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Newsletter Editor

There has been a change in the editorship of the *Weedman Newsletter*.

At the Tell City Reunion, an offer was made to take over the role of editor of the Newsletter in the event **Chantal** and **Bill Weedman** wanted to give it up. The feeling was that **Chantal** had a full time job and the person that offered was retired with time available to perform the role.

Chantal was approached and stated that work pressures were significant. If someone else was willing, she would give up the editor's position.

When the person who offered was told they could have the job, a family situation had occurred that required a significant amount of time and they passed on the job.

As a result, **Nick Weedman** has assumed the role of editor of the Newsletter. While the quality of the output may not come close to that performed by **Marianne Montgomery** or **Chantal** and **Bill Weedman**, we will do our best.

Having said that, we are dependent on people furnishing news items for us to publish. We have received a few, but many more are needed. Your help will be appreciated!

2007 Subscriptions

It is intended to make the Winter edition of the Newsletter a short one and we will be asking for those who want to continue

to receive it, to bring their donations up to date. We will enclose a pre-addressed envelope in the mailing of the next issue to remind those who will be due, to make the \$5.00 annual donation.

We have a large number of subscribers who have made generous donations in the past and, if they are paid up, no envelope will be in their Newsletter mailing. An article will appear in the next issue with details.

Thank you for your continued support of the **Weedman Newsletter**.

Possible Projects Suggested At the 2006 Weedman Reunion

At the Reunion dinner held at the Tell City Country Club, two possible projects were mentioned from discussions after the meal. These were a project to help maintain cemeteries where our ancestors are buried and a genealogical DNA project.

Family Cemetery Maintenance Project. At most of our Reunions, we visit local family cemeteries if they are in the locale where the event is being held. We have

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Two potential family projects were discussed at the Tell City, IN Reunion. Details are here. Feedback is asked.

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The Family Cemetery Project will require some method to select locations to be maintained.

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discovered that as these cemeteries pass on with time, many tend to be poorly maintained and some are in a true state of neglect. Sue Weedman asked if the family generally would be interested in forming a group to help identify these ancestral burial grounds and generating a fund to maintain some of these. Quite a few are well maintained such as town cemeteries but many are small, rural locations where very little maintenance appears to be done. If this project is to become active, a committee will have to be formed to identify candidate sites to maintain, look into state and local laws about ownership, maintenance and access to cemeteries, and to seek funding for maintenance. After that, the committee would have to contract with someone in each location to handle the maintenance which could be as simple as a couple of mowings per year. This project seemed to be well accepted. We are asking for broad feedback on this possible family project.

Weedman DNA Project. Our search to

find origins of the family of Christian Weedman, Sr. is never ending. Questions continue to be raised on whether this family is related to the Florida Weedman family whose roots are known to go back to Mainz, Germany. Or, is this family related to the Swedish Weedman line. We have also found other Weedman families who don't appear to fit into any of the three main branches identified here. There are at least one and possibly two Weedman family groups whose roots go back to England. Some of these have now located to Australia and Canada while some remain in England. Are all of these families related or is it coincidental that we all share a common surname. A DNA project could help solve some of these questions and possibly give us clues as to our origins. DNA use in genealogical research is relatively new. Male lines donate a DNA sample that involves a simple swab from the mouth. The swab is sent to a laboratory specializing in this and the sample is analyzed with results being available to test com-

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About the Weedman Newsletter

The *Weedman Newsletter* is a quarterly family publication with emphasis on the genealogy of the Weedman and allied families. It is distributed to interested family members, selected genealogical societies and libraries. Circulation is 150.

The *Newsletter* is edited, published and distributed by **Nick Weedman**. All address changes, new subscriptions, etc. should be sent to him.

Articles for publication in the Newsletter are highly welcomed. They must have some relevance to the family and those with a genealogical flavor are of particular interest

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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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monality with others. Apparently, with enough samples, relationships can be determined. This project seems to have been accepted. Participants would pay for their own tests (the cost is \$90 - \$100) and someone would have to spearhead the efforts. A page on the web site can be dedicated to this project. We would need to get participants from the Florida and Swedish lines as well as some from male descendents of Christian Weedman, Sr.

Please let us know if you have an interest in pursuing either or both of these projects, if you are willing to serve on a committee to handle either, and whether a modest donation to the cemetery project is a possibility.

Dr. Gary E. Weedman To Head Johnson Bible College

Dr. Gary E. Weedman currently living in Indianapolis has been selected to become President of Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, TN. The appointment will become effective in January, 2007.

Johnson Bible College has about 1,000 students and is located on the banks of the French Broad River in Knoxville. Founded in 1893, the College is the second oldest Bible college in the United States. It is associated with the Independent Christian Churches/Churches of Christ.

Gary and his family will relocate to Knoxville in December. He is currently the Senior Vice President of Training Christians for Ministry or TCM International which has emphasis on serving Eastern and Central Europe since 1963.

We extend our congratulations to Gary

and wish him and his family great success in his new position.

Gary is married to **Janis Jean (Morgan) Weedman** and they have four sons: **Mark Edward, Matthew James, Mica Benjamin, and Joshua Douglas.**

Gary's lineage is as follows: **Gary Edward Weedman⁷, Edward James Weedman⁶, James Monroe Weedman⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman⁴, David Weedman³, Jacob Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.**

Lauren Bruce, Blogger

Lauren Bruce, West Lafayette, IN, recently appeared as a panelist at the 2006 Blogger.org conference in San Jose, CA. The panel was part of a session that focused on community, conversation and the culture of blogging. Lauren has been an active blogger for over six years and ran her own highly successful, award-winning blog for much of that time. She is the daughter of **Jim and Billie Lou (Weedman) Bruce** of West Lafayette, IN. Billie Lou hosted (with her daughters) the Jasper, IN 2002 Weedman Reunion and has volunteered to host the 2008 Reunion in Fayette Co., PA.

Maybe Lauren could help us start a Weedman Family Blog!

Obituaries

Loyd Alton Weedman

Loyd A. Weedman, 76, of Leitchfield, KY passed away Wednesday, (July 26, 2006) at the Grayson Manor Nursing Home in Leitchfield.

He was born Sept. 17, 1929 in Louisville, KY, the son of **Alton and Lena Anderson Weedman**. He was a member of the

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*Congratulations
to Dr. Gary
Weedman on his
new position as
President of
Johnson Bible
College in
Knoxville, TN*

The Social Security Death Index is checked periodically for family entries. Information is sought on several shown here.

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Broadway Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his sisters: **Katy Cook** of Caneyville, KY, **Odean Wheeler** of Louisville, KY, **Erma Spencer** of Hodgenville, KY, and **Wilma Whitehead** of Leitchfield, KY; his brothers: **Elton Weedman** of Louisville, KY, **Howard Weedman** of Louisville, KY and **Henry Weedman** of Caneyville, KY. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. His brother **Marvin Weedman** preceded him in death.

Funeral services were on July 29, 2006 at the Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield. **Bro. Jerry Weedman** officiated followed by burial in the Layman Memorial Cemetery.

Carl S. Stewart

Carl S. Stewart, 80, of Millwood, KY passed away on May 24, 2006 at his residence. He was born December 22, 1925 in Grayson Co., KY, the son of **Charles** and **Mertie (Weedman) Stewart**. Carl was a retired tool and die maker for Reynolds Metal and was a Deacon and member of the Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, **Aileen Woosley Stewart**; two daughters, **Linda (Roy) Green** and **Cathie (Keith) Dennis** both of Millwood; three sons, **Carl (Lola) Jr.** of Millwood, **Donnie (Faye)** of Caneyville, and **Ronnie** of Guston, KY; 11 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; and one great, great grandchild.

The funeral was on May 27, 2006 at the Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield with burial in the Vol Layman Cemetery.

*(Note: we are appreciative to **Kathryn Cook** for providing the obituaries of her brother, Loyd, and cousin, Carl Stewart).*

Bettie M. Weedman

Bettie M. Weedman, 88, Lenexa, KS, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2006, at Lakeview Village Care Center. Funeral services were March 28 with burial in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, MO.

Mrs. Weedman was born October 24, 1917 in Kansas City, MO, to **Joseph** and **Bessie Reynolds Merchen**. She attended Paseo High School and later graduated from high school in Clinton, MO. She worked for Western Casualty & Surety Co. for 23 years. She lived in Emporia, KS, for 10 years and was active in the Pink Ladies Auxiliary at Newman Memorial Hospital and served as president for the Auxiliary for two years. She also lived in Trenton, MO, for 15 years and later retired and moved to the KC area in 1986. Bettie and her husband bought condominiums in KC and Florida. They would spend their summers in Kansas City and retreat to Florida during the winter months. They enjoyed spending time traveling together. Her husband, Charles Weedman, and his nieces and nephews survive her.

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Social Security Death Index Weedman Family

There have been eight Weedman family deaths shown in the Social Security Death Index. These are:

Judy Weedman, b. 7 Aug 1946, d. 30 Jun 2006 in Solana Beach, CA

Margaret Weedman, b. 28 Mar 1920, d. 27 Jan 2006 in Vancouver, WA

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Lucille Weedman, b. 30 Jul 1929, d. 12 Jan 2006 in Youngtown, AZ.

Bettie M. Weedman, b. 24 Oct 1917, d. 25 Mar 2006 in Shawnee Mission, KS.

Mary A. Weedman, b. 24 Dec 1936, d. 12 Mar 2006 in Paris, TX.

Loyd A. Weedman, b. 17 Sept 1929, d. 26 Jul 2006 in Caneyville, KY.

Roger D. Weedman, b. 4 May 1947, d. 14 Feb 2006 in Illinois.

Ward C. Weedman, b. 13 Aug 1919, d. 1 Apr 2006 in North Port, FL.

Obituaries for most have been published in the Newsletter but information is sought on others. If you have information that we have not published, please let us know and we will print it in the next issue.

Indian Murders in 1840 Near Fort Weedman (Weadman) Florida

(The following article was obtained through the Florida Historical Society by Shirley Weedman Spooner and provides some interesting perspectives of life in early Florida. Family tradition states that an ancestor, Philipe Weedman, had been killed by Indians and scalped. Shirley has found summaries of newspaper articles that state on November 20, 1839, Indians did attack and kill a Mr. Weedman near St. Augustine and wounded his son.

We previously printed articles on Fort Weedman (Weadman). See the 2004 Fall issue on page 18 and the 2004 Winter issue on page 26. Both are available on line at www.weedman.org.

There are some readily apparent spelling errors in the article but it is reproduced as

written.)

On Saturday last May 23, 1840, five men were killed by Indians, a short distance west of **Fort Weadman**, on the Picolata Road; say between 7 and 8 miles from the city of St. Augustine—that city which once belonged to Spain, and many of whose inhabitants were overjoyed when it was transferred to the United States, from the belief that they would enjoy a greater degree of security in their persons and property.

It was a heart-rending sight, in view of the desolations of a fertile country, and the many tragic events that have been acted in it, for the last four years and more, to see five human beings, some of them our fellow-citizens, brought into town, awaiting the last mournful and solemn rites

The circumstances were these: Col. Hanson was engaged in bringing from Picolata, a company of comedians who were under the management of W. C. Forbes, from Savannah, a part of whom, including two ladies, had arrived the day before. Col. H. had a carriage drawn by two horses and a large baggage wagon employed. In these were a Mr. Miller from Brunswick.

(Note--Beside the road leading westward from St. Augustine to Picolata on the St. Johns River there is a permanent marker with this inscription: THEATRICAL TROUP KILLED BY INDIANS, MAY 23, 1840. Varying accounts of this attack suggested a search for a contemporaneous narrative, and this extract from the Florida Herald of St. Augustine, the issue of May 29, 1840, appears to be the most trustworthy of those found. General Churchill (in Sketch of the Life of Brig. Gen. Sylvester Churchill, New York, 1888, p. 45) states that he passed the

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We only recently learned of the existence of Fort Weedman or Weadman in Florida. The article gives a flavor for life on this frontier in the 1840s.

The location of Fort Weadman may still be in the family although no traces of it remain today.

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party of actors shortly before they were ambushed, but was himself accompanied by a guard; also, that Coachoochee (WildCat) stated to him that he with his band made that attack. In the following year when Coachoochee with professions of friendship and accompanied by seven of his warriors came into the camp of Col. Worth for a talk, the Indians were fantastically decked out in the costumes of the actors' plundered wardrobes. (See Sprague, *The Origin, Progress, and Conclusion of the Florida War*, New York, 1848, p. 259.) Geo. Mr. Vose, from Black Creek, Mr. Lynes, Mr. Weiger, and Mr. Germon, and Mr. Hagan, and a negro man, the driver. When within 7 or 8 miles of the city, these waggons were fired upon by a party of about fifteen Indians, who suddenly rose up from a clump of palmettos, about fifty yards from the road, and killed Miller and Vose; the others (except Hagan) abandoned the waggons and ran with the view of effecting their escape. Germon ran towards Fort Searle, pursued by an Indian for some distance, who fired his rifle, the ball of which passed within six inches of G's head. G. finding himself unhurt, and still pursued, as the only means of safety, suddenly turned round and drew a pistol, which the Indian saw and left the pursuit - G. escaped to Fort Searle. Weiger, on leaving the carriage, also ran, pursued by the Indians, but finding that they gained upon him, he stopped, turned to them and begged (in German) for his life, under the impression that, as a foreigner, they would spare him, - he was shot. Lynes ran and concealed himself in a swamp, and was enabled afterwards to get into **Fort Weadman**. The Negro driver made his escape.

Hagan, who continued in the waggon, states that when the carriages were abandoned, he was lying down in the bottom of the one he was in-that the Indians

came up and threw out the dead body of Miller, and then beckoned him out-and that whilst they were plundering the waggons he was enabled to effect his escape.

Whilst the Indians were thus engaged in plundering; a waggon in the U. S. service, approached from town, in which were Messrs. Francis Medices, Nelson Buford, and A. F. Ball, and was driven by a negro man. Buford states that on discovering the Indians, he was driving, and attempted to turn his team, but failing, they all quitted the waggon with the view of reaching Fort Weadman, from which they were absent about a mile - that they were followed by the Indians, and after running a considerable distance Medices was shot through the hand and Ball was killed. Suddenly Medices turned and ran the other way, and his body was found within a short distance of the first action. Buford continued running for **Fort Weadman**, pursued by an Indian, who made a grab at him, and, missing him, fell, which gave the latter such advantage, as to enable him to effect his escape, with the aid of a sergeant and four men, who came from the fort to his relief. The driver of this waggon also made his escape.

Every thing in the waggons was taken; the trunks broken open, and clothing, dresses, and everything that could be of any value to an Indian, was carried away or destroyed.

The Indians were painted red, and in warlike attire - were daring, and exhibited an unsubdued character. One approached **Fort Weadman** within two hundred yards, assumed an air of defiance, and shook his rifle as a challenge to those who were in it. There were only seven men in the fort and they could not make a sally.

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On the receipt of the intelligence, expresses were sent to convey the necessary intelligence, by the commanding officer, Col. Gates, and a body of our fellow citizens at once volunteered, and went forth to meet the Goliath of the Philistines. They were absent till late at night, and were only prevented by the approach of night from having a fight with the murderers.

We can moralize on this subject, but we cannot theorize. It is useless for us to complain, to find fault, or to affect wisdom above our neighbors. The fact is, those of us that remain have been pent up in this little city for the last four and a half years, by a few worthless outlaws. Our friends and our neighbors, one after another, have been hastened to mansions of the dead, and he who is fool-hardy enough to look beyond the gates of the city, may be the next victim. It was most appropriately said by the good man who officiated at the entombment of these fellow mortals, "be ye also ready."

It is proper to observe that when this descent was made, the Eastern section of the St. Johns, was perfectly defenseless, every able-bodied man had been withdrawn (excepting a mere guard at each post) to concentrate at Fort King, preparatory to an expedition into the principal Indian settlements, and the commanding officer here was without a man to render assistance, or to pursue the Indians.

Source: Florida Historical Society

Update on Carl L. Weedman New Hall of Fame Member

Following the induction of **Carl L. Weedman** to the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame**, we asked him to provide an expanded biographical sketch and perhaps a photograph for our Hall of Fame

book.

Carl called several weeks later and advised that what we had written about his occupation was incorrect. He was a contractor and sub-contractor in Arizona. When pressed for more details he declined. And, a picture, is out of the question!

So, we will update the sketch we have and if others can add to it, we would appreciate your inputs. Carl is a modest person but those who participated in the latest Reunion know of his generosity to his birth community, Bristow, Indiana.

Weedman Photographs from the Tell City Historical Society

Evelyn Lasley, the librarian in charge of the genealogical section of the Tell City Library contacted me about a month following the Reunion to advise the Historical Society had located some Weedman family photographs.

They were kind enough to scan the pictures and forward them to me. What a gold mine! Apparently, when a great uncle and aunt died in Perry County, their personal photographic collection found its way to the Historical Society. **William R.** and **Nattie Lanman** had no children and apparently the family decided to donate items to the Society.

What they have are pictures of aunts and uncles I had never seen as well as a number of photographs of people yet to be identified.

You never know what you can find in some of the most unlikely places. I am indebted to Ms. Lasley for her tenacity in getting the photographs to our family.

If anyone can contribute additional information on Carl L Weedman, we will use it for the biographical sketch in the Hall of Fame Book.

Veteran's Grave Sites

Source: Veteran's Administration

Name	Rank	Branch	Conflict	Birthdate	Date of Death	Cemetery	Location
Weedman, Bobby Gene	Pvt	Army	Korea	12 Dec 1934	5 May 2004	Kuykendall Cem.	Carmi, IL
Weedman, Cecil James	Gy Sgt	Marines	WWII	26 Aug 1924	18 Oct 1997	Maple Hill Cem.	Fairfield, IL
Weedman, Clarence O.	Mech	Army	WWI	31 Jan 1893	13 Apr 1978	Black Hills Nat. Cem.	Sturgis, SD
Weedman, Danny Dale	MAMI	Navy	Viet Nam	16 Apr 1953	5 Nov 2003	Glenwood Cem.	Fort Payne, AL
Weedman, Dewey Wilson		Navy	WWII	9 Mar 1918	28 Jul 2002	Odd Fellows Cem.	Madisonville, KY
Weedman, Douglas Earl		USAF	Viet Nam	6 Jun 1947	26 Feb 2001	Crownland Cem.	Noblesville, IN
Weedman, Edwin McRae	Cpl	Army	WWII	11 Jan 1927	6 Sep 2004	Memorial Park Cem.	Blytheville, AR
Weedman, Everett L.	Cpl	Army	Korea	4 July 1930	20 Jan 1999	Bethany Memorial	Louisville, KY
Weedman, Frank A.	1 Lt	AAF	WWII	13 Oct 1923	22 Nov 2002	Montana St. Veterans	Helena, MT
Weedman, Gerald E.	HMC	Navy		14 Aug 1918	23 Jan 1958	Ft. McPherson Nat Cem	Maxwell, NE
Weedman, Harold Vernan	Pfc	Army		21 May 1919	19 Sep 1984	Willamette Nat Cem	Portland, OR
Weedman, Hiram	Cpl	Army	WWI	1 Aug 1887	2 Feb 1964	Little Rock Nat Cem	Little Rock, AR
Weedman, Hubert Lee	BM3	Navy	Viet Nam	28 Dec 1937	31 Aug 2002	Floral Lawn Mem	North Platte, NE
Weedman, J. F.		Army		10 Jan 1846	16 May 1901	Riverside Cem	Denver, CO
Weedman, James Estel	FN	Navy	WWII	23 Dec 1926	24 Aug 1991	Willamette Nat Cem	Portland, OR
Weedman, Jimmie Birch	Cpl	Army	Korea	2 Apr 1932	6 Dec 2000	Bethany Memorial	Louisville, KY
Weedman, John G.		Army	WWII	10 Aug 1922	21 Jun 2000	Beatty Cem.	Fordsville, KY
Weedman, John W.	Cpl	IL Inf	Civil War		12 Oct 1864	Andersonville	Andersonville, GA
Weedman, Joseph S.		AAF	WWII	11 Dec 1919	30 Apr 2002	Randolph Mem. Park	N. Asheboro, NC
Weedman, Lonzo K.	Sgt	Army	WWII	6 Oct 1928	16 Dec 2000	Jefferson Barracks Cem	St. Louis, MO
Weedman, Mary M.	Sgt	Army	WWII	25 Jul 2004	10 Jun 1977	Jerrerson Barracks Cem	St. Louis, MO
Weedman, Melvin E.	Cpl	Army	WWII	15 Jul 1924	9 Feb 1996	Lebanon Nat Cem	Lebanon, KY
Weedman, Murrell M.	Pfc	Marines	WWII	19 Jan 1919	13 Jul 1998	Maple Hill Cem.	Fairfield, IL
Weedman, Myron Wilson	Pvt	Army			16 Mar 1945	Ft. Leavenworth	Ft. Leavenworth, KS
Weedman, Paul Burr	HMC		WWII	21 Jul 1909	6 Jul 2003	Arlington Nat Cem	Arlington, VA
Weedman, Robert B.	Sgt	Army	Korea	17 Mar 1931	17 Jul 2000	Rest Haven Park Cem	Glendale, AZ
Weedman, Robert J.	Cpl	Army	WWII	4 Dec 1918	27 Mar 1996	So. Nev. Veterans Mem	Boulder City, NV
Weedman, Wayne L.	Cpl	Army	Korea	11 Nov 1931	4 Mar 2000	Oneida Cem.	Oneida, IL
Weidman, Charles A.	Pfc	Army	Korea	9 Mar 1931	16 Sep 1996	Maple Grove Cem.	Mattawan, MI
Weidman, Jon Stephen	RMI	Navy	Viet Nam	1 Jul 1947	17 Dec 1998	Fayetteville Nat. Cem.	Fayetteville, AR

This information is from the Veteran's Administration and lists veterans who are buried in either military cemeteries or in private cemeteries with a government furnished grave marker. In some instances, it appears if a military honor guard participated in the burial, that gravesite is also listed. There are apparently a number of veteran's graves well beyond this list.