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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

We see signs of spring cropping up all over. Hope your winter was sufficient to provide the water the ground needs and that the crops will be great this year.

We are still going through the passenger list of the *Anderson* on which **Christian Weedman, Sr.** (formerly spelled Widman or Widmann) came to America in 1750. We believe, but have no proof, that he was originally from Germany. If you are a researcher, let Nick know and he will give you several names to research either in Germany or in America. These names would be of persons who came over on the *Anderson* at the same sailing that brought **Christian Weedman** to our shores. It isn't necessary to have a computer, because most libraries have a number of good books on German immigration, but a computer helps. Check the Weedman Family web site at <http://www.weedman.org>. An article, "In Search of the Christian Weedman, Sr. Roots" appears on page 6 of this issue.

This issue starts the 36th year of publication of the Weedman Newsletter with Marianne Montgomery editing it for the whole time!

Speaking of Germany, it's a wonderful country to visit, and if you are planning a trip to visit we'd like to hear from you when you return. **Diane** and **Jack Hall** took a trip last fall to Germany and a report on their trip is on page 4.

Everett Smith, (STEPHEN's line) drove across the country in his first big truck, fifty years ago, and along the way, a story was fermenting in his mind. He has now taken the story out of his head and put it on paper. It is called *Generations*, a three part trilogy. It is taken from history, and family information, so it might be classified as a historical novel. It's about a young mountain man, **George Henry Smith**, who came down out of the Rocky Mountains and established a huge farm in Arkansas. He acquired a woman, as a reward for shooting a black panther that was about to have an Indian woman and her three children for lunch! The family was that of Chief Simon, a Cherokee family who were hiding out in Arkansas to avoid being sent to an Oklahoma Reservation. The woman he received was a white woman who had been a captive of the Indians. She became **George Henry Smith's** wife and the mother of their twelve sons. The woman's name was Gladys. I'm not going to divulge more of the plot. The first book of the *Generations* trilogy will be published soon. It is at the printers. Already Everett has the second book nearly ready for publication and his active mind is rushing into the work of the third book. When I have more definite information about the book and where it can be bought, I'll pass it

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on. It truly sounds like one of those books that you just can't put down till you've read the whole thing. The time frame of the three-part sequence is from 1826-1986.

Jean Huffty, 4550 Highway 54, Star City, AR 71667 is his agent and also his niece. She can be reached at (870) 357-2909 Central Time Zone.

I goofed!! In the FALL 2002 issue of the Newsletter, on page 20-21 we paid a tribute to **Captain William Weedman**, a 25-year veteran of the Louisville, KY Police Department. I inadvertently left his son, **Daniel's** name out of the write-up. **Dan** is 15, and I wouldn't be surprised if we hear of him some day in a sports broadcast. He is one HEFTY HUNK at age 15, 6'1" tall. He's an offensive lineman on his school's football team. He plans on going to college, and continuing his football...this guy's going places!! **Dan**, I'm sorry we left you out of the

write-up, but man, you're a star already, I'm sure, with the statistics you carry. I'm glad I was tipped off about my error, and that we have gotten to know a little about you. I'm sure there'll be updates as time goes by. You go, **Dan!!**

Neil Kenyon, (JACOB's line) has been over into Orange County, Indiana still on the trail of any and all Weedmans who might have lived in that area. He did find in the 1870 census for Jackson Township:

Weedman, Frederick, age 25, shoemaker, birthplace: KY

Weedman, Julea, age 24, housekeeper, birthplace KY

In this same household were:

Cook, Anice, age 67, birthplace IN

Beath, George, age 7, birthplace IN

Dillard, Sadie, age 4, birthplace IN

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We erroneously omitted Daniel Weedman when we listed the family of Capt. William Weedman of the Louisville Police Department.

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No Weedman families found in Orange County, IN in 1850, 1860, 1880, or 1900. Who were these Weedmans, and the others living with them? They have not been a part of any family we have found so far. They are not in the WEEDMAN GENEALOGY. Perhaps they are from a yet undiscovered branch of JOHN's family or Stephen's. They remained in KY whereas **Jacob, Daniel** and **William** crossed the border into Indiana.

Books Still Available

Gena Lee Theiss has more books of the Weedman genealogy, but the pile is going down fast. Just a reminder: her address is: **Gena Lee Theiss**, 8417 Burlingame Road, Louisville, KY 40219. Price: \$60.00 includes shipping & postage. It has over 800 pages. If you have any problems reading it and understanding the format used, contact Gena, and she'll explain. This format is somewhat different than that of the first two books.

Obituary

Galen Marsh Ytterdal

I received a nice letter from **Nancy (Conklin) Jeffrey**. It was great to hear from her, but her message carried some sad news. Her brother-in-law, **Galen Marsh Ytterdal**, passed away September 8, 2002. He had heart problems. He was born on May 15, 1947. His wife is **Lorie Ann Schwarze**, daughter of Frederick and Helen Lois (Weedman) Schwarze. Helen was the daughter of John Earl Weedman⁷, Homer⁶, Jacob⁵, Willis⁴, Daniel³, Christian Jr.², and Christian Weedman Sr.¹. **Lorie** and **Galen** were married in 1980. Memorial services were held at Acacia Memorial Park in Seattle, WA on October 5, 2002. We extend our sincere sympathy to **Lorie** and the surviving families.

Nancy mentioned, on a lighter note, that she, husband **Ross**, and her mother, **Helen Lois Schwarze** went recently to Hawaii. They saw the sights and did the fun things that tourists do in Hawaii. They enjoyed the vacation immensely. Nancy and her Mom enjoy a week together at least once a year just to have fellowship and enjoy each other's company. Sounds like great fun; something to look forward to. Thanks for writing, Nancy.

Obituary

James A. Weedman

James A. Weedman, age 71, passed away in Evansville, IN on January 19, 2003. He was the son of **Jantus** and **Nancy (Brunson) Weedman**. (JACOB'S line). He was born February 26, 1931.

He was a life member of VFW 1114, Evansville, served in the Air Force as a fireman, and was an orderly at Bethel Manor, Turtle Creek, and Good Samaritan Nursing Homes.

His brother, **Haskel Eugene Weedman**, and his parents, **Jantus A.** and **Nancy Weedman**, preceded James in death. His son, **Jonathan L. Weedman** of Owensboro, KY, survives him, as well as daughters, **Barbara Blackwell**, and **Teresa Guard** of Cincinnati, OH; sister, **Marguerite Richardt** and husband, **Louis B.** of Evansville, IN and Cairo, Egypt; brother, **Dr. William Lee Weedman**, and wife **Judy**, of Springfield, IL; six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 11 nieces and nephews, and loving friend, **Jean Coomer**. Services were held January 23 2003 at Alexander Funeral Home. Officiate was **Dr. William Lee Weedman** and burial was at Alexander Memorial Park. We extend our sincere sympathy to survivors. **James** will be

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We sadly report the loss of two family members. Please keep us informed and we will print all family events such as births, deaths, etc.

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greatly missed by his loved ones and friends.

A Trip to Germany

Liedolsheim and Wachenheim

By **Diane Seitz Hall**

Our trip to Germany was wonderful, the country is beautiful and everyone was so friendly. It was great visiting with Jack's family, but the high light of the trip for me was visiting the two ancestral villages of my great grandparents.

Twenty years ago when we were in Germany we found the village of my paternal great grandfather **Michael Seitz**, through naturalization records. After finding the village of Liedolsheim we were able to go to the Archives of the state. At the Archives a helpful young man searched the records for us and gave us the information he found on the family.

Through the Internet over the years I have posted information about **Michael Seitz** and his known family. I have also been able to find more records of my **Seitz** family through web pages posted about Liedolsheim on the Internet. In the spring of 2002 I received email from a distant cousin, **Rainer Oberacker**, in Liedolsheim who is researching the 19 men and their families who left Liedolsheim in 1861. **Michael Seitz** was one of these men.

About this same time, I found through a message board a letter posted that was written in 1883 between two brothers. The writer names his siblings and where they had immigrated. I recognized the name of my maternal great grandmother **Julia Rohr** and her siblings. So, I also started a correspondence through email to the cousin, **Albert Simmel** that posted the letter. **Albert** is the great

grandson of the brother that had received the letter. The brother, **Konrad Rohr**, kept all correspondence he had received from Germany. Through the letters and keepsakes that **Konrad** kept **Albert** knew the village, Wachenheim An Der Weinstrasse, where the **Rohr** family emigrated.

The two villages of these two great grandparents are only about 40 miles apart in Germany. When I wrote to **Rainer** about our up coming visit to Germany he invited **Jack** and me to his home while we were visiting Liedolsheim. **Rainer** then started making all kinds of plans for us while we were in Liedolsheim. **Rainer** also contacted the historical society of Wachenheim to help in the search of the **Rohr** family.

Jack and I arrived at the home of **Rainer** and his family on a Wednesday evening. On Thursday **Rainer** and his wife, **Iris**, drove us to the village of Wachenheim where we met a man from the historical society. The man, **Rainer, Iris, Jack** and I then took a walking tour of the village for three hours in the rain. We learn the history of Wachenheim from the tour and we even saw two old homes of the **Rohr** family. At the end of the tour the man gave me a stack of records of the **Rohr** family that he had researched for me. The records are all in the old German script. The cousin, **Albert** has learned how to translate the old German script to English, so he was able to translate the records for us.

On Friday morning **Rainer** and **Iris** took us to Karlshure, Germany to visit a museum to see an exhibit of the history of Baden. Liedolsheim is in Baden. Then we went back to Liedolsheim to meet the mayor of the village. We met the mayor at the courthouse after which the mayor took all of us to lunch at an old tavern

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Diane Hall had a very interesting trip to Germany. Note that a number of residents of the village where Michael Seitz lived left together.

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that was standing in 1861. After lunch the mayor drove **Jack** and I around the area showing us places of interest. Later we met **Rainer** and **Iris** and they took us on a walking tour of Liedolsheim. We went to the church of Liedolsheim, and met the minister. For fun we all climbed up inside the church tower.

Friday evening **Rainer** had planned a party for us at a restaurant owned by another **Seitz** cousin. Rainer had advertised in the local paper about our visit, inviting our **Seitz** relatives to the party. About 20 distant cousins came to the party. The mayor also came to the party, gave a short speech and presented me a book on the history of Liedolsheim. **Rainer** gave a presentation on the history of the emigrants that left the village in 1861. Then **Jack** gave a speech and told the cousins about the history of Evansville (Indiana) where **Michael Seitz** settled. He also told them about **Michael's** life after he arrived in the states.

From **Rainer's** research the emigrants left Liedolsheim, by road to Mannheim and then took a steamboat to Koln on the Rhine River. From Koln they traveled by train to Bremen. From Bremen they went to Bremerhaven to board the ship for New York, NY.

We ended our trip to my ancestral home villages on a Rhine River cruise passing the same land and castles that my great grandparents did.

Family Archives

Since the Jasper Reunion, we have been successful in adding some significant items to our Weedman family archives. These items include two currency notes issued by the John Weedman National Bank of Farmer City, IL, a copy of the Charley Family genealogy, and a cook-

book written by Frances Weedman of Farmer City, IL.

John Weedman National Bank of Farmer City, IL. This bank from about 1900 until 1929 or so issued its own currency. The bank was founded in 1885 apparently just prior to the death of John Weedman and continued to operate until the crash of 1929. Individual banks issued currency as authorized by the U.S. Treasury. One note that we purchased is a five-dollar bill issued in 1929 signed by C. O. Gillispie who was apparently either the cashier or President of the bank. The bill is in good condition. The second is a ten-dollar note somewhat larger than the first issued dated October 27, 1905. The bill is signed but the signatures are faded and not readable. This bill is in excellent shape. A history of the bank and pictures of the notes will be placed on our website (www.weedman.org).

Charley Family History. This book was compiled in 1974 by Geraldine L. Deter with portions written by the late Doris Kizer, a long-time contributor to our Weedman family genealogical efforts. Doris descended from Nicholas and Elizabeth (Charley) Weedman. The book covers descendants of George Charley (1763-1833) who was the father of Elizabeth. Roy Ackerman apparently owned the book we bought through e-Bay. We would be happy to do any lookup for interested parties in the book.

Electric Cookery – Hotpoint by Frances Weedman, Manager, Home Economics Department. Frances was the daughter of **Frank Leonard** and **Martha (Howard) Weedman** of Farmer City, IL. She married Pierre Miles and there were no children from this marriage. Frances worked for Hotpoint probably in the 1920s or 1930s and wrote the cookbook, which is undated.

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The purchase of two of the John Weedman National Bank currency notes has been a long term project. Now we can report some success!

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Renewal Time

We ask for a donation of \$5/year from subscribers to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. This rate has been in effect since we first started asking for help to defray costs about 20 years ago! A number of subscribers contribute significantly more and we use those funds to keep subscription costs low. Many have paid well in advance.

If you owe in order to keep receiving the Weedman Newsletter, a yellow reminder slip will be enclosed in this mailing. If there is none, you do not need to send a contribution but none will be rejected if received!

So, a yellow reminder slip in this mailing is the indicator that your subscription expires with this issue. Mail your contribution to: **Weedman Newsletter, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.**

Camai – Again!

Camai (pronounced chu-mah-e) is an Eskimo greeting as we learned from a recent visit with our cousins who are from Alaska. On January 31, 2003, we were able to go to Sandusky, OH to meet **Eleanor (Weedman) Roehl** and **Natalia (Weedman) Etwiler** thanks to the hospitality of **Vicki (Weedman) Kimberlin** of Sandusky.

The father of the two visitors was **Robert T. Weedman**, son of **Gus Clinton** and **Alice (Walters) Weedman**. **Robert** was stationed in Alaska at the Elmendorf Air Force Base and met **Golina Wassily**. They married, had a large family, and lived in New Stuyahok in frontier conditions. The couple divorced and there had

been little contact with the family and the other descendents of **Gus Weedman**. **Judi (Weedman) Proctor** and **Vicki Kimberlin** made contact with their cousins and invited them to come to Ohio. They were excited to meet their cousins and **Eleanor** and **Natalia** were able to visit the grave of their father and meet cousins they probably didn't know they had.

We have put pictures of the Alaska Weedmans on our web site (www.weedman.org) and even linked to a site that shows their brother, **Tom Weedman**, in an article about his winning a sled race in Alaska. The link appears to have expired and no longer functions.

We appreciate **Vicki** for her fine hospitality and for the opportunity to get to meet **Eleanor** and **Natalia** as well as **Vicki's** sisters and her uncle, **Ron Weedman**, of Sandusky.

In Search of the Christian Weedman, Sr. Roots

Just prior to the 2002 Weedman National Family Gathering in Jasper, IN some research done by Amy Weedman found a Christian Widmann in Gniebel, Germany born in 1734. This fit quite well with what we know (or think we know!) about the immigrant ancestor of many of us. As it turned out, this individual died in 1739. But it did tweak our interest in attempting to find the roots of Christian Weedman, Sr.

What we do know is this – Christian Weedman, Sr. arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship, Anderson, on August 21, 1750. We know this because if one compares signatures on the oath of allegiance he signed with those of deeds signed in

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Fayette Co., PA and Licking Co., OH as well as his will signed in Fairfield Co., OH, they are all the same.

Christian was born about 1734-35, we think, making him about 16 years old when he arrived in Philadelphia. It is highly likely that he traveled with other family member or with friends from his hometown. People tended to travel together as they immigrated to a new country. In addition, the ship is grouped with a number of others known to have brought Palatine immigrants to this country.

We have added a page to our web site (www.weedman.org) that lists all the passengers on the Anderson. Our objective is to find the origin of as many of the passengers as possible to determine if **Christian** may have originated in the hometown of one or several of his fellow passengers. There were 95 male passengers on the Anderson, which is a manageable number of people to research relative to their origins. We are hopeful that others have done research on most of the passengers.

Volunteers are sought to do research at libraries and on the Internet on those fellow passengers. By searching sources such as the LDS IGI index, Internet sites such as Ancestry.com and others, we may be able to make significant progress in this search.

Let us know if you are willing to take the names of 3-5 passengers to research. We will put results on our web site so all can track progress.

If we are extremely lucky, we may be able to target a few German villages to do church and records research and find where our roots are. **Help is needed!**

Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers

A Visit to their Graves

*(On our recent trip to Northern Ohio, we were able to stop in Huron County to do some genealogical research with emphasis on **Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers**. Mary was the eldest daughter of **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.** as far as we know. She was born in Fort Town, Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) on 1 January 1762. She married **Adam**, son of **Henry Myers**, in Fayette County, PA. The family moved to Ohio probably with **Christian Weedman, Sr.** in the early 1800s and in 1814 moved to Huron County. Both died there in the 1840s.)*

The cemetery in which **Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers** are buried is virtually on the border of Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio northeast of Monroeville in a small family plot. This is known as the **Drake Cemetery**. Copied from a book, "**Huron County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions**" is the following:

Drake Cemetery, Ridgefield Township

Drake Cemetery is located in Section 2, Township 4, Range 23 on the Chase Heyman farm, on the east side of Huber Road, ¼ mile south of Schaffer Road, along a gully. Copied in 1960 and re-copied in 1991.

Drake, Salmon, b. 1827, d. 1877 (GAR marker)

Dickey, Cynthia, wife of **Salmon Drake**, b. 1823, d. 1900

Drake, Ira, s/o **S. & C. Drake**, d. 18 Jan 1872 age 6y, 3m, 14d

Dickey, Thomas, d. 10 Jan 1879, age 88y, 25d (War of 1812 marker)

Dickey, Elizabeth, w/o **Thomas Dickey**, d. 13 Sept 1854 age 63y, 7m, 18d

Myers, Mary, w/o **Adam Myers**, d. 27 Dec 1848, age 86y, 11m, 26d

Myers, Adam, d. 17 Nov 1844, age 89y, 7m, 22d

Dickey, Cyrus, s/o **T. & E. Dickey**, d. 7 Mar 1831, age 8 m, 22d.

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We were disappointed to find that neither Adam nor Mary Myers left no will in Huron County, Ohio.

The small town of New London, Ohio has an excellent index of the local newspaper.

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Dickey, John G., s/o T. & E. Dickey, d. 8 Sep 1832, age 4y, 9m, 6d

References in Huron County histories noted that the marriage of **Thomas Dickey** and **Elizabeth Myers** was the first one recorded in Ridgefield Township. **Elizabeth** was a daughter of **Adam** and **Elizabeth Myers**. It further noted that veterans of three wars are buried in the Drake Cemetery (the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War).

Thomas Dickey and **Elizabeth Myers** were married in April 1819, moved to Seneca County, OH and ultimately returned to Huron County in October 1825. The couple had five children.

One further finding in Huron County was the lack of a will or even a probate file for **Adam** and/or **Mary (Weedman) Myers**. We had hoped to determine where the children of this couple were living in the 1840s. We have never had any contact with any descendent of this couple. Surely, somewhere, there is a Myers family researcher working on this line.

New London, Huron County, Ohio

*(While on the trip to Northern Ohio, we took the opportunity of visiting the community of New London in Huron County. This is where **Dr. Charles Benton Weedman** practiced medicine from about 1896 until 1919 or so. He was a son of **Dr. George W. Weedman** with whom he practiced medicine in Nova, Ashland County until the death of the elder **Weedman**.*

We found a gold mine at the small town library which had local newspaper articles indexed from 1873 through the 1990s! Many of the articles we found were items of a social nature but there were several containing information we did not have.

*One interesting article is copied below. **Dr.***

Charles Benton Weedman married **Lucy Iona DuBois** and they had two children, **Dr. Donald V. Weedman** and **Elizabeth** who married **Ezra Howes Kelley**.

Double Funeral Held in New London Saturday Afternoon

One of the most unusual events that has taken place in New London for some time was the double funeral services that were held last Saturday afternoon when the remains of **Mrs. Iona Weedman** and her son-in-law, **Mr. E. H. Kelley** were placed in a double grave at Grove Street Cemetery.

Both parties had been quite seriously ill with a violent form of pneumonia. **Mr. Kelley** appear to be on the road to recovery but suddenly succumbed Wednesday night with heart failure.

Mrs. Weedman, who had been removed to a hospital passed away on Friday.

A double funeral service for them was conducted in Cleveland after which they were brought to New London for burial.

Those surviving are **Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley** and son **Charles** (wife and son of **Ezra H. Kelley**), and a son (of **Mrs. Weedman**), **Dr. Don Weedman** of Toledo besides a large number of other relatives. A large number of former friends and neighbors were present to show their sympathy and respect for the deceased as well as for the families who are so suddenly bereft of their loved ones.

*Source: New London, OH Times
January 10, 1935*

*Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman*

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

I hope you all are happily planning a great summer. It looks like the worst of weather has passed and my thoughts were with those of you who had hurricane and tornado, flood and heavy snows this past winter.

Also to those who have loved ones in the Middle East at this time, I extend my best to them. We would like to hear from those of you whose sons, brothers and/or cousins are at service there. They will receive special mention in the next Newsletter.

May 17, 2003 was a blessed day for **Jeffrey Kershner** and bride, **Odessa Rau**. Jeffrey is the son of **Lawrence** and **Andrea (Montgomery) Kershner**, and his line goes back to Daniel Weedman, Christian Jr., Christian Sr. Odessa is a daughter of **Dale** and **Marleen Rau**. They were married in the Park Community Church of God, in Salem, OR. The newlyweds visited Vancouver and Victoria, Canada for their honeymoon. They are now at home at 1450 19th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

The very next day, May 18, **Hunter Keaster** was born at Tarzana Regional Medical Center at Los Angeles, to **Robert** and **Jean (Montgomery) Keaster**. Mom and Hunter ...and Dad Keaster are doing well, and already I have a picture of my latest great grandson. Jean is the daughter of **Eugene** and

Yone Takayama Montgomery, of Sylmar, CA.

Obituary

Eleanor Deom

Teresa Eleanor Deom, known by "El" age 75, passed away at Deaconess Hospice Care Center in Evansville, Indiana. A good many of you remember Eleanor. She attended every Reunion since 1990. She had a lovely smile for all she met, and helped much in the research of Indiana Weedman cousins. She was born Feb.21, 1928 in Enfield IL to **Arthur J.** and **Lillian Deom**. She married **Joseph E. Byers**, and they were blessed with five children. She retired from Bristol Myers in 1988, and was involved in many volunteer organizations throughout her life. She leaves to mourn her passing; daughters: **LaDonna Byers**, of Berkeley, CA, **Yvonne**, and her husband **Dean Dunn**, sons **Pat Byers** and wife, **Pat**, of Metairie, LA, **Max Byers**, Ann Arbor, MI; and **Kim Byers**, Evansville, besides brothers and sisters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins who will miss Eleanor.

Eleanor's wish was that any memorials be sent to Alexander North Chapel to the

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Congratulations to the Montgomery family which has had a couple of great recent events!

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The Social Security Death Index is a valuable source of information for family historians. We are seeking information on one of those recently listed there.

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Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Deaconess Hospice Care Center, or Planned Parenthood of Central and Southern Indiana.

A celebration of Life is planned for July 5, 2003, at Wesselman Park in Evansville. Information will be available through Alexander North Chapel, or remembrances may be made online at www.mem.com. Eleanor had hoped she'd be able to make the 2004 Weedman Reunion in San Diego. We will miss her, as will all her friends and loved ones.

Historical Obituary

Sophrona Richards Weedman

Death once more reigns in our midst and we mourn the loss of a highly valued citizen, **Mrs. Sophrona Weedman**, whose severe illness from typho-malarial fever. Her passing occurred Nov. 2, 1896 at 12:40 a.m. Pastor Rev. J. D, Lea, conducted funeral services and her burial

took place locally. **Sophrona** was born in Orange Township, Ashland County June 6, 1836. She was wedded to **Dr. George Weedman** on November 25, 1854, and to them were born one son, **Dr. Charles**, and one daughter, **Miss Eliza**, who still survive. **Mrs. Weedman** was always ready to aid the poor and needy, and she was an influential member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church. Her husband preceded her by 6 years, having died Sept. 5, 1890. All who knew and loved her will surely miss her.

Dr. George Weedman, husband of Sophrona, was a son of **Jacob** and **Catherine (Bishop) Weedman** who was a son of **George** and **Charlotte Huhn Weedman** who was a son of **Christian Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**.

We have several subscribers interested in this line of the Weedman family and we hope this adds to their knowledge.

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2002/3 Social Security Death Register Weedman Deaths

Recent Weedman deaths appearing in the Social Security Death Index are:

Ruby J. Weedman, born 12 Aug. 1915, died 11 Dec. 2002, in Nebraska. It appears that she was the second wife of **Wilbur Wesley Weedman** who was a son of **Grover Cleveland Weedman**.

Frank Allen Weedman, born 13 Oct 1923; died 22 Nov. 2002, (brother of the late **Lutie Strand** who was a long time subscriber and supporter) and son of **Henry Stanley** and **Helen (Fisby) Weedman**. He died in Helena, MT.

Margaret M. Weedman, born 17 Feb. 1927, died 22 Jan. 2003, in Toney, Madison County, Alabama. Apparently she was the widow of **Haskel Eugene Weedman** who was a son of **Jantus** and **Nancy () Weedman**. (*Marguerite Richardt or Dr. William Weedman can confirm this information for us*).

The above named Weedmans (or spouses) were all members of the JACOB Weedman line.

Wesley R. Weedman, Farmer City, IL born Sept 7, 1980 died 8 Feb. 2003 (one of the triplet sons of **James Amos Weedman**). GEORGE Weedman line. Wesley was returning home from work and apparently fell asleep while driving. *An obituary is expected from Joyce Newman and when received, we will print an extract.*

Susan W. Weedman, Denton, TX, born 17 Aug 1951, died 5 Feb. 2003. Her Weedman relationship is not known at this time. Would appreciate help from a

relative who may be reading this.

(Heywood or Kenneth Weedman, we suspect she may have been married to a son of Mark Weedman who used to reside in Albuquerque because her social security number was issued in New Mexico. Can either of you confirm the relationship?)

We extend heart-felt sympathy to survivors of the above named people.

A Weedman Family in Zimbabwe!

It is indeed a pleasure to introduce all of you to **Linda Weedman**, who contacted us from Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa. (formerly Salisbury, Rhodesia). She is a daughter of **William Francis Mardell Weedman**, who was born in April of 1922. His father was **George Thomas Weedman** who was born in Birmingham, England around 1880. He served with the British Army in India, where her dad spent his early days. William came to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in 1945 with the Royal Air Force.

Linda asks our prayers for at this time Zimbabwe is going through hard times with a recent uprising due to a disrupted presidential election and a breakdown of the rule of law.

Linda has been fortunate to be able to travel with her work, into many countries, and has been to USA, Sweden, and other areas with affiliated sports events and varied other work. She sends us all a hearty greeting. Linda would be related to the Weedmans of England, who may be related to our branch, for it's possible that each of the branches of Weedmans have their beginnings in Germany. The Palatinates had to flee Germany, many went to America, and others stopped at

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The Weedman family in Zimbabwe and in South Africa appears to have the same roots as one of the Australian lines.

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England and their descendants still remain on English soil.

Linda has a nephew, **Leonard William Weedman** who lives in South Africa and a niece in Sydney. So, the world expands for the Weedman family!

Letters and Updates On Family Members

I got a lovely letter from **Mary Alice Weedman Fults**, whom many of you will remember. Her sister was **Marjorie Weedman Kennedy**, and her brother is **Carl Weedman** of Mesa, Arizona. (DANIEL's line) Mary Alice is in a retirement home. She's been diagnosed with diabetes, She finds it pleasant to remember the good times we had together at the many reunions, and wants to be remembered to all who remember her, as well. She cherishes her memories of times we all got together. And we miss her. At each reunion if someone who has been with us before, is not there, they are indeed missed. We miss Marjorie and Carl, also.

We heard from **Susan (Weedman) Cameron** of Burbank, CA. also. She is a daughter of **Claude Henry Weedman**, and a sister of the late **George Weedman** of South Dakota. The **Claude Henry Weedman** family used to enjoy many reunions together in SD as a family. Susan spoke of visiting Farmer City in 1933 while in Illinois, attending the Chicago World's Fair. In those days so many of the highways were dirt and dusty. The cars weren't as reliable as trains when it came to long distance travel. We've come a long way since then. Susan is 86 now, and lived in Sunland, CA for 48 years, before moving with her daughter in Burbank. Her husband passed away seven years ago. **Richard Weedman**, her nephew lives in Naples, Florida

where his mother, **Polly Weedman**, is also residing and subscribes to the Newsletter also. Her sister, **Edna Rounthwaite** is the only one beside herself, (Susan) of her siblings to yet be alive. What a joy it would be to see them in 2004. I'm hoping that Susan and Edna.... and Richard and family will be at San Diego's reunion.

We enjoy hearing from you and please keep the letters coming. If I have made a mistake please let me know, as sometimes I misread handwriting.

The summer of 2003 looks to be a busy one for the family of **Bill and Pat Weedman** of Wilson, North Carolina. Their son, **William L. Jr** (or "**Rusty**") will marry **Melanie** on July 4, 2003. more later on this upcoming wedding. Bill and Pat will head for Ohio County, KY in August, for Bill's 49th class reunion of Beaver Dam High. They're looking forward to seeing family and friends in Kentucky and sharing memories with Bill's former classmates.

September will involve another visit to Europe for Bill and Pat (their third in the past three years). As a military retiree, Bill and Pat can travel "space-available" on military aircraft. While there, and if plans work out, they will visit Rotterdam in an attempt to find a copy of the ship *Anderson's* manifest list. Bill and Pat are quite familiar with Germany, and what is available there in the line of research. Bill met Pat in France on his second tour of duty in that country. Bill was a Captain in the Army and Pat taught school at a military base there. But their paths parted and they met again in Mannheim Germany area and were married in Basel, Switzerland in December of 1966. The scenery there must have been lovely... snowy and glistening with winter wonderland beauty. We'll get the details on

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Marianne has received quite a number of letters providing news on different family members.

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their upcoming tripprobably in the WINTER Newsletter, so keep tuned.

Perry County, Indiana Weedman Wills

In Orange County, IN, **Neil Kenyon** found an index of Perry county Wills. I suppose the originals would be in the new courthouse in Tell City, Perry County. We would like a copy of these three wills if anyone would care to get them copied for us. Send them to Marianne or to Nick, and you will be reimbursed for your expense in getting them. Take a note. ...here are the names:

WEEDMAN, Daniel – wife **Nancy** is in Book B. Part 2 page 28, Nov. 1855
Elizabeth Jackson to Nancy Weedman is in Book B Part 2 page 239
George Weedman, will is in book D page 172, April 28 1897.

Both my address and Nick's are on Page 10 of this Newsletter. Thanks for this favor.

Subscriptions Due for Some!

The response to our annual subscription campaign was remarkably successful. To all who contributed for the continuation of the Newsletter, we extend our thanks. There are still some who have not made their donation (we ask \$5.00 per year to help cover the cost of copies and postage), we are inserting a gentle reminder with this issue. If you are due for renewal, you will find a small, yellow slip in this issue that states where you should mail your contribution. We will remove those who do not respond from our mailing list for the next and subsequent issues.

Again, we appreciate the great support and kind words received from so many.

Fayette County, Pennsylvania Tax Lists

(One of the most useful early genealogical tools in many states is a property tax list. Kentucky and Ohio have many that have been published but Pennsylvania also has some early lists. When in Fayette County, Pennsylvania we had the opportunity of looking at early lists. Christian Weedman, Sr. was in this County from about 1765 until 1799. Fayette was formed in 1783 from Westmoreland County and it may be helpful to look at lists in that County just to see what appears. If you want to see variant spellings for the Weedman surname, read on!).

1785	Viedman, Christian
1785	Vidman, Christian (this could be Christian, Jr.)
1786	Viedman, Christian
1788	Weedman, Christian
1789	Weedman, Christopher
1790	Weedman, John
1792	Weedman, Christian
1795	Weidman, Christopher
1796	Weedman, Christian
1797	Weedman, George
1799	Weedman, Christian
	Weedman, Christopher
	Weedman, George
	Weedman, Jacob (removed)
1801	Weedman, Christian, George and Jacob are noted as gone!

All were listed in German Township, Fayette County. The original tax list also shows the number of horses and cattle owned by the resident (Christian had 3 horses and 2 cattle in 1785) but this was not recorded during the visit. It is unclear if the missing years do not have records

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The information from the Fayette Co., PA tax lists have not been researched as far as we know. Variant names are of interest.

We are seeking volunteers to help on researching the hometowns for as many of the passengers on the ship, Anderson, as possible.

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or if these were simply not filmed. **George Weedman** first appears in 1797 (he was born in 1775 so this is the first full year after his 21st birthday although it is unclear if one had to be 21 to be taxed for property or merely own property). Note the removal of **Jacob Weedman** prior to 1799 – he had left for Bullit County, Kentucky! Also, note the many spellings of both the surname and the given name! Also found in the tax lists were **Joseph Murphy** in 1788 and 1789 and a **James Murphy** in 1797. One of the daughters of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** was **Elizabeth**, born circa 1767, who married a Murphy. She is named in the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** will but we have never been able to determine whom she married. Perhaps the tax lists provide a clue.

Simon Overturf

Christian Weedman, Sr. sold his land in 1799 and left Fayette County, PA winding up ultimately in Perry County, OH. On March 13, 1799, he executed two deeds in which he sold 202 acres of New Holland (the name of his homestead) to **Ephraim Walters** for £1,012 and 10shillings. It is known that Walters was in Hampshire County, VA prior to Fayette County, PA and that he was likely the leader of the migration to Fayette County. The deed was recorded on 22 August 1799.

The balance of the land, some 99 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres was sold to **Simon Overturf** with the deed being recorded 6 December 1799. When in Fayette County, we learned something of Overturf that is of potential value. He was born in 1772/73 to **Johannes** and **Elizabeth (Remlp) Overturf**. He married **Mary DeBolt** in Fayette County and they lived there until 1809 when they moved to Licking County, OH. A **John W.** and **Zetta C. DeBolt**

own 91.8 acres of land today on what was the original homestead of **Christian Weedman, Sr.**! It is unclear if it has been in the DeBolt family since 1799 but it would appear that it has. **Ephraim Walters** also married a **Mary DeBolt** who was presumably a cousin to the wife of **Simon Overturf**. **Simon Overturf** died 24 March 1820 in Licking County, OH and is buried in the Old Eden Cemetery north of Kelbourne, OH. **Mary (DeBolt) Overturf** was born 2 February 1778 in German Township, Fayette County, PA and died 29 July 1849 in Brown Township, Delaware County, OH.

The connection of the Weedman, Walters, DeBolt and Overturf families goes back a long way. Perhaps we will never know but one wonders if the location of **Christian Weedman** in Perry and Licking Counties, OH influenced **Simon Overturf** to relocate there.

Ship Anderson Project

We are trying to determine the nativity of **Christian Weedman, Senior**. We *think* he was born in Germany in 1734 or 1735. We *know* he immigrated to the U.S. arriving on the ship, Anderson, in August 1750. Because he was only a teenager and there were no other apparent family members accompanying him, there is a strong likelihood that he arrived with citizens from his place of birth or even relatives with a different surname.

We undertook a project to see if we could find where as many of his fellow passengers originated as possible and asked for volunteers to take several of those passengers to see if we could determine where they lived prior to the journey. Only a few have volunteered... more are needed, so if you are willing to help, send a note to Nick Weedman

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(nick@weedman.org) and advise which of the passengers you are willing to tackle. The full list of passengers is on our web site at www.weedman.org.

We think this may be the only way we have a chance of finding our ancestor's place of origin.

Will you be willing to do just a little genealogical research on those passengers? Use of existing resources on the Internet is probably all that is needed. The Family History Center of the LDS Church, Ancestry.com, RootsWeb are all sources that can be used on this.

Let us know. We need your help.

A Search for our Ancestral Burial Grounds

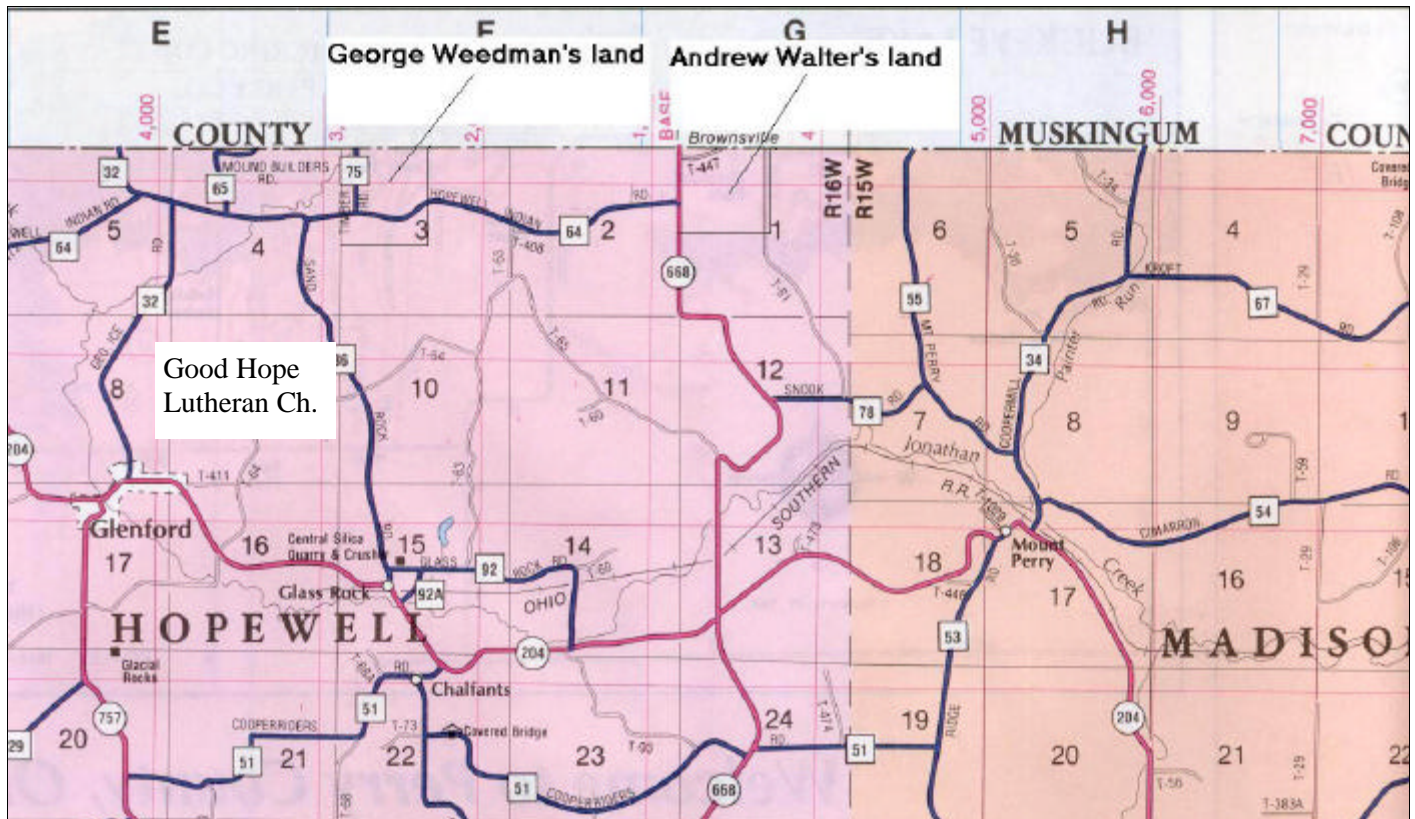
The following is an attempt to document what is believed to be the possible location of the burial site for the earliest of some of our ancestors. News is not good but it is an attempt to document findings so far.

We only know the burial locations for three of the children of Christian Weedman: **George Weedman**, **Catherine Weedman Kefover**, and **Mary Weedman Myers**. The approximate location for the grave of Barbara Weedman Riffle Kerns is known (in downtown Morgantown, WV!).

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Map of Hopewell & Madison Townships, Perry County Ohio

The map shown below has been annotated to show the location of land owned by George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman and Andrew & Sarah (Weedman) Walters. This is in the extreme Northeast part of Perry Co., OH.



Where is the Burial Place for Christian Weedman, Senior?

Christian and Elizabeth Weedman lived in Fayette County, PA from 1765 through 1799. They sold their homestead, New Holland (see related article on page) and ultimately ended up in Perry County, Ohio. They lived in what then was Fairfield County and that is where the will of Christian Weedman, Sr. is found. They also had land in Licking County, Ohio which was sold shortly before the death of Christian. Elizabeth died after 1820.

Other family members residing in the same area were sons, George, John, as well as daughters Sarah Walters and Catherine Kefover.

Although the family only lived in this area from just after 1800 until 1830, there were a number of family members who died during this time. The question is: where were these family members buried?

Andrew and Sarah (Weedman) Walters sold their property (which was part of the Weedman homestead) in 1806 and moved to Perry County, Ohio. Andrew got a land warrant for a quarter section of land in what is now Hopewell Township (legal description was the NW 1/4, Section 1, Range 16, Township 17). Between the time the family arrived and the death of Christian, Sr. in 1811, Sarah had died. She was the first known family member to die in either Pennsylvania or Ohio. Some of the husbands had died such as Nicholas Riffle, husband of Barbara, and John Huhn, Jr., husband of Catherine Weedman both died in Fayette County.

Christian died in 1811 and Elizabeth died after 1820 and probably before 1830.

In the 1800-1820 time frame, there were no cemeteries known to have been organized in the area. The earliest known one is that of the Good Hope Lutheran Church in Hopewell Township. But, it began after this time frame.

In 1830, John Weedman who was a son of Christian and Elizabeth died (a lawsuit over his estate has helped to confirm his siblings and some of their heirs). At a similar time, Jacob, son of George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman died probably in this area.

So, where are they all buried?

The most likely place appears to be on the homestead of Andrew Walters. Because his wife was the first of the family to die, it may well be that she was buried on the family farm. Then when Christian died not long after, if he was indeed buried in that family burial plot, others like his wife and son may have been buried there as well.

A second possibility would be on the land owned by George Weedman as shown on the preceding map. This is less likely a location simply due to the earlier deaths than that of George's son, Jacob Weedman.

A third possibility is in an existing cemetery such as the one in Brownsville, OH which is just north of the land owned by the Walters.

A son of Jacob and Catherine Weedman Kefover, Levi, born in 1806 and died in 1832 is buried in the Good Hope Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Now the bad news! The land first owned by the Walters has been turned into a hazardous waste dump and any hope of finding anything there is gone. It may be possible to examine the land first owned by George Weedman but all known cemeteries in Perry County have been catalogued. It is worth a try to see if we can find anything like a family burial plot in these areas but chances of success are minimal.

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Hope you all are enjoying this fine fall weather. Summer was too hot in Washington State and people in the Northwest aren't used to a rainless summer as we had this year. But now the rain has returned and everybody's dancing.

In the Summer Newsletter, Nick gave us the various spellings that the name Weedman could have been used (see page 13, Volume 36, Issue 2). This was in Fayette Co., PA and we see that beginning with 1785 evidence is there that **Christian Weedman** and family lived in German Township, Fayette County. And we are fairly sure that there was a possible family blood relation the Walters and Weedman family early on (Sarah Weedman a daughter of Christian, Sr. married Andrew Walters, son on Ephriam) and that the Walters were early in Hampshire County, VA. Where was Christian's family say.....from 1750 until 1762 when his first daughter was born in Hampshire County, VA? I have look into records of Hampshire County and although I looked for Widman(n), Wiedman, Weidman, Weedman, and Wedeman, etc. I confess I didn't look in Hampshire county for Vidman, Viedman,anything with a "V". So here we go again...the plot thickens!

Hampshire County VA was made from Frederick County, VA in 1753. I haven't seen a lot of information of an early date

for Hampshire. But lets look again a little closer this time.

A lot of younger Weedmans are searching through the Internet for their roots and we're delighted to know this, because they are going to be the ones to carry on when the older Weedmans pass on. Let your imagination or hunches take over when you turn on your computers (those of you who have them) and if you don't, try to remember some Weedman stories of the past; some thing that happened that now is a traditional "joke" that passes around in the family, and everyone knows what it's all about, and everyone has a hearty laugh.

Perhaps the Ohio Weedmans know of possible burying places near and around Perry Co. OH which might have cemetery information to add to what we have already. Good sources are "*Gateway to the West*" periodical serials and "*Ohio Records and Pioneer Families*". This last mentioned periodical serials has an index, from year 1-25 of the periodical run, which is sent to the libraries ordering the periodical. I feel sure "*Gateway to the West*" has one too.

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Hampshire Co., VA (now WV) was the residence of the Christian Weedman family in 1762.

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Christian Weedman Book Still Available

Gena Lee Theiss has more of the latest "*Christian Weedman and Descendants*" edition. Christmas is coming sooner than we want to think.....but a book would be a fitting gift to pass on to the children and grandchildren. Give it some thought, and contact Gena at her home:

Gena Lee Theiss
8417 Burlingame Rd.
Louisville, KY 20419

Speaking about missing Weedmans.....or rather, ones we know lived but where they went to, or died at, we are uncertain. One of these is Christian Weedman Jr. and his wife, Mary Marshall. They were last seen on the 1830 Grayson County, Kentucky census. They were not in the 1840 census or later but they could have been missed by the census taker. That

happens, but somehow, I keep trying to find them in or around Grayson County, KY.

All's quiet on the GEORGE WEEDMAN (son of Christian Sr.) lines, This line left good records behind, and we found most of them in Illinois cemeteries, but some went to Iowa, I understand, and we want someone to tell us about these lost sheep. Others went to Kansas and other places south and west. If you who are reading this now can shed anything new on your old, old stories I'll be happy to share it in the Newsletter.

Wedding

William, Jr. and Melanie Weedman

Capt. William ("Rusty") Weedman, Jr. was married this past July 4th to **Melanie**, a lovely girl he met when he was stationed at Ft Bragg, NC. **William, Sr.** and **Pat**, (his wife) and his sister,

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The 2002 edition of *Christian Weedman and His Descendants* is a significant update on Gena Theiss' earlier Work.

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Chantal, participated in the wedding festivities also. **Rusty** is continuing his service to his country, after leaving active duty with the Army a year ago. He's now serving as Company Commander in the Texas National Guard.

Rusty's parents, **Bill** and **Pat Weedman**, are back from a wonderful trip to Ohio County, KY in August. It was Bill's 49th Class Reunion of Beaver Dam High School! Bill is already working with classmates for their 50th year Anniversary in 2004. There's more!!

In September **Bill** and **Pat** are flying to Italy and to Stuttgart and Munich areas for the Volksfest and Oktoberfest. While in Germany they will try to locate something valuable concerning our family. He will be aware of the Viedman spelling, I'm sure, and here's hoping they enjoy their trip, and also that they find something to bring smiles to every Weedman family member! **Bill** and **Pat** live in Wilson, North Carolina.

Weedman Family Wills in Perry County, Indiana

Thanks to **Carl Weedman** (DANIEL's line) for the three Perry County, IN wills. Carl went to Indiana earlier this year and got copies of them from the Courthouse there. I'm abstracting the pertinent information rather than printing them out completely. If space necessitates that one of them be in the next Newsletter, then we'll place it there, in the Winter issue.

Daniel Weedman Will

(Daniel Weedman was born in 1801 to Christian, Jr. and Mary (Marshall) Weedman in Grayson Co., KY. He moved to Perry County, IN where he died in 1854. He was buried in the Lasher Cemetery just North of Bristow, IN. This cemetery has a large number of Weedman family members buried there.)

Last will and Testament of DANIEL WEEDMAN, of Perry County, IN, deceased. Son John Weedman to have one yoke of oxen; one sow with pigs, four sheep and one feather bed and bedding. I also direct that my son, Felix Weedman, if he remains with me or my wife until he be twenty-one years of age, shall have forty acres of land or sixty-five dollars in money, one horse or fifty dollars in money, one sow and pigs, four sheep, one cow and one feather bed, and bedding, I also direct that my two sons, Jacob Willis and Elisha Weedman shall have of the first money that may be collected out of my estate after my debts and funeral expenses are paid, the sum of one hundred fifty dollars, to be put to interest by my executor until they become of age; to be equally divided between them. I also direct that my four daughters, Melinda, Nancy Jane, Mary Amanda, and Delana Weedman shall each (as they become of age or marry) one cow, one feather bed and bedding, one sow and pigs, four head of sheep, and five dollars in money. I do direct that the balance of my estate remaining, shall be and remain in the possession of my wife, Nancy Weedman, during her natural life if she should keep house so long, but in the event of her death, or breaking up housekeeping, I direct that my four daughters before mentioned and my daughter, Martha Jackson, shall have each, twenty five dollars in money. I also further direct that should my two sons, Jacob Willis and Elisha Weedman pass the age of seventeen years, that they be bound by my executor, to some good trade. I further direct that if my wife should break up housekeeping before her death that she shall remain in full possession of her dower, and that the remainder of the property shall be divided between my five sons and my five daughters. In the event of the death of my wife,

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The wills from Perry County, IN are just a few of great interest to the Weedman family. More will be extracted in future issues.

Two of the Weedman wills shown here were witnessed by a Lanman. There are several ties of the Weedman and Lanman families in Perry County.

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the property then in her possession to be divided among my children above named and share alike. I hereby ordain my worthy friend, **John McKim**, executor of this, my last will and testament. On this 10th day of March, 1854. Witnesses: **John Aders** and **James Lanman**.

The will was filed on the 21 day of November 1855 and was probated on 21 Nov. 1871.

Not all of Daniel's children inherited. He specifically names those who he has chosen to acknowledge in his will. **Willis**, his first son died before his last son was born (or so it seems) for his last son was named **Jacob Willis Weedman**. **George Weedman**, his second son, was not named. Perhaps George had already received his portion either as a gift or an unpaid loan..

Elizabeth Jackson Will

(Nancy Weedman, named in the Elizabeth Jackson will, was married to John Weedman, a son of Daniel and Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman. She was born in Perry County in 1837 and died in 1878. John was born in 1831 and died in 1896. They are buried in the Lasher Cemetery.)

I'm going to abstract the will of **Elizabeth Jackson**, made on the 24th of May 1871 and executed on Nov. 21 1871.

Neil Kenyon found a codicil (apparently) to this will, for he said something about "to her daughter, **Nancy Weedman**". Perhaps she (**Nancy**) had been left out of a previous will.

Elizabeth Jackson made her will simply dividing equally her estate among her living children: **Mary Ann Cassidy**, **Nancy Weedman**, and **Elizabeth Hicks** (daughters) and sons **Levi Jackson**, **Samuel Jackson**, and **James Jackson**.

George Weedman Will

(George Weedman was a son of Daniel and Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman, born in 1823 and died in 1897. He married Margaret Baysinger. George was buried in the Lasher Cemetery near Bristow, IN).

The Last Will and Testament of **GEORGE WEEDMAN** (Abstracted for brevity). I, **George Weedman** make the following declarations: I give unto my son, **William T. Weedman**, all of my real estate south of the road running from the **John Weedman** farm. Also 40 acres northwest quarter of Section thirty-four (34), to be his while he should live, and to go to his heirs after his death. I give to my son, **Samuel L. Weedman**, all of my real estate north of the road running from the farm of **John Weedman**, to the north half of the northwest corner of Section thirty four (34), township four (4) south of Range three west to be his while he should live and at death, go to his heirs, and that my sister, **Mary**, shall have two rooms of the house and said land as long as she wants to keep them.

To **John D. Weedman** and his heirs I have given out of my estate the sum of twelve hundred and forty nine dollars and 97 cents (\$1249.97). I hold his receipt for same. It shall be used in the settlement of my estate.

To my daughter, **Nancy S. Huff**, and her heirs, I give as follows: Three Hundred Dollars and to her heirs, equal shares of the remainder of her share to go to her children. I also hold her receipt for one hundred and twenty-one dollars to be used in settling her share.

I give to my son, **Andrew E. Weedman**, the sum of five hundred dollars and one bed and plenty of bed clothes, and bedstead for his use. Also if need be, as many more as would make up his share.

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Equal with the other children. If not needed, to go to my children in equal parts at his death, and I name **William T. Weedman** as my guardian.

To my sister, **Mary A. Weedman**, I give three hundred dollars in cash and the kitchen furniture and four chairs and one cow and one years provision, and if she takes care of my son, **Andrew E.**, she shall have fifty dollars per year for same; to be paid out of his estate. I hold the receipt of **William T. Weedman** for \$1002.80 which must be settled in my estate, and **Samuel L. Weedman** is the Executor of this my last Will and Testament. Will made and attested on 8 January 1897 and filed on 28 April 1897.

Witnesses: **William H. Lanman**
Samuel N. Hilt

Another Christian Weedman in Ohio?

In the last Newsletter (SUMMER) we were wondering where **Christian Weedman Sr.** was buried. He died in 1811. I looked at my Ohio sources here at home, and I see that there was a **Christian Weedman** who was in the 1840 census of Crawford County, OHIO.

We know this wasn't Christian, Sr., but could he have been Christian Jr. or another Christian Weedman? Name spelled WEEDMAN, just like Christian Jr. spelled it. It seems to me I looked into this before and couldn't find him, but perhaps if more of us look, we'll see what I may have overlooked. This **Christian Weedman** lived in Bucyrus Twp, and is located on page 5 of the Crawford Co., OH census.

A Note from Dr. Gary Weedman

Dr. Gary E. Weedman has written to us and we quote a bit of his note. "After a thirty four year career in higher education, most recently at Palm Beach Atlantic University, as Provost, I have joined the staff of TCM International as Senior Vice President." He advised that TCM provides graduate theological education for men and women in Eastern and Central Europe. He has been a volunteer for this organization for about 20 years. The European Headquarters for TCM is in Vienna, Austria. Gary was there in April of this year. He spoke at the Spring Commencement at TCM. The American headquarters is in Indianapolis, where Gary is living now. Thanks for sharing your good news, Gary.

Update on the New Book of Everett E. Smith

The first book of "Generations" by **Everett E. Smith**, grandson of Mary Ann "Molly" Weedman Brands of STEPHEN's line. Everett is a 73 year old native Arkansan who worked as a long distance truck driver and as a construction equipment operator across the United States. His dream of writing started many years ago, but became a reality while caring for his wife, **Elizabeth**, before her death. She encouraged him to write his thoughts during this time while he was at home caring for her. Every day you could find him, filling notebooks in long-hand, in the house a or out under a shade tree in the back yard, or in a straight back chair by the wash room. Often **Elizabeth** would be out, sitting with him. **Everett** and **Elizabeth** had three daughters, all now living in Pine Bluff, AR.

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A suggestion for a Christmas gift - either the Everett Smith book or the updated Christian Weedman work detailed on page 18

More plans on the 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering will be given in the Winter issue of the Newsletter.

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His niece, **Jean Huffty**, (daughter of Everett's sister) is working with him in distribution. They will have the first 500 books in Pine Bluff and he will personally autograph them.

Jean says, "To reserve, please send me your name, mailing address, phone number and e-mail address if you have a computer. We are looking at a price of about \$20.00 but that is not firm since we have to get final figures for taxes and shipping. Please contact me, **Jean Huffty**, 4550 Highway 54, Star City, AR 71667 or at (870) 357-2909 or e-mail me jhuffty62@tds.net. Send no money; just your reservation with the information asked for above"

I gave a paragraph or two in a recent Newsletter about Everett's book. It's the kind of book that Americans are turning back to now with appreciation of what America stands for and meansnot only in New York or Washington DC, but in the mid west and southern areas of the country where happiness and tears formed America's backbone, and this trilogy Smith is writing is all about those times.....It is an historical novel of folk America.

I haven't heard from many of you in so long.....and I do want to share your joys and your sorrows, or anything in between that you want to share. The Newsletter is your story as well as ours, and without you there would be precious little to write about, so please let us know about new additions to your branch of the Weedman tree, and any who have gone to a better Home above. We hope to see a lot of you at the San Diego National Gathering . You owe yourselves a trip to San Diego, and especially when you will be with friends and family there at the Reunion.

2004 Weedman National Gathering Dates Announced

Paul Weedman has advised that the Committee organizing the **2004 Weedman National Gathering** will be held on August 20-22, 2004 in San Diego. They are busy finding a venue for the event as well as planning activities for all to enjoy. There will likely be many back East who may be unable to participate but we hope to more than make up for those with new family members living in the West. Stay tuned for more details. As soon as Paul has more, the details will be posted on our web site which is at <http://www.Weedman.org>.

Website Update

If you haven't visited the *Weedman Family Website* in some time, you may want to give it a visit. The site grows in size as new items are added and we continue to attract over 300 hits per month.

Frieda Davison has done a lot of work to update the Civil War service page. This lists all known (and some we cannot connect) family members who served in the Civil War. As with all other genealogical research, we continually find new information on Civil War veterans and add that info to this page when we can.

Our **Ship Anderson Project** has had disappointing results. Only 3-4 family members are pursuing research on others on the ship on which **Christian Weedman, Sr.** arrived. Our theory is that Christian came to this country with other family members or with friends from his same hometown. If we can find the originating point for other passen-

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gers on the ship, Anderson, we could narrow our leads on where to search for **Christian Weedman's** home town.

The Newsletter page has this publication back issues for a couple of years available for viewing. You will need to have Adobe Acrobat to view those files but that is free software and we offer a like to Adobe to download the latest version!

We have pages for the Florida and the Swedish branches of the Weedman family and have subscribers to the Newsletter that descend from those branches.

We have been tempted but resisted to put lineage information on the site. This could be done and we could list descendants for each major line of the family for say 4-5 generations. Any thoughts on whether we should do this and omit information on living descendants would be appreciated.

The address of the website is:
<http://www.weedman.org>.

The site is hosted in Austin, TX by a firm (Affiniscape) at which **Adam Weedman** works. Adam and his staff have been gracious hosts and have always been available to respond to questions whenever we have problems. Thanks, Adam and Affiniscape for your fine support

New Census Availability Facilitates Research

The availability of the Federal census records, many of which are indexed, has greatly facilitated genealogical research. Formerly available at some libraries or through rental arrangements, all records are now on the Internet at www.ancestry.com. This has permitted some research

which would probably not have been pursued under the old arrangements. We will report on two "finds" which may be of interest to some subscribers. These will focus on families that had second marriages.

James Horton Weedman

The 1910 Nevada census showed a **James Weedman** living there and working as a gold miner. It was unclear who the individual was on the surface but when the actual census record was consulted, it was found that **James Weedman** was a single male, aged 48 who was born in Indiana as was his parents. He was living in the Manhattan District of Nye County, NV. Comparing this information to our data base on the Weedman family, we find the only person fitting the information found in the census was **James Horton Weedman**.

James Horton Weedman was a son of **Jacob, Jr.** and **Nancy (Stubblefield) Weedman** of Pike County, IN. James is found in the 1880 Pike County census as a 20 year old who was attending school. It appears he never married and we are unable to find him in subsequent records until the 1910 Nevada census. Nor can we find him in subsequent census records.

If anyone knows of **James Horton Weedman**, we would appreciate the contact and information.

Phoebe Halsey Weedman And Her Children

George Weedman, the son of **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**, married **Phoebe Halsey** after the death of his first wife, **Charlotte Huhn**. The marriage occurred on May 7, 1838 in McLean Co.,

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The availability of indexed census records on the Internet has greatly facilitated genealogical research.

Incredibly, a grandson of Christian Weedman was living in St. Louis in 1920! See the article for details.

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IL. There were apparently four children by this couple and we have never been able to find what happened to two of the four.

The four children were:

- **Delilah**, born 1834
- **George Washington**, born 1839
- **Hannah**, born 1842, and
- **William P.**, born 1847

The family appears in the 1850 McLean Co., IL census.

On June 19, 1856, **Phoebe Weedman** married **William Johnson**, a teacher who was a neighbor to George and Phoebe prior to George's death. The family subsequently moved to Peoria County, IL where they were living in 1860.

Delilah Weedman was either a child of a previous marriage of **Phoebe Halsey** or she was born out of wedlock and perhaps adopted by George. **Delilah** married **Robert Mayes** and they had a single surviving child, Arthur Mayes, Jr. (From earlier correspondence, we knew there were four children but only one that survived.)

We have been unable to determine what happened to **Hannah Weedman** but she either married, probably in Peoria County, or she died at a young age.

The 1870 Federal census for Chillicothe, Peoria County, IL shows Delilah as a 35 year old widow living with her 13 year old son. The same census for Lacon, Marshall County, IL shows a **George Weedman**, 31, farmer living with **Phebe Weedman**, 58, as well as **George W. Weedman**, 25, and **William**, age 23 who is shown as a cripple.

Delilah and **Arthur Mayes** moved to Adair County, Iowa. Phoebe died there in

1898 and Delilah died in 1912. They are both buried in the Penn Street Cemetery.

In the 1910 Federal Census, we stumbled across **George W. Weedman** living in St. Louis. He was shown as 71 years old, was married to Mary (maiden name unknown) with daughters **Hattie M. Weedman** (36 years old born in IL) and **Lillie Bearsley** (34 years old, born in IL). Lillie's husband, **Charles E. Bearsley**, is shown in the same household as well as **Anna M. Weedman**, a 2 year old daughter. It is unclear if she was **George W. Weedman's** daughter or that of **Hattie M. Weedman**.

In the 1920 Federal census for St. Louis, **George W. Weedman**, 80, and his wife, **Mary**, 73, are shown living in the household of **Charles** and **Lillian Beardsley**.

This is a grandson of Christian Weedman who was living in St. Louis in 1920 which is some 170 years after Christian had immigrated to this country. One has to wonder if the Beardsley family might know what George Washington Weedman might have revealed about the family origins! We have to keep in mind that **George W. Weedman** was born well after the death of his grandfather and barely knew his father. Still, family stories have a way of staying around.

In the Social Security Death Index, we find that the two sons of the Beardsleys died in 1975 and 1987.

The census records available today allow research to be compressed in time. Because many are indexed, researching these is greatly simplified and the Internet makes them readily available.

**Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman**

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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello there, Cousins,

We hope that everyone reading this Newsletter has had a pleasant Christmas and that many of you talked about family ties of the past generations.

As we search various records to learn about our ancestors, we are pleased to find so many happy stories about many of them. We hope that some of you will share the stories you have with us. They don't have to be "old stories" either. I wonder how many of you have folks who fought in World Wars I and II? Viet Nam? I just finished reading "GI Joe and Lily" a book which describes life in the era of World War II. I finished reading *GENERATIONS I (One)* written by **Everett Earl Smith**, a descendant of **Stephen Weedman**, son of **Christian Weedman, Jr.** For those of you who buy your books on line, go to Amazon.com and type in Generations II (for the second book). *Generations I* can be purchased via YAHOO, Ev Smith himself, for a autographed copy, AMAZON, and Dorrance Publishers....all on line. Ev's e-mail is:

EVERETTSMITH@cablelynx.com. See page 22 in the Fall 2003 Newsletter for more information.

We are still hoping to find the burial places of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman (Christian Sr.)**. We believe that Fairfield, Licking or Perry County, OH would be logical places to locate this information. On the USGENWEB.com

has a table of states and counties within the states, and for those of you with computers, try Google.com for any information on any name(s). Some of you don't have nor want a computer in your home and that's okay. Just keep reading your Weedman Newsletter and you'll know the latest finds. Also we hope to find the burial place of **Jacob Weedman**, son of Christian Sr. and Elizabeth.

Neil Kenyon is on the prowl in many areas of Dubois, Jasper, and Crawford Counties. He is trying to locate the burial site for **Jesse Hamilton Stewart** and **Mary E. (Taylor) Weedman**. In addition, he has furnished an interesting newspaper article on the death of one of **Green Berry** and **Susan (Cart) Weedman's** daughters. This appears on page 28 of this issue.

Others are searching the German forebears. We're trying a new tactic now. We are attempting via computers to find the origin of the men and families who came over on the **ANDERSON - 1750 sailing**. I will send a list of these names to those of you who write, asking for it. And, you can check our progress out on the web site under the Ship Anderson page. The web site is: www.Weedman.org.

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*Everett E. Smith's books, **Generations I and Generations II** are now available. See this issue for ordering information.*

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I found in the local library's genealogy section, a book called **OLD FREDERICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA**" It has a wonderful map enclosed in a back pocket of the book cover, and this indicates that the **MARSHALL** family (and the temporary home of the **Christian WEEDMAN Sr.** family lived in the time period of 1785. **Christian Junior** and **Mary Marshall** married in Mercer County, KY. Obviously they left that area along with some of the Marshall family for the Mercer County area just being settled in KY. We know that Christian Jr. and Mary moved on to Grayson County, KY and raised their family there. Some of the Marshalls stayed in Mercer County. Hampshire and Hardy counties were part of "Old Frederick" and now they are in West Virginia, so we need to search the two states for **Weedman, Widman, Weidman, Wiedman** etc.

Good news! **Bill and Thea Weedman**

are proud to announce that daughter, **Arie**, has passed the California State Bar and is now officially an attorney. Our congratulations to **Arie!!** **Arie** and a girl-friend of hers went to Italy this past fall. It was amazing because they covered so much territory there in the two weeks they were there. They saw everything worth seeing, I imagine, as I read her "diary letters" on the trip. **Arie** has a wonderful way of writing, and clear thinking that made it a fun series to read.

William Weedman of Wilson, NC and wife, **Pat**, went to Germany, and Holland last summer, and they found time to begin an investigation as to what is available and where it might be found on our **Weedman /Widman** family. Unfortunately there was a fierce hurricane in Holland when they went there to search, but they did find there are no passenger lists for the Anderson there. The ships captains were sometimes careless about those lists and their interest was in the

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Bill and Pat Weedman's trip to Europe produced some good information. They return to Europe in the summer and we hope they are able to continue research while there.

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wages they would get for transporting passengers to America. We do know that **Hugh Campbell** was the Captain of the **Anderson** and he did make a list. I learned that his spelling was none too good, when I tried to find all of the passengers on Google.com. For instance, Jonas **Mutchler** was spelled Jonas **Murchler** on the list. Google got that straightened out for me, by asking "Did you mean **Jonas Mutchler**?" I found it was the same man as was on the Anderson. Many, and perhaps a majority of German immigrants were named "John" plus a middle name. They go by the middle name because there are so many Johan, Johannes, Johans etc. spellings of John. Johan, etc. was the Patron Saint of Germany maybe still is, if countries still have a patron saint.

Back to the trip Bill and Pat had last summer. Because of the hurricane, they had to get out of Holland before they could research in Rotterdam. However, Bill is going back this summer. He will hopefully have time to go there. He and Pat next went to Stuttgart, in Germany. It's right in the heart of Rhineland, I believe. The people at the State Archives were helpful, and located the town of Gneibel where there were Widmans about the time that Christian Sr. was born. Also there were Widmans in Stuttgart Land Records of 1730-1740. There were 50 Widmans in land records. Although most of those 50 were in the 1800's....too late for ours.

There were 20 **Christian Widmans** in the Baden-Neurenberg Protestant church records. Bill was telling me this on the phone, and I hope I have it straight. The **Christian Widman** that **Amy Weedman** found may not have died after all. His name simply vanished out of the area, and may have been one of the many families and people who signed up saying they were going to Prussia, but who

secretly headed for Rotterdam, straight up the course of the Rhine River. *(Editor's Note: the **Christian Widman** found by **Amy Weedman** was subsequently shown to have died and is buried in Gneibel).* Many Germans did this. He was told this at the Archives (?) in Stuttgart. Some of the records found had a notation "going to Prussia". Bill learned that the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, England may have records of interest to ships sailing for America. Ulm and Vesterstatden also had Widmans. If I've goofed on any information in Bill's trip, I'll correct it in the next Newsletter. Bill will read this, and he'll know. Bill said there were a lot of Bopp families in that area, too. Bill noted that the name Bop was one of those on the passenger list along with our Christian Widman.

You all will be happy to know that **Everett Smith**, author of Generations 1 and II and some of his family plan to attend the reunion in San Diego. Also we hope to see **Carl Weedman** also, besides many of you who we haven't met, yet, and many of you who we have, and are looking forward to meeting again.

If any of you have news, I'll even put my e-mail address right in the middle of the Newsletter if it will generate some response from some one....or two....or three. In the meantime I am looking over some items and found some to comment on. If you know the answers to anything below, let me know. My e-mail address is monty410@juno.com. Or, alternately, marianne@weedman.org.

Queries

Caroline Weidman
Of Perry County, Indiana

We received the following query from a lady name Kathy who is searching for a Weidman of Perry County, Indiana:

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We believe that our Christian Weedman, Sr. had roots in an area of Germany called the Palatine. More work is needed to establish proof.

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I am searching for Caroline Wiedman or Weedman, born in Switzerland about 1848, and immigrated to Tell City, IN. She married Jacob Hauenstein, had several children, and died in 1898. Kathy. Kvickr@aol.com.

Anybody know of the **Hauenstein** family of Tell City? If so write to Kathy, at the e-mail above, and send me a copy at my address above.

Is **Joe Wolverton** out there? His uncle was thinking that he would like to receive the Newsletter and get in touch with his Weedman cousins. The e-mail was written back in August of 1999. Joe Wolverton was living in Tennessee at that time, and his uncle in O'Fallon, MO, a suburb of St Louis. Did Uncle ever get it, and did nephew Joe Weedman send it on to him? I sent several newsletters to Joe. Haven't heard how he's doing. Don't know what branch of Weedmans he's from, either.

Obituary from the Archives

Anna Letitia Weedman Daughter of Green Berry Weedman

(Neil Kenyon has been a source of excellent information on various branches of the family who lived in Southern Indiana. He recently found the following article in an old issue of the Cannelton, IN newspaper.

Anna Weedman was apparently the youngest child of Green Berry and Susan Cart Weedman. Family tradition according to Forrest Miller was that Anna and her older brother, Billy, were playing near a fire and she either fell or was pushed into the fire. Anna was born about 1873. She is likely buried in the Weedman Cemetery near Magnet, IN along with her grandparents and other relatives. Here is the brief article).

The following was found in the "Cannelton Reporter", Jan.22,1876:

"A little daughter of Green Weedman, of Rono, Ind., was burned to death on the 11th [January]. She was playing near the fire, and by some means her clothes caught, and before the flames could be extinguished she was so terribly burned as to cause her death in an hour or so."

Our thanks to Neil for his continuing efforts to provide new information on the family.

Births

Evan Marcus Briody

Diane and **Jack Hall** announce that they have a new grandson. His name is **Evan Marcus Briody**, son of Marc and Lori Ann (Baker) Briody. Evan was born October 8, 2003 and weighed in at 7 lbs., 6 oz. Lori and baby are doing fine. We offer our congratulations to Marc and Lori.

Annelise Maryam Molavi

And here's news from **Sylvia Weedman**, daughter of **Daniel W. Weedman** and granddaughter of **Roy Weedman**, of Nashville, TN (John's line).

Diana Weedman Molavi had a second baby girl on July 31, 2003. Her name is **Annelise Maryam Molavi**. Her sister, **Claire Daniel Molavi** was born May 22, 2001.

Sylvia advised she will be married on May 29, 2004 to **Michael Augusteijn**. We were so happy to hear from Sylvia, and we offer our congratulations to **Diana** and to **Michael** ...he's getting a princess for his bride.

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We are pleased to present these two birth announcements. Please keep the family information coming. You send, we'll report!

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Obituary

Wesley Robert Weedman

Some sad news: **Wesley Weedman** of Farmer City, IL passed away February 8, 2003, the victim of an automobile accident. He was 22 and one of the Weedman triplets of Farmer City. We had hoped to meet one or more of the boys at our reunion in Illinois, but they weren't able to be there. Wesley was born Sept. 7, 1980 in Urbana, IL, a son of **James** and **Sabrina (Ashworth) Weedman**. Survivors include both parents, triplet brothers, **Dustin** and **Adam Weedman**, rural Farmer City; **Jesse, Josh** and **Jeremy Weedman**, half-brothers, all of Newton, IL; two sisters, **Mallory Walsh**, and **Stacy Withrow**; paternal grandparents **Herbert** and **Edith Weedman**, paternal grandparents; and grandparents who also survive. **Wesley** worked for Champaign Park District. He was a 1999 graduate of Blue Ridge High School of Farmer City, and attended Parkland College, Champaign, IL. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Farmer City.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and those friends and loved ones who were acquainted with Wesley and who will surely miss this fine young man.

Obituary

Herbert L. "Bud" Weedman

GALESBURG - Herbert L. "Bud" Weedman, 74, Oriole Drive, died at 5:08 p.m. Thursday (Dec. 4, 2003) at Cottage Hospital.

He was born Feb. 18, 1929, in Foxtown, the son of **Otto Roy** and **Edna Holmes Weedman**.

He married **Bonnie Lovell** on Sept. 23, 1949, in Peoria.

Surviving are, his wife; a son, **Timothy Scott** (and **Susan**) **Weedman**, Phoenix; two daughters, **Connie Lynn Johnson** and **Pamela Christine Weedman**, both of Elgin; two brothers, **Edward Willard Weedman** and **David Lee Weedman**, both of Galesburg; and two sisters, **Inez Irene Tuthill**, Galesburg, and **Ruth Ann LaGrow**, Knoxville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two infants and one sister. He worked for Trotter Trucking in Knoxville and at Caterpillar, East Peoria. He later moved to Batavia and Plano and worked for Caterpillar in Aurora as an assembler adjuster for 30 years, retiring in March 1980.

He was a member of the Harmony Baptist Church.

Funeral Services were at the Harmony Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert E. Eshelman officiating. Burial was in the Victoria Cemetery.

(Source: *Galesburg Register-Mail* December 6, 2003)

Myers-Weedman Families

Here is an e-mail received from **Betty Myers Yahn** who is interested in the Myers-Weedman families:

Hi, Nick,

After reading the latest Weedman Newsletter that arrived today (*editors note: that would have been the Fall 2003 issue*), I wondered if anyone had looked at the plantation known as "South Branch", that is located on the south branch of the Potomac. I believe this is where Mary Weedman Myers was born in 1763. I haven't been able to determine what Christian, Sr. was doing there at that time. I briefly corresponded with a

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Sadly, we have two deaths to report and on page 31 give the full Social Security Death Index for Weedmans through November.

Plans for the 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering are reported here and are on the family web site.

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Betty Myers who was raised there, and was going back to a family reunion, but she didn't answer my last set of questions about the place or the Myers family. Of course I am still working on the Myers/Weedman connection. Do you have a clue where Fort Town was located?

There is a Henry Myers descendent in OK who has some thoughts on the Adam/Henry connection, and Henry was buried in Cross Plains, IN., which I have yet to find on my map. Take care, **Betty Myers Yahn**

Betty is correct. **Mary Weedman**, the oldest known daughter of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** was born 1 January 1762 at Fort Town on the South Branch of the Potomac River in what is now Hampshire Co., WV. We don't know where Fort Town was exactly but the county history does describe old fortresses one of which must be Fort Town. The **Henry Myers (Moyers)** mentioned was the father of **Adam Myers**, a Revolutionary War veteran. Adam married **Mary Weedman** and the family moved first to the Perry/Licking County, Ohio area then to Huron County, OH where they lived the balance of their lives. Last January, we visited the small family cemetery in which the couple is buried and took photos of the tombstones.

2004 National Family Gathering Information

The 2004 Weedman Reunion will be in San Diego, California the weekend of August 20 to 22. The committee is working on the plans for the reunion and would like your initial thoughts concerning airfares. Several airlines may offer discount flights to San Diego for those attending the reunion if a certain number, generally ten or

more, are flying on the airline. If you are thinking about attending the reunion and would have an interest in participating in a potential discount flight, please send the following information to Bill Weedman at peacenow1212@yahoo.com.

If you do not have email, Bill's address is 2121 Summerhill Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024.

- Will you be attending the reunion?
- Will you be flying to SD?
- What city would you leave from to fly to SD?
- How many people will be flying with you?
- When would you leave from your city to fly to SD?
- How long would you stay in SD?
- Do you have a preferred airline that you normally use?

Bill will compile the information and contact several airlines to see if a group discount is available. Please send your answers as soon as possible so we can see if a group discount would be possible.

Best wishes for a healthy, prosperous 2004!

**Marianne Montgomery
Nick Weedman**

2003 Weedman Deaths from Social Security Death Index

Weedman, Paul B.	21 Jul 1909	6 Jul 2003	Sarasota, Sarasota Co., FL
Weedman, Danny D.	16 Apr 1953	5 Nov 2003	Springfield, Greene Co., MO
Weedman, Glen E.	28 Dec 1924	24 Jul 2003	Cheyenne, Laramie Co., WY
Weedman, Margaret M.	17 Feb 1927	22 Jan 2003	Toney, Madison Co., AL
Weedman, Majorie T.	23 Mar 1924	28 Oct 2003	Hardinsburg, Breckinridge Co., KY
Weedman, Lucille B.	29 Nov 1916	3 Aug 2003	Hendersonville, Sumner Co., TN
Weedman, Sandra I.	13 Jun 1941	3 Sept 2003	Galesburg, Knox Co., IL
Weedman, Wesley R.	7 Sept 1980	8 Feb 2003	Farmer City, DeWitt Co., IL
Weedman, James A.	26 Feb 1931	19 Jan 2003	Evansville, Vanderburg Co., IN
Weedman, Margaret	24 Aug 1917	15 Jun 2003	Homestead, Dade Co., FL
Weedman, Susan	17 Aug 1951	5 Feb 2003	Denton, TX

These are those listed through November, 2003. We can identify most but need help on others.

Paul Burr Weedman was a son of Otto S. and Ella (Bradley) Weedman. His lineage: Christian Sr.¹, George², John Jesse, Sr.³, Amos⁴, Smith Young⁵, Otto S.⁶ and Paul Burr⁷.

Glen E. Weedman was a son of Earl Elmore and Margaret (Jones) Weedman. His lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, George², Asa³, Henry Linas⁴, Earl Elmore⁵, and Glen Edward⁶.

Margaret M. Weedman was the widow of Haskel Eugene Weedman of Toney, AL. Haskel descended from the Jacob Weedman line of Indiana. The lineage of Haskel Eugene was: His lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, Jacob, Sr.², Jonathan³, Erastus Emory⁴, Clara Menta⁵, Jantus⁶ and Haskel Eugene⁷.

Lucille B. Weedman was the widow of **Burl Weedman**. His line was His lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, Christian, Jr.², John³, Willis Green⁴, John Franklin⁵, Lonzo⁶ and Burl Lee⁷.

Wesley R. Weedman's death was reported earlier and was from the Illinois line. His lineage: Christian, Sr.¹, George², John Jesse, Sr.³, Amos⁴, Smith Young⁵, Amos⁶, Herbert A.⁷, James Amos⁸ and Wesley Robert⁹.

James A. Weedman's death was reported earlier and was of the brother of **Haskel Eugene Weedman**. See lineage for **Margaret M. Weedman's** husband.

Sandra I. Weedman was of the Swedish Weedman line but we cannot identify her specifically.

We need help to identify: **Danny D. Weedman** of Springfield, MO, **Majorie T. Weedman** of Hardinsburg, KY, **Sandra I. Weedman** of Galesburg, IL, **Margaret Weedman** of Homestead, FL. We previously had asked for help to identify **Susan Weedman** of Denton, TX but so far have not had a response.

In addition, we have located an obituary for **Herbert L. (Bud) Weedman** of Galesburg, IL which is shown earlier in this issue. His death in December, 2003 would have occurred after the closing date of the Social Security Death Index.

The 2004 Weedman National Family Meeting is right around the corner!

Here are the latest developments on the 2004 Weedman Family National Gathering to be held in San Diego, California. It will be held on **August 20, 21 & 22, 2004**, and we will gather at the **Kings Inn** in Mission Valley. The registration form which will contain all the information including costs for the activities, banquet and hotel will be made available sometime in January. It will reach you by mail, and it will be posted on the www.weedman.org website for download. Web access is important because we may not have everyone's address. So be sure to spread the word that the registration form can be accessed on-line.

As soon as you receive the form or download it from the web, you are encouraged to complete and mail it in with your fees ASAP because we are anticipating that space will be limited. Here are the details that we know for sure:

Friday, August 20th

The reunion will commence at the Kings Inn at 4 pm. Activities will include checking in, enjoying some hors d'oeuvres, getting acquainted and re-acquainted, talking genealogy, maybe even going swimming? This is an informal evening where we'll just visit and relax.

Saturday, August 21st

DAY ACTIVITY : We will charter a private bus and take a fully narrated historical tour of San Diego stopping at many major attractions like Old Town, Balboa Park, Seaport Village and Coronado Island. The charter will leave and end at the Kings Inn at 9 am and 4 pm respectively.

EVENING ACTIVITY: We will have our customary banquet which will begin at 7 pm at the Kings Inn. We will enjoy a Mexican Buffet, a professional DJ & MC (Mark Weedman), maybe a little dancing, more discussions and presentation about our ancestry and determine a site for the 2006 reunion.

Sunday, August 22nd

FINAL ACTIVITY: Has yet to be determined.

Note: Parking at the hotel is FREE during all of our activities!

Paul Weedman is the official host for the event and can be contacted as follows:

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Paul and his Committee are working diligently to conclude the schedule for the event. It would be helpful for him to know who plans to attend so the Committee can estimate attendance. Please drop Paul a note or send him an e-mail indicating your interest in attending.

We look forward to the first ever National Weedman Reunion here in San Diego. Please watch out for the registration form sometime in January. Thanks and Happy New Year everyone!