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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## About the Weedman Newsletter

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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 49<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion of Beaver Dam High School! Bill is already working with classmates for their 50<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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*

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*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](mailto: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 means .....not 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

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### **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](http://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.*

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*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**