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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Fall is here and it seemed to me like summer wasn't long enough to give way so soon. Hope your summer was a memorable one. Mine was. The highlight of my summer was attending the National Weedman Family Reunion in San Diego. More about this later but first the family news.

Anniversary

William M. and Dorothy (Wilkening) Weedman of Algoma, WI celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10, 2003. The entire wedding party except for the best man attended the anniversary celebration. Congratulations!

Births

Andy and Amber Weedman (Stephen's line) had a baby boy, which I told you about in the Summer Newsletter. I didn't have his name then, but he is **Zachary Andrew Weedman** born March 16, 2004. As always, we do extend our congratulations to the happy parents.

Helen and Bill Weedman (Daniel's line) advised they have a new grandson born on June 28, 2004. He is **Jacob Henry Crupper**, son of **David and Leah (Weedman) Crupper**. He joins his brother **William Carlton Crupper**. Congrats, to you, **Leah and Dave**, and to the happy grandparents.

George and Gena Lee Theiss want to let us know that they are proud great grandparents of **Alissa Kay Weigand**, born to **Scott and Sharon (Hill) Weigand** on July 26, 2004. The Theiss's have altogether four daughters, six granddaughters and two great granddaughters. Who will have the first grandson.??? Congratulations **Gena and George** and the rest of your family.

Marriage

Wilma Weedman Williams Marries Curtis Whitehead

A letter from **Kathryn (Weedman) Cook** tells us of the marriage of her sister, **Wilma (Weedman) Williams** wife of the late **Elroy Williams**, was united in marriage July 12, 2004, to **Curtis Whitehead**. Both **Wilma and Curtis** lost their mates near the same time, and we are happy that they found happiness in each other. We offer congratulations, **Curtis and Wilma**, and may God give you many happy years together.

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The 2004 Weedman Family Gathering is reported in this issue on page 18. It was highly successful. Thanks to the organizing committee headed by Paul and Emily Weedman for a great time.

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Life is constantly bringing us joy and then sorrow. Here are obituaries of several recent and not so recent deaths.

Obituary

Ruth Cadam Weedman

Ruth Margaret (Cadam) Weedman, 85 of Clarksville, Iowa, died in on July 9, 2004 at the Waverly Health Center, Waverly, Iowa of natural causes. She was born December 21, 1918 in rural Butler County, the daughter of **Ed** and **Olive Detra Cadam**. She graduated from Clarksville in 1936 and attended a teacher's college for two years and renewed her teacher's certificate in 1965 at the University of Iowa. She married **Maynard M. Weedman** on June 2, 1940 in Carroll, Iowa. **Maynard** died in 1989.

Mrs. Weedman farmed with her husband and taught for Woolstock and Waverly-Shell Rock schools. She also taught second grade for 12 years at Clarksville

Community School.

Survivors include three sons: **James (Jim)** of Boone, IA, **Dale** of New Hartford, and **Lynn** of Glenville, MN; six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren; and a brother, **James (Jim) Cadam** of Packer, AZ.

Services were held on July 13, 2004 at the Unity Presbyterian Church near Clarksville with burial in the Cass Township Cemetery in Webster City.

Brian Weedman of Minneapolis furnished the obituary and we appreciate his notification of his family's loss on which we extend our sincere sympathy. The lineage of Maynard Weedman was: Maynard Marion⁷, John William⁶, Henry Linas⁵, Asa⁴, John Jesse, Senior³, George², and Christian, Senior¹.

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John Alemao

Nina (Lindsey) Alemao informed us of the passing of her dear hubby, **John Alemao**, on September 2, 2004. He was 47 years old. In her sorrow, Nina wanted you all to know. She always spoke lovingly of John and I know she would appreciate your prayers. We may get more news about the loss of John and I'll pass it on to you should I hear more.

Edwin McRae "Manny" Weedman

Edwin "Manny" Weedman, 77 of Blytheville (AR) died Monday, Sept 6, 2004 at his home. Born Jan. 11, 1927, in Blytheville, the son of **Harry and Mary Belle (Nichols) Weedman**, he was a life long area resident; member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a veteran of the US Army. He was the owner/operator of Descon Inc. in Blytheville, and L. & M. Construction in Mountain Home. He was a member of the "Good Old Boys" hunting club and enjoyed playing golf, fishing and playing cards.

His parents preceded him in death. Mr. Weedman leaves three daughters: **Julia Lea Harris** and her husband **Rick**, of Bedford, TX, **Jenny Lou Firth** and husband **Jim** of Santa Barbara, CA, and **Jerry Lynn Messick**, of Seattle, WA; one son, **Edwin McRae "Mac" Weedman** of Mountain Home.

He also leaves one brother, **Nick Weedman**, and his wife, **Merrie Carol**, of Flat Rock NC, two sisters, **Anne Smith** and husband **Ed**, of Maplewood, NJ, and **Billie Lou Bruce**, and husband **Jim** of West Lafayette, IN, and seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30

a.m. Friday, in the Cobb Funeral Home Chapel in Blytheville with the **Rev. Jim Firth** officiating. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery.

His line: Edwin McRae, Senior⁷, Harry Edwin⁶, Charlie Green⁵, Green Berry⁴, William³, Christian, Junior², and Christian, Senior¹.

Manny's passing brought a deep sense of loss to the Weedman families who knew and loved him very much. We also, sense his loss as he was a WEEDMAN, and there is a blood relationship of many who will feel sadness at his passing. Our deepest respect and sorrow is extended to those who were closest to him, and who loved him dearly.

Obituary from 2002

Joseph S. Weedman

ASHEBORO, NC - **Joseph S. Weedman**, 82, of 2286 Lambert Drive, Asheboro, died Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at his home. Funeral services were on May 3, 2002 with burial at Randolph Memorial Park.

He was a native of Fairview, Okla., and the widower of **Dick Clark Weedman**. He was the former business manager for The Courier-Tribune, a retired worker from Keister-Williams Newspaper Services Inc. and a former president of the Newspaper Advertising Executive Association of the Carolinas.

Surviving are wife, **Rachel Shaw Weedman**; daughter, **Lucinda W. Craven** of Greensboro; stepdaughters, **Lisa Gooch** of Summerfield, **Terri Gooch** of Ramseur; stepson, **Adam Gooch** of Greensboro; sister, **Margie Fotis** of Bakersfield, Calif.; two grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

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We are saddened to report so many Weedman deaths in this issue.

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 nect Joseph S. Weedman to one of our know lines without success. A check of the Oklahoma 1930 census does not list him there. If any of our subscribers has a clue, please let us know and we will pursue further research.)

Inquiry

Bernard Weedman, West Virginia Roots

Shirley (Weedman) Spooner of St Augustine, Florida, asks if we know of a **Bernard Weedman**, who came over with her ancestor, **Philip Guillermo Weedman** from Germany in 1803. Bernard settled in West Virginia, Shirley thinks that they were both on the Commerce that sailed from Amsterdam.

Philip went south, **Bernard** stopped and remained in West Virginia, Just where that was, we don't know. Since our Christian Weedman also was in the WVA area, it is a hope that they were related. While searching in WVA, keep an eye out for **Bernard**. The name may be spelled Wedman, Wedeman, Wiedman Widman or Weidman...anything that looks like it could be pronounced "Weedman" we want to know about.

Fort Weedman, Florida

A recent e-Bay item for sale included two buttons that were dug up at Fort Weedman, Florida.

Having never heard of this, a search on Google revealed there was indeed a Fort Weedman at one time in Florida. It existed from 1837-1840 and was located seven miles west of St. Augustine, Florida. The Fort was attacked in 1840 according to the web site that listed all Florida ancient forts.

Can any of our Florida Weedman sub-

scribers give further light on Fort Weedman, Florida?

11th Biannual Weedman National Family Gathering Deemed a Huge Success!

The 11th Biannual Weedman Family Reunion held in San Diego, CA, August 20-22 2004 was fantastic. We crammed a lot into those three days, and everyone enjoyed the fun. Friday afternoon and evening we all gathered in the Cardinal Room of the Kings Hotel where we got acquainted with the "California Weedmans", most of whom were descendants of JACOB Weedman, son of Christian, Sr. A lovely layout of Mexican / American refreshments were presented at the evening meal and plenty, so we feasted and shared Weedman stories. Children enjoyed the indoor pool.

After a wonderful breakfast on Saturday, August 21 in the Cardinal Room, we enjoyed the Historical Bus Tour arranged for us by those who hosted this year's reunion. This tour took us to many lovely sites of the beginning of San Diego's history right up to the present, including the famous zoo there. We enjoyed a picnic at mid-day. Many of us commented on the wonderful children who were with us on this tour. (WEEDMAN's, of course!) Better behaved kids you wouldn't find anywhere, but these kids enjoyed every minute of it. We were back at the Hotel by 4:30. Some of us napped, the kids took to the pool, and at 6:00 pm we gathered again at the Cardinal Room for our Banquet. We enjoyed a scrumptious Mexican Buffet. Wow! I never had tasted some of the goodies that were presented ... until that evening. Now I will appreciate Mexican food in a brand new way. Yummm. As we were eating, a genuine Mexican mari-

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The 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering had record attendance and had a number of new family members participate.

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achi played “dinner music “ for us, Mexican style. We truly enjoyed that treat.

After this we enjoyed the Weedman pictures of former Reunions, and these were all on CD’s that Paul and Mark Weedman had put together from the pictures we sent to them, and the ones they had collected. Mark had set up a professional “Music Machine” I call it, all done electronically, and the selection of music was fantastic. Any of us could ask for a song we’d like played. Chances were great that he had that song. There were door prizes. I won one as did others, and we all received a lovely beach towel inscribed 2004 National Family Reunion San Diego CA. A picture of the San Diego Skyline was just below the above inscription. We then attempted to elect or ask for volunteers for the 2006 reunion. In this we failed to get a volunteer, so that opportunity is still open. Think it over and let Nick know if you (or several of you) wish to host the 2006 gathering, you get your choice of where and when. Help from former hosts will be available.

Sunday Morning we enjoyed a generous continental breakfast. Everyone was exchanging addresses, conversation and farewells till time to leave.

Hosts and helpers were:

- **Paul and Emily Weedman** Host/ Hostess
- **Mark Weedman**, DJ and Emcee
- **Aida Arriola Weedman**, Book-keeper
- **Annamaria (Weedman) Anthony**, Financial Contributor
- **Bill and Thea Weedman** Souvenirs
- **Nick Weedman, Billie Bruce, George Anne (Weedman) Planck** – Research and preparation of Hall of Fame inductees
- **Nick Weedman**, Financial and Memorabilia contributor.

Those who attended the San Diego reunion were:

- **Jim & Anamaria Anthony** (and family) – San Diego
- **Aida Weedman** – San Diego
- **Janet Blalock** – Portland, OR
- **Billie Weedman Bruce** – West Lafayette, IN
- **Susan Weedman Cameron** – Burbank, CA
- **Audrey Bruce Chapline** – Loveland, OH
- **George Fitzgerald** – Alameta, CA
- **Adele Gronbach** – Las Vegas, NV
- **Fred & Elizabeth Hering** – Orlando, FL
- **Michael & Joanne McGowan** – Joshua Tree, CA
- **James Weedman** – Joshua Tree, CA
- **Marianne Montgomery** – Tacoma, WA
- **Ethel Ozbirn** – Escondido, CA
- **George Ann Weedman Planck** – Port Hueneme, CA
- **Lynda & Jon Pflueger** – Escondido, CA
- **Jeff and Karen Day** – Escondido, CA
- **Edna Weedman Rounthwaite** – Wofford Heights, CA
- **Kathy Bruce Sharples** – Northville, MI
- **Ed & Anne Weedman Smith** – Maplewood, NJ
- **Claudia Urfer** – Weldon, CA
- **Kim Ventimiglia** – Alpine, CA
- **Beverly Barrows Weedman** – Lemon Grove, CA
- **Sharon Weedman** – Lemon Grove, CA
- **Cliff & Shirley Weedman** (and family) - Eighty Eight, KY
- **Clifford & Bonnie Weedman** – Escondido, CA
- **Freeman J. Weedman** – Papillion, NE
- **Dr. Douglas Weedman** – Papillion, NE
- **George Perry Weedman** – Silver Springs, FL
- **Georgia Weedman** – Apopka, FL

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There was a record attendance at the 2004 Reunion. San Diego proved a beautiful venue for the event.

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- **Jerri & Jesse Weedman** – Joshua Tree, CA
- **John & Kaila Weedman** – San Diego, CA
- **Mark and M.C. Patton Weedman** – La Mesa, CA
- **Nick & Merrie Carol Weedman** – Flat Rock, NC
- **Paul & Emily Weedman** (and family) – San Diego, CA
- **Roy M. & Sylvia Weedman** – Charlotte, NC
- **Tom Weedman** – San Francisco, CA
- **Bill, Thea, & Aire Weedman** – Encinitas, CA
- **Marci Weedman Ybarrondo** – La Mesa, CA
- **Carri Weedman Long** (and family) – Bonita, CA

2004 Weedman Hall of Fame Inductees

Following is a summary of the three people inducted in the 2004 Weedman Hall of Fame. The nominations have been shorted due to lack of space here. To see the full version (much better!), go to our web site (www.weedman.org) and click on Hall of Fame.

Charles Vern Weedman, Attorney

Charles Vern Weedman achieved success as a notable attorney who practiced law in Los Angeles. In the 1970s, he represented a number of Hollywood celebrities including Dean Martin and Claudine Longet, the wife of Andy Williams.

It was perhaps the defense of Claudine Longet that brought Mr. Weedman fame as an attorney. Claudine Longet was estranged from her husband, Andy Williams, and was in a ski resort in Colorado when her then boy friend met his death through a stabbing. Ms. Longet was

charged with the crime and one of her defense attorneys was Charles Weedman. Ms. Longet was acquitted of the crime.

Charles Vern Weedman was born 26 November 1927 in California to Charles Shelby and Patricia Ann (Larsen) Weedman. Charles Shelby Weedman was a locomotive engineer. His lineage: Charles Vern Weedman⁶, Charles Shelby⁵, William Simpson⁴, Willis³, Christian, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Olive Annie (Polly) Westaby Weedman, A True Survivor

By George Anne Weedman Planck

It wasn't long after her birth of English parentage to **Robert Spencer Westaby**, M.D. and **Annie Otter Westaby** on April 23, 1914, in Madison, South Dakota, that her grandfather ignored her birth name of "Olive Annie" and called her "Polly Anna," a nickname she has retained all her life. He perceived that even as a toddler she saw the world through rose-colored glasses.

Her childhood was spent in Madison, with her parents, two sisters, and brother. They were all competitive individuals with highly developed talents. Their father was a busy physician/surgeon and their mother, a graduate of Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, had her own successful career as a dramatic reader. She presented programs at colleges, churches, and various schools, booked by the Eastern Lyceum Bureau.

Each decade of her life has held its unique challenges, heartbreaks, and victories for Polly. She was graduated from the University of Iowa with a triple major: theater, speech therapy, and psychology. After a brief but exciting career

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working for Harry Reasoner, Sr., as a talent agent for Northwest Assemblies in Minneapolis, she married her college sweetheart **George David Weedman** (Jan 27, 1914-1996), the son of **Claude** and **Mary Weedman** from Faith, SD.

A few years later, the local Rapid City, SC radio station approached Polly about taking over a women's radio show. Again she was reluctant because she did not want to leave their now school-age children home without their mother. The radio station accommodated her by installing equipment allowing her to broadcast the show from home.

Her radio show broadcast from home grew into a more than full-time enterprise, especially when television finally came to Rapid City. She began writing, producing, and appearing in everything from local talent shows to children's programs. She did the research, the scenario and scripting for "Four Seasons West," a story of South Dakota's cattle industry. The production was given the National Western Heritage Award for the best western documentary

At one time she had as many as four shows simultaneously – The Polly Weedman Show; Aunt Polly's Children's Hour; Talent Review, and a once-a-week half-hour radio show. Christmas Shopping Bag, which was later developed into a road show in the West River area. Glen Yarbrough, Paul Williams, and Tom Brokaw are just a few of the now nationally known personalities who were all with her and with KOTA Radio and TV during those years. Paul Williams frequently appeared on the Iseman Talent Review, a talent show where she was writer, producer and director. The winner was awarded an all-expense paid trip to Europe and to the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Tom Brokaw was one of her television cameramen during his college

years. Polly had the longest fully sponsored women's radio show in the nation

In 1950 the Rapid City Business and Professional Women's Club named Polly "Woman of the Year". Later she awarded the *McCalls Magazine* 10th Annual Gold Mike Award for Service to the Family. However, she felt one of her greatest achievements was her involvement with retarded children, which led to formation of the Rapid City Association for Retarded Children.

Other awards and honors followed during her years as a radio and television personality, but that all ended when she contracted Parkinson's disease in 1968. It attacked her throat, and she lost her voice. After years of readjustment, new medication, and prayer finally restored her health, she learned to adapt to life as wife and grandmother, perfecting her bridge game and catching up with the social commitments she had been forced to ignore during her working years. She and her husband, George, enjoyed retirement years together with cruises, winters in South Carolina or California, ballroom dancing, and competitive duplicate bridge.

Then at age 75, the lights went out. The diagnosis was macular degeneration. Within days, in spite of laser surgery, she was completely blind in one eye and had defective sight in the other. She could no longer read or drive a car. Eight months later a deep black velvet curtain closed out all the sunlight in her right eye. There was no pain, just darkness. At first she was angry at God for allowing this to happen, at her grandparents and parents for passing on defective genes, and at the world in general. As she said, "I really had a major pity party."

In 1996, due to their failing health, She and her husband George, moved to

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Naples, Florida to live with their son Richard. George died a few months later. Polly is now residing in a retirement/assisted living home in Naples.

Polly was married to George David Weedman whose Weedman lineage was: George David Weedman⁷, Claude Henry⁶, William Martin⁵, Jeremiah⁴, Jacob³, George², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹. His great, great grandmother was Catherine Bishop Weedman who was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame in 2000.

Lauren Huntington Weedman Writer & Performer

Lauren Huntington Weedman has achieved success as a writer, performer and comedienne.

She made her television debut on Comedy Central's Emmy Award-winning, **The Daily Show with Jon Stewart** in 2001 as a featured correspondent. It was at that same time that Lauren was a regular on National Public Radio's national political satire show, *Rewind*, and appeared in her solo show, **Homecoming**, off Broadway at the Westside Theater. The New York Times said of Lauren and *Homecoming*, "...like Bob Newhart in his early stand-up routines, she's particularly good at making her points – and making us feel clever. Most important, she's just plain funny, physically and verbally".

After studying, writing and performing in Amsterdam for five years, Lauren returned to the States with a bang. Her first play, **Homecoming**, began as a 15-minute performance art piece that grew into a full-length show that ultimately toured with the Seattle Repertory Theater. **Homecoming** earned Lauren the honor of being published in *Women Playwrights: The Best Plays of 2002*.

Lauren currently lives and performs in Los Angeles. She is the daughter of **Sidney Hatfield** and **Sharon Huntington Weedman** of Indianapolis. Her Weedman lineage: Sidney Hatfield Weedman⁷, Ralph⁶, George Perry⁵, Green Berry⁴, William³, Christian, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Was the 2004 Reunion the Last One?

Traditionally, we seek a volunteer or several to host the next Reunion. For the first time, there were no takers and unless someone steps forward, we could see this as the end of the line. Admittedly, it is a lot of work to put on this event. But, it is a satisfying endeavor.

Here is a suggestion. Select Fayette County, Pennsylvania where Christian and Elizabeth Weedman (Sr.) lived from 1765 to 1799 and use Uniontown, the county seat, as the venue. Hold an event at the Jacob's Lutheran Church in Maysontown where the family is known to have worshipped. Visit the original land on which the homestead stood (the land is owned by possibly descendants of Ephriam Walters whose son married one of Christian's daughters, Sara. **Linda Tatlinger**, a descendent, lives nearby and agreed a couple of years ago to assist with local arrangements. There are still **Huhn** and **Riffle** family descendants still in the area (Weedman daughters married **Huhn**, **Riffle**, and others). It shouldn't be too hard.....any volunteers?

In the Next Issue

Vicki Kimberlin has furnished a copy of her grandfather's World War I Army discharge record. Gus Clinton Weedman lived in Sandusky, OH and then in the Pacific Northwest. We will summarize that to show what is contained in these records. **National Cemetery** listings for Weedman burials. We have found 11 records to share. **Social Security Death Index** will also be reported. Until then,

Marianne Montgomery and Nick Weedman
