

# ❖ Weedman Newsletter ❖

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Hope you all had a lovely fun summer. It seems a bit shorter than other summers, leaves turning colors already here in Washington state, but each season has its' own beauty, so let's enjoy each one as they come around.

*Obituary*

### ***Elna Lumpkin Weedman***

Many of you know **Kenny Weedman** ...DANIEL's line. He attended many of our Weedman reunions...well now we have some sad news. His mother, **Elna Alice (Lumpkin) Weedman** passed away in Little Rock, Arkansas on June 12, 2001. She was born in DeValls Bluff, Arkansas on February 27, 1913 to **Claude C. and Lou (Craig) Lumpkin**. On Sept. 11, 1937 she married **Charles Kenneth Weedman**, son of **Norman Benedict and Sarah Hilma (Malstrom) Weedman**. Elna lived her life in Arkansas.... all 88 years of it. **Charles Kenneth Weedman** passed away several years ago. Son **Kenneth Russell Weedman**, and daughters **Carolyn Springer, Kathryn Evans, and Jane Horne** survive Elna. She is also survived by sisters, **Lucille Lumpkin, Anne Lumpkin and Lexa Widener, and brother William Lumpkin**. Many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren also survive. Elna lived a Good life, surrounded by those she loved. She is buried with her husband at Forest Hills Me-

*We extend our sympathies to Kenneth and Sue Weedman and their family in the loss of his mother.*

morial Park, Little Rock, Arkansas. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

### **Web Site Activities**

We welcome all of you who have recently joined our ever-growing family. We have several new seekers of information on the Weedman page site, owned by Nick Weedman, and all of you who have computers may find it at <http://www.weedman.org>.

Recent visitors to the site were **Amee Weedman** whose grandfather was **Clarence Weedman**. She lives in St Louis but her family lives near Galesburg, IL. Her e-mail is [aweed2@msn.com](mailto:aweed2@msn.com). Her line is undoubtedly from **Olaf Weedman** (the Swedish Weedman line). **Anna Varvais** will want to get in contact with Amee.

**Claudia (Basinger) Guzman** writes that her grandfather was **Leo Basinger**. Leo was a son of **John Harlan Cassidy Basinger**, who was married to

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**Mary Weedman**, daughter of **John** and **Nancy (Jackson) Weedman** (DANIEL's line) She has lots of information on the Basinger line, but was just starting on the Weedman line. Nick was able to furnish that information to Claudia. Her e-mail address is *Gguzlet@aol.com*.

### News from Jan Bruner

Had a nice letter from **Jan Bruner**, who hosted the 1998 Weedman Reunion in Evansville, IN. Jan and family have just moved from their 8 room 2 bath home to a 6 room 2 bath home, and they love it. It's all on one floor. Great! She gives us some news to share:

Her daughter **Teresa (Bruner) Brown**, officer of the bank in Evansville, won an Employee Of The Year award. This is a special honor as there are many banks in that grouping. Congratulations, Teresa.

Daughter **Leanna (Bruner) Brown** has finished her training in Massage Ther-

apy, and is working now in that field and also working at A.G. Edwards Stock Brokers. Daughter **Janella (Bruner) Forcum** is a busy gal these days, also. She's selling insurance for Farm Bureau. Her little Sarah is quite involved in her budding social activities. Lastly but not least, Jan's daughter **Ronda (Bruner) Francis** is holding down two positions. Lee and Jan plan to go back to North Carolina in April next year for his Marine Corps Reunion, and in the summer following, a two-week vacation in Alaska is planned. We hope to see the whole family at the next Weedman reunion. It's close by, Jan, and be sure to bring the whole gang. They have attended quite a few of the reunions, and I was sure you all would like to share in their latest news.

### Weedman Book Update

Many of you are sending **Gena Lee Theiss** updated information to be included in

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*Jan Bruner and her daughters hosted the 1998 Weedman Family Reunion held in Evansville, IN.*

## About the Weedman Newsletter

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

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the next revision of our Weedman Family genealogy. In order to be sure your latest news as to births, marriages, deaths is included, please send this material now to:

**Mrs. Gena Lee Theiss**  
**8417 Burlingame Rd.**  
**Louisville, KY 20419**

This may be the last updated revision Gena does, so please don't put off sending her your updates. Gena has written a HIGDON genealogy, and is nearly ready to publish her JOHNSON genealogy.

We thank **Stephen Weedman** who recently wrote us, and updated his branch of the JOHN line family tree. His grandparents were **Mose** and **Vadie Weedman**.

### **Social Security Death Index Weedman Entries 2000/01**

Here is a list of Weedman Deaths in the year 2000 and last two for 2001 extracted from the Social Security Death Index (*name, date of birth, date of death, and place residing at death*):

**Vadie Weedman**, 21 Oct 1912, 1 Apr 2000, Tell City, IN  
**Anna Weedman**, 2 Apr 1906, 5 Mar 2000, Poseyville, IN  
**Ernest Weedman**, 2 Apr 1960, 12 Nov 2000  
**John Weedman**, 10 Aug 1922, 21 Jun 2000, Reynolds Station, KY  
**Jimmie Weedman**, 2 Apr 1932, 6 Dec 2000, Louisville, KY  
**Lonzo Weedman**, 6 Oct 1928, Dec 2000, St Louis, MO  
**Wanda Weedman**, 2 Jan 1939, 21 Jan 2000, O'Fallon, MO  
**R. Weedman**, 27 June 1919, Dec 2000, Grass Valley, CA

**Luverne Weedman**, 22 Sep 1927, 14 Apr 2000, Columbus, WI  
**Spencer Weedman**, 19 Sep 1990, 29 Jan 2000, Missouri  
**Robert Weedman**, 17 Mar 1931, 17 July 2000, Sun City, AZ  
**Mary Weedman**, 26 Apr 1906, 29 Sep 2000, Atascadero, CA  
**Wayne Weedman**, 1 Sep 1941, 23 Nov 2000, Washington state  
**Mathilda Weedman**, 25 Jan 1914, 5 Jun 2000, Cashmere, WA  
**Teresa Weedman**, 2 June 1950, 21 May 2000, California  
**Wayne Weedman**, 11 Oct 1931, 4 Mar 2000, Galesburg, IL  
**Gregory Weedman**, 15 Mar 1965, 30 Mar 2000, St Louis, MO  
**Douglas Weedman**, 6 Feb 1947, 26 Feb 2001, Indiana  
**J. Weedman**, 2 Feb 1908, 26 Feb 2001, Maryland

We cannot readily identify **Ernest Weedman**, **R. Weedman**, or **Mary Weedman**. **J. Weedman's** obituary has been located and he descended from **Denver Weedman**. We need to clarify his line. If anyone recognizes these Weedmans, will you please let us know which line they are from? Nick can identify the others. We will let you know where any fit in that you may question us about. Contact me ([marianne@weedman.org](mailto:marianne@weedman.org)) or Nick ([nick@weedman.org](mailto:nick@weedman.org)) if you can help.

### **Widman(n) Family**

**Bill Park** replied to my message, asking him about his **Widman** family. His family had settled in Huron County and I thought they might be related to ours, so I wrote him. He told me:

"My gg. Grandfather, **Daniel**, married **Mary Haffner** who lived in the county

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*The Social Security Death Index is public information and widely available on several genealogical web sites.*

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next to Huron Co. Ohio.

These **Widmans** came from the village of Hartheim in the Palatinate (Germany) The Parish priest of the church in Hartheim answered my request for verification of ancestor **Konrad Widman's** birth...and Konrad's parents. (His father was also Konrad).

After the deaths of his parents, **Korrad II** moved to Indiana where he and his wife, **Rosina (Keitzer) Widman** lived out their lives with their children. These early members of the family were prosperous farmers and my cousin owns and operates my gg grandfather' Daniel's farm.

Quite a few descendants of these early Widmans live in the Fremont area still. The name is still spelled **Widman**, although some of the earlier records spell it **Widmann**.

His e-mail address is: [dmus@dilbert.multiverse.com](mailto:dmus@dilbert.multiverse.com)

### **Hila Church - Last Female In her line for Years!**

**Hila Church** (GEORGE's line) gr. grandnephew **Jeff Weedman** contacted us and told us an interesting fact. For the past three generations, no female babies have been born in his family line! The last girl baby born was **Hila**, born in 1906...so in the last 95 years, there have been no little girl babies born in **John Weedman's** descendants since his daughter **Hila Weedman** was born. **John William Weedman** married. There have been 12 additions to his line since 1906, and all were boys. Page 305 in the red Revised addition to the Weedman book will tell the whole story. Jeff brought us up to date on the family. Jeff has two boys, **Mason** and **Christian**

Weedman. We're happy that he chose to name one Christian, as our first-over ancestor was **Christian Weedman**, and he had a son, Christian. There is another Weedman family in San Diego CA who has a son Christian. We hope to see you, Jeff, at the reunion with your family. And **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** are parents of the other **Christian Weedman**. Anyway, we hope to see many of you just hop the planes and come on out to the reunion. I was on a plane since all this talk about late planes and lost luggage came up. I had no problem, and no one I know or have talked to lately has had a problem, so take a chance, Columbus did, and look what he found!

### **Crawford Co., IN Cemetery Findings**

**Neil Kenyon** wrote and listed his ancestors in the censuses of Crawford County, IN. **Philip W. Weedman** shows up in 1880 age 32. In 1900 the family is listed with **Wesley Weidman** listed as 'head of house'. This Wesley is actually **Philip Wesley Weedman** age 52, He had the same wife and family members still at home were identical to those in the 1880 census. In 1910, Philip is there; name spelled **Philip Weedman** age 62, with **Lucinda**, the same wife, and the three youngest children still at home, **Arthur, Dora, and Roy**. This points out one pitfall so many have when tracing their roots...some people go by their middle name now and then. Like Philip, above. We appreciate Neil's message, which points out this fact to us.

Neil found the following buried at Wickliffe Cemetery at Wickliffe, Indiana, not so far from English and Jasper.

**Philip Weidman, 1848-1927**

**Arthur F. Weidman,**

**July 22, 1887 - April 1, 1914**

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*The original spelling of our surname may have been Widman or Widmann. Thus, our interest in this surname.*

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**John W. Weidman, 1889 - 1928**

**Roy L. Weidman,**

**June 21 1898 - Aug 2, 1942**

Neil, do you know if Roy died during WW 2 in battle during the war, or if he was on his farm?

Neil has been very active in scouting around the area looking for Weedmans. He's found them located in many cemeteries. In Crawford, Dubois, and nearby counties. We'll have great fun next summer visiting these cemeteries. Hope there'll be plenty of JACOB ( son of Christian Sr.) Descendants there. We're happy to be filled in on Jacob's line.

**G**ot a letter from **Bill Weedman** of Wilson, NC. JOHN's line. He recalls fondly the times he spent rambling around Hardin, Grayson and Breckinridge Counties in KY with his new bride **Pat**, his father, uncle and great uncle **Cordis Weedman**. His parents were **Gordon and Alma (Westerfield) Weedman**. His daughter is **Schelly Weedman-Davis** whom I had lunch with one pretty day in Seattle. I was reminded when Gordon and Alma attended a reunion...I think at Rough River. They may have attended more than one. Seems I can picture him at the 1996 reunion. Was glad to hear from him as he told of his Uncle Cordis who with others in his family worked for the Illinois Central Rail Road. Cordis was stationmaster and telegraph operator. He retired in Dyersburg, TN. His family lived in Eastview, right on the Louisville-Paducah-Fulton-Dyersburg line. His grandfather, **Lonzo** and granduncle **Fonzo** were mail carriers; Fonzo being postmaster at Olaton in Ohio County. **Burl** and **Gordon** carried mail in and around Hartford, KY. Madisonville, KY was mentioned...some of Fonzo's family settled in that area. Would love to meet them all. Hope to

see Bill and some of his family next summer.

### Subscriptions Due Final Call

We have had a great response to our request for financial contributions to keep the Newsletter going. We seek a \$5/year donation to help offset printing and mailing costs. If our records indicate you haven't contributed this year, a reminder will be found in the envelope with this issue. Our records may not be all that up to date, so if you have sent in your check and still have a reminder, send Nick a note and advise you have paid.

Finally, if you prefer not to receive the Weedman Newsletter, please let us know. While we don't want to lose anyone who is interested, we do recognize there are those who are not as interested as in the past. Just let us know.

If we don't receive anything, this will be the final issue you will receive.

We will not publish names of all the most recent contributors in the interest of limited space.

### John Weedman National Bank Notes

From 1929 until about 1935, National Banks were allowed to print their own currency. The John Weedman National Bank in Farmer City, IL distributed their own bank notes until the bank closed.

A collector in Iowa has possession of a ten dollar note and is willing to sell it for a healthy sum (well over \$500!).

If any of our Illinois residents knows of

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the existence of any of these notes and if the owner is willing to sell, we are in the market to collect one or two for our family archives. Contact Nick Weedman at the address shown on page 18.

Obituary

### James Wilson Weedman, 93

SUDLERSVILLE, Md. - **James Wilson Weedman** of Sudlersville Feb. 26, 2001. He was 93.

Mr. Weedman was born Feb. 2, 1908, the son of the late **Denver** and **Drusilla (Wilson) Weedman**.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, **Margaret Deiss Weedman**, in 1984; and two brothers, **Charles Norman Weedman** in 1990 and **George Carroll Weedman** in 1969.

He is survived by two sisters-in-law, **Rachel Weedman** of Sudlersville and **Joanne Bonser** of Marietta, Ga.; and two nieces, **Patricia Hovey** of Kansas City, Mo. and **Carol Ann Peoples** of Marietta.

(Note by Nick Weedman: Social Security Death Register shows **Charles Weedman**, b. 12 Jan 1917, d. 20 Apr 1990 and **George Weedman** b. 10 Mar 1919, d. Aug 1969. Both had social security cards issued in Maryland. There are two **Denver Weedmans** in our data base: **James Denver Weedman** (1870 – 1903) and **Lloyd Denver Weedman** (1898 – 1969). It is clear from the life span of these two individuals that neither could be the parents of the individuals in this article. Where do these individuals fit in the family?)

## 2002 Reunion

The **2002 Weedman Family Reunion** will be held July 19-21 in Japsers, Indiana. The Planning Committee reports they are hard at work and are planning to do a mailing to people on our mailing list very shortly.

Southern Indiana promises to have appeal to a number of branches of the Weedman family. Mark your calendars now and make plans to participate.

Inductions into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame will be made at the Reunion. Please be thinking about who you feel should be included in this group. We will be adding a page on our web site which lists those honored in 2000 as well as criteria for selection into the Hall of Fame. Please look for this at: <http://www.weedman.org>.

Inducted into the 2000 Reunion Hall of Fame were:

**Mary Weedman Myers**, First Native Born Woman to cross the Ohio Reiver to settle in the Ohio Territory.

**John Jesse Weedman, Jr.**, successful businessman, banker, and farmer.

**Freeman Weedman Burford**, oilman.

**Catherine Bishop Weedman**, maternal head of a family of medical professionals.

**Dr. James C. Munch**, pharmacologist.

**George Perry Weedman**, educator.

**Dee Brown**, historian and author of "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee"

**Gena Theiss**, author of two books on the Christian Weedman family and his descendants.

**Marianne J. Montgomery**, editor of the *Weedman Newsletter*.

**Dr. Daniel Wilson Weedman**, astronomer.

*We are unable to fit the line of James Wilson Weedman into the family tree at present. Al help on his line would be appreciated.*

## Happening in DuBois County, Indiana in 1872

*(Neil Kenyon of New Salem, IN who has been researching his family line, which is from Jacob Weedman, has furnished the following articles to us. It would appear that the A.F. Weedman named in the article is Allen Fleming Weedman who was born 27 December 1845 to Jonathan and Sarah (Bruner) Weedman. He married Margaret Randerson in DuBois County and the family lived in Indiana until 1885. At that time, they moved to Lincoln Co., NE where Allen F. Weedman died in 1886 of smoke inhalation. Lutie Strand of Montana is a granddaughter of this couple and we talked to her before printing this in the Newsletter. She says Allen Fleming Weedman was not a teacher and feels these refer to someone else. Regardless, it is interesting to pick up some happenings in our family in 1872!).*

### Article from the Petersburg (IN) Press

In Dubois county, schoolteachers not only teach the "young how to shoot," but some of them undertake to teach the boys in the ways of politics. In Harbison Township, that county, a Greeley and reform teacher in schoolhouse No.10 is one of the latter sort. The day before the election after school was out, a son of L.L. Kelso hurraed for Grant and Wilson. This did not suit the school teacher's idea of politics and so the next morning he gave the boy an unmerciful thrashing, wearing out two large switches over his back and for no other reason than that the boy dared to give audible expression to his feelings in hurraing for Grant and Wilson. A greater outrage was never perpetrated in this country of freedom and free speech. The teacher's license ought to be revoked and he should not again be allowed to teach in the county.

Source: Petersburg (IN) Press

### Claims by Mr. Kelso

Mr. EDITOR: -- Permit me to refute some charges made by A.F. Weedman in your issue for November 22d, in regard to whipping Erasmus Kelso. The facts as I understand them are this:- That on the evening of November 4th, when the school was dismissed Ras. walked to the door and stepped out on the steps and jumped out into the yard and hurraed for Grant and Wilson as others did at the same time, not thinking as he says of doing any harm, and the teacher after consulting with some of the most quiet parents of the district concerning the affair, thought it best to administer a light corporal punishment, so next morning the 5th, he told Ras. that he would have to whip him for hallooing the event before. - Ras. told him that some of the other boys hallooed as loud as he did, and the reply was that it did not lighten his whipping any, and then he wore out one switch on him, (Ras.) and took the second one and whipped him until he was satisfied. And my wife went over to the schoolhouse at noon of the 5th and asked the scholars if Ras. done anything else, but halloo for Grant and Wilson, and none of them said that they saw him do anything else, but Docia Hope said that Weedman said he jumped out of the door, but she did not see it herself. And now for Mr. Weedman's evidence. Lizzie Kelso says that she thought that he whipped him for hallooing, for she did not know that he done anything else, and Weedman has got in the paper that Emeline Wood said that he told her that you whipped him for running out at the door,-but Emeline Woods says that it was not Ras. that told her, but Weedman told her so - as she was not there when Ras. was whipped. I would just say as to the rest of his evidence none of them say that they saw him run from his seat, but say that you (Weedman) said so. Josephine Brittain. Did you see him run out of the room and halloo, and she says yes sir. But I think she was mistaken about seeing Ras. run from his seat, as the girls were dismissed first, and had started home, and were some distance from the school-house when the boys were dismissed, - for Fanny Nelson aged 19 years says that her and Josephine Brittain were some distance from the house when the boys came out. Andrew Nelson age 14 years, George Jacobs 19 years, John Jacobs 15 years, says that they did not see Ras. run from is seat, and they also say,

that the girls were dismissed, and had started home when they came out of the school-house. And now for those quiet parents that Weedman consulted with in regard to punishing Ras. Kelso. Mrs. Martha Wood, Adam Hope, Jacob A. Nelson, William Merritt, Jeremiah W. Jacobs all say that Weedman never consulted either of them in regard to punishing Ras., and I think that Weedman did not consult more than one or two employers of this district, and that they were personal enemies to us if they encouraged Weedman to whip my boy.

L.L.KELSO

*Source: Jasper (IN) Weekly Courier, 6 December 1872*

### Refutation

MR. EDITOR: - Permit me in refutation of the above slanderous article to publish the facts, and I hope the Editor of the "Press," will do me and the District justice of copying this expose, and in future be a little more careful in regard to his authority, before publishing accounts in regard to affairs happening in Dubois county.

On the 4th inst., I, the teacher, of the school mentioned, thought it necessary to ask the boys to leave the schoolroom quietly after being dismissed. They all but one, departed quietly enough: This one, (Erasmus Kelso), however, wishing, as it appears, to know what would follow a failure to observe this request, ran from his seat and jumped out of the room hollowing [*sic*]. I talked with some of the most quiet parents of the district concerning the affair, and we concluded it best to administer a light corporal punishment. It was reluctantly administered by myself, in connection with an earnest entreaty that he would thereafter be obedient and quiet in school, and thus avoid trouble for himself and teacher. It was painful to me, as I dislike this mode of punishment. I learned the next Morning, (Tuesday the 5th,) that I was accused of punishing the boy or hallooing [*sic*] for Grant. On the following day I put the following questions to the pupils named, and received the answers annexed:

Elisabeth Kelso, 16 years old. - Lizzie, did you understand that I punished Ras for hurraing for Grant? Ans.- I never said you did.

Erasmus Kelso aged 14. - Ras, did you understand that I punished you yesterday morning for hollooming for Grant? Ans.- You whipped me for hallooing. Did I ever tell you not to hurrah for Grant? Ans.- I don't know as you did.

*(Other quotations follow but are omitted to save space. Nick Weedman)*

There could be more evidence produced, and evidence as substantial as the above; I think this is sufficient. I will only state that the Republicans of District No.10 do not fear to send their boys with me, as the attendance has increased since the occurrence, Mr. Kelso still sends six children.

A.F.Weedman, Teacher

We have received a lively communication from Mr. A.F. Weedman, teacher, in reply to the article of Mr. Kelso, about the recent whipping in his school in Harbison Township. We have given each of these gentlemen one tilt in regard to this matter, because we thought the publication in another place was calculated to do injustice - but as spanking a boy in school is a small matter now-a-days, we think we have published as much about it as would be interesting to the public.

### Article Unrelated to the School Incident

CUTTING- On last Thursday Mr. Jno N. Morgan and A.F. Weedman, of this county got into a dispute over their accounts in the drug store of Dr. Daniels, in Otwell, during which Weedman cut Morgan with a knife in the back, inflicting a wound nearly six inches long. Morgan knocked him down after being cut, breaking two of his fingers with the blow. It seems to us the weather is too warm for such occurrences now. Sunstrokes would be more in order for local items, and this kind postponed until it gets cooler.

*Source: Japser (IN) Weekly Courier, July 23, 1875*