written to a large number in his family and has gotten a favorable response for the Reunion. We need volunteers to do the same for their branch.

Church Service Musicians

People who are willing to sing in our choir for the Saturday morning Service and someone with experience to play the organ and/or piano are needed. Please contact Nick Weedman to advise your availability.

Who's Who Nominations

Please provide your thoughts about nominations for ancestors and family members who you feel should be recognized for their achievements. A simple write-up is all that is required. We would like to begin a tradition which will result in a book which can instill family pride in what many have done.

Publicity Committee

People who are willing to help publicize the Reunion on an informal committee are needed. This can involve contacting people by mail, over the Internet, and other methods deemed appropriate.

So, if you are willing to help make this a successful Reunion in 2000, please let Nick Weedman know.

If you are planning to attend the 2000 Reunion, it is suggested that you make hotel reservations as soon as possible.

Weedman Family National Gathering

9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17, 2000

Farmer City, Weedman, & Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 9th biennial **Weedman family Reunion!** The year 2000 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival to America of Christian Weedman, Sr. And, it will mark the 170th anniversary of the family and descendants of his son, George Weedman, in the McLean and DeWitt County, Illinois area. A good cause to celebrate and a great location for a family gathering!

Here is what is planned:

Friday, June 16, 2000

- arrival and registration in the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City.
- browse in the **Farmer City Historical & Genealogical Society** archives and **Farmer City library**
- see homes once occupied by the Weedman and related families
- a **barbeque or picnic dinner** will be served at the **Weedman Park**
- an **open forum and panel discussion** about the Weedman family history will be held at the hotel.

Saturday, June 17, 2000

- photo and family information** exchange at the hotel
- 11:00 am, a non-denominational **Worship Service** at the historic **Weedman Methodist Church** in **Weedman, Illinois** conducted by **Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman** of **Springfield, IL**.
- a sack lunch will be provided following the service.
- Cemetery Tour** to five cemeteries to see where **George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman**, a number of their children, and a large number of family members are buried. Cemeteries in **McLean and DeWitt County** which will be visited include:
 - Miller and Shiloh in **McLean County**;
 - Campground, City, and Maple Grove in **Farmer City**.
- the **Reunion Dinner** will be held at the **Woodlawn Country Club** in **Farmer City**.
- induction into the **Weedman Who's Who** will be made at the dinner.

Due to space limitations, participants at the Reunion Dinner will be restricted to 120 people. Earliest paid reservations will be guaranteed participation at the dinner. The picnic, sack lunch, and dinner will be catered by **Hammer Catering** of **Farmer City**.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at **Eastland Suites Hotel** on **I-74** in **Urbana, IL**. You must reserve your rooms directly with them. Their telephone is: (800) 253-8331. Mention you are with the **Weedman Family Reunion**.

Reserve now! Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Mail the following with your check to: **Nick Weedman**, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Cost is \$30 per person and includes the three meals mentioned (but not the hotel rooms).

Reunion Dinner Reservation Form

(Mail to Nick Weedman at the address shown above)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of reservations: Adults _____ Children _____