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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

It's nearly Fall...already it's in the air and leaves are showing the fall color displays that we all enjoy so much.

Reunion Report

Our first news, and wouldn't you guess? ...**The Weedman Family Reunion!** As you know, we enjoyed this event June 16th & 17th. Some of us arrived on the 15th just to get together with anyone else who would be there early, and there were a goodly number. The weather cooperated nicely. We saw some clouds, but it didn't rain on us.

Friday Picnic

On Friday evening we gathered at the **Weedman Park** at Farmer City, IL. We enjoyed a picnic dinner at that time. It was wonderful meeting old friends and kinfolk, and meeting new ones. Many new friendships were made with those who were with us for the first time. We all got to know the "Illinois Weedman line" at the events we shared in those two days. Our "Headquarters", was the Eastland Suites Hotel in Urbana, IL. It was a lovely place to gather.

Friday Workshop

The Reunion officially began on Friday afternoon when we gathered in one of the pleasant Meeting Rooms where Nick and others were putting their items for display in order. Speakers in the infor-

mal evening gathering were: **Jon Austin**, Executive Director of the Illinois Historical Society, who gave us an overview picture of the area of Illinois in which our Weedmans pioneered, and also explained to us what was available in the local area and in the Illinois Historical Society for research. He answered questions and cleared up a few misconceptions we had about various aspects of research. Jon is of the Illinois Weedman line.

Marianne Montgomery spoke on the way she and we could all go about researching by area. Beginning with Christian's arrival in America, tracing the migratory paths of his children into Northern Virginia (now West Virginia), Kentucky, Ohio and Illinois. She had maps lined out for us to see how they traveled using routes where there were rivers, Indian paths, and valleys, where the travel would be less toilsome. *Daniel's line.*

Gena Lee Theiss spoke on her experience with using the computer as a tool to find our roots. She mentioned the various genealogy sites on the Internet, told about her web page and Nicks, and encouraged us to look into the various on-line means of doing our family tree. *John's line.*

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The 9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion was a highly successful event. Details are reported here.

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Larry Weedman (Illinois Weedman line) and his dad, **Ward Weedman**, spoke on the Farmer city historical places where Weedmans lived, married and were buried. The area boasts several Weedman families and descendants of female Weedmans who 's names are other than Weedman who live and visit the area. Larry and Ward are a pair!! Their humor was wonderful to enjoy. Larry spoke of the early days of Farmer City, IL, and what it was like to grow up there. He has a way of telling it that makes you think you lived there; the pictures he "painted" of the area kept us spell-bound. He told of a rather well known lady named **Carolyn Skelly** who lived back east in Rhode Island who had more money than she could ever count (and she probably didn't care to count it). She was the heiress of the well-known **SKELLY OIL COMPANY** and married **Freeman Weedman Burford**, a graduate of an Oklahoma University law school, who was employed by the Skelly

Oil Company. Freeman was the son of **Guy E. and Harriet (Weedman) Burford** and she was a daughter of **Smith Y. Weedman**. A full-length story appeared on Carolyn Skelly Weedman appeared in Vanity Fair Magazine for December 1999. Your library no doubt has a copy. This is a very interesting article and highly recommended.

Getting back to the Reunion, that Friday evening was one to remember. Our hats go off to Nick who took care of every detail and did a wonderful job as host.... along with his wife, Merrie Carol.

Church Service

The next day we had some free time to go to the Farmer City library, the Urbana Library or wherever. Being Saturday, some of the Historical Society rooms were closed. We then met and went to the **Weedman United Methodist Church**, in Weedman, Illinois and attended a lovely church service. In the

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The Saturday worship service at the Weedman United Methodist Church was led by Dr. William L. Weedman.

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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church the people of Weedman church had assembled a historical display of the church's beginning, the first members, the deed by which **John Weedman**, local banker, had given the land for the church. In his honor they called it the **Weedman Methodist Church** and so it is to this day. It was a truly spiritual experience to attend that church. We could almost feel the presence of the early area Weedmans and kin who attended the church. **Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman**, of Springfield, IL, gave a wonderful sermon and lead the service; we each got a souvenir bulletin of the day's service, and a six-page write-up of the church history. Several of us formed a "choir" and we sang, Beulah Land, an old time favorite no doubt sung often when the first Weedmans built and attended. Our thanks go out to **Dr. Weedman** for planning and conducting the service. And, we must pass a special thanks to **Rev. Louella Pence**, the pastor at the **Weedman United Methodist Church** for participating in the service and allowing us the use of all of the Church facilities. We used the sanctuary and the grounds for our box lunch following the service. And, members of the Church served as musicians for our service. It was truly a great day.

We had a box lunch on the lawn of the church. We could easily imagine the early days when folks spent a good part of Sundays at the church, out on the lawn for socials, and picnics for various kinds. Revival, missionary meetings...the church was and IS a vibrant living memorial to our Weedman past in Illinois.

Cemetery Tour

The service was followed by a tour of the local cemeteries in which Weedmans and kin are buried. We went to the **Miller Cemetery** in McLean County where the

progenitors of the Illinois line, **George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman**, are buried. **Shiloh Cemetery** was next and that is where a lot of the Rutledge and Bishop family are at rest including two daughters of **George and Charlotte Weedman**. **Historic Campground Cemetery** in Farmer City was next. There are so many family members buried here that it could have well be called the Weedman Cemetery! The last two visited were **City Cemetery** and **Maple Grove Cemetery** both in Farmer City.

We saw them all and don't let anyone tell you that cemetery hopping is boring...it isn't, when you go with the energetic group we had. We all enjoyed the afternoon. At this point, we need to thank **Joyce Newman** of DeWitt for all of her assistance for the whole Reunion. She was our local resource person and undertook the effort of marking all the family member's graves in all five cemeteries. A huge job and we say thanks to Joyce for everything she did to make the Reunion so successful.

Reunion Dinner

Jon Austin emceed the evening gathering at the **Woodlawn Country Club**, at Farmer City where our banquet was held. After a delicious meal we enjoyed a time of sharing, and an informal "business meeting". Thank you's were included, for those who had contributed to the joy of the reunion, and then we looked ahead to 2002 when we will meet for our next reunion. The question was asked "How many of you would attend a reunion in Fayette County, PA if we were to meet there"? Hands were raised all over the room, indicating that this area will be considered. The Reunion Dinner and all meals were superbly catered by **Hammer Catering** of Farmer City.

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Jon Austin of Springfield, IL was the emcee for both the Friday and Saturday evening events.

The Weedman Family Hall of Fame was started to recognize family members who have brought distinction to our family.

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It was good to have so many younger generations of Weedmans attending. A new feature of the reunion was presented this evening. The initial inductions into **THE WEEDMAN HALL OF FAME** were made after the Reunion dinner and several members were chosen this evening for that honor. Each one chosen was picked for some contributory deed, or event which he/she had done for the good of the Weedman Family ...some in showing the diversity of Weedman talent that is so evident in our members.

Weedman Family Hall of Fame

At the Reunion, we inducted ten family members into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame. The purpose was to recognize members who have made a distinctive positive contribution to society that brings honor to the family. Six posthumous awards and four living person awards were made. Those honored were:

Mary Weedman Myers, oldest daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman who was the first native born woman to cross the Ohio River to settle in the Ohio territory.

John Jesse Weedman, Jr., farmer, banker, and successful businessman who was a prominent Farmer City, IL resident.

Freeman Weedman Burford, pioneer oilman whose success in the oil business in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas was well known.

Catherine Bishop Weedman, who was the maternal head of a family which produced a large number of medical and dental practitioners in the 1800s.

Dr. James Clyde Munch, a Farmer City, IL native who achieved recognition and prominence in the field of pharmacology.

George Perry Weedman, a native of Perry Co., IN who made significant contributions to the field of education and who was an early superintendent of schools in Perry County.

Living person awards were made to:

Dee Brown, author and historian who is best known for writing the book, *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee*. His wife is a Weedman descendent.

Gena Lee Theiss, author and genealogist who compiled the work, *Christian Weedman and his Descendents, 1735-1986* and a later supplement.

Marianne Montgomery, who along with her late husband, Paul Kasper Montgomery, started the *Weedman Newsletter* and who has been its editor for the entire 32 plus years of publication.

Dr. Daniel W. Weedman, astronomer who has numerous scientific publications and who co-invented the Hobby Eberly Telescope.

Our congratulations to all of those recognized as inductees into the initial **Weedman Family Hall of Fame**.

We plan to have the next Reunion in 2002 and it will likely be held in Fayette Co., PA. Nick's sister, **Billie Bruce**, and her daughters, **Audrey Chapline** and **Kathy Sharples** along with **Melissa Achtien** and **Cindy Ruzak** agreed to serve as coordinators.

About 80 people participated in what we consider a very successful Reunion.

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Malinda Weedman Riddle

Daughter of Daniel and Nancy
(Spurrier) Weedman

By Myron Riddle

The story that was relayed to me was, after the death of her husband in 1869, **Malinda** stayed at Derby Indiana until about 1880 when she and her surviving children left Indiana to homestead land in the Northwest, Washington State. I have been told that Malinda, my GG grandfather **Henry Washington, Lavina Belle, Margaret Ann** (she married a Doctor by the name of **J. W. Mullinix**), **Lavina Belle** (she married a Mr. **Reed**) and **Mary Elizabeth. Mary Elizabeth** as I understand it was already married to a **Splater** and that was with whom Malinda traveled west. In the same cemetery as Malinda are three of her grandchildren who had passed away in 1891, a daughter and twins in 1893. Close by the gravesite is the grave of a **Ulysses Riddle** whose identity is elusive at this point.

I am in hopes that someone in the Weedman family has additional information concerning the time Malinda spent at Derby, Perry County Indiana between 1869 and 1880. I do know that **Elisha Wells Riddle** is a twin brother of Margaret Ann and he passed away at 9 years of age. I have been unable to find out any information on **George McLane Riddle** other than his birth date.

Malinda Weedman, daughter of **Daniel** and **Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman**, was born 31 March 1833 in Perry County, IN and married **William H. Riddle** there on 27 March 1859. She died 20 November 1888 and is buried in Waitsburg, WA. **Myron Riddle** of Sacramento, CA provided the information above as well as a photograph of the tombstone of Malinda. Her line: **Malinda Weedman**⁴, **Daniel**³, **Christian, Jr.**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Obituary

Mathilda (Tillie) Goehner Weedman

Mathilda (Tillie) Weedman, 86, of Cashmere, passed away June 4, 2000 at the home of her son, in Cashmere after an extended illness.

She was born Jan. 25, 1914 to **Fredric** and **Christina (Schaber) Goehner** near Farris, Manitoba, Canada. She moved with her parents to North Dakota. On Nov. 27, 1931, she married **Henry (Bob) Leonard Weedman** at Merricourt, ND. They farmed in North Dakota before coming to the Cashmere area in 1937. In 1941, Tillie became a proud US citizen.

In 1949, they bought an apple and pear orchard at Dryden and farmed until moving to Cashmere in 1963. Following the death of her husband in 1965, she moved to Kent with her two youngest daughters and worked at Heath Technic for many years. Tillie returned to Cashmere in 1979 and for years she worked in fruit packing warehouses as a sorter. At age 82 she retired from the Blue Star warehouse in Cashmere.

She was a small tenderhearted Christian lady, loving to her family, and an excellent housekeeper with a sense of humor. She enjoyed family gatherings and traveling. She was a member of the Dryden Community Church for over 40 years.

She is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, **Glenn** and **Florella Martin** of Wenatchee and **Gayln** and **Vilene Grams** of Sumner and **Evert (Skip) Carter** of Kent; two sons and daughters-in-law, **Rueben** and **Anita Weedman** of Tacoma and **Leonard (Swede)** and **Annie Weedman** of Cashmere; 12 grandchildren, 26 great-grand children and 3 great-great-grandchildren; sisters **Emilia**

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Myron Riddle is seeking information on the Weedman and Riddle families in Perry County, Indiana.

Our sympathies are extended to those who have lost loved ones. A number of obituaries are reported this issue.

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Martensen and **Edna Weedman** of Cashmere and **Ida Radach** of Wematchee; and a brother, **Walter Goehner** of Dryden.

Her parents, her husband **Bob**, a daughter **Linda Carter**, brothers **Christ, John, Otto, Bill**, and **Albert** preceded her in death. Family graveside services for were held at the Cashmere Cemetery on Wednesday, June 7, 2000.

Tillie Weedman's husbands line was: **Henry Leonard Weedman**⁶, **Carey Sylvester**⁵, **Henry Linas**⁴, **Asa**³, **George**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹. **Glenn Martin** supplied information in this article.

Obituary

John Green Weedman

John G. Weedman, 77, of Reynolds Station died June 21, 2000 at his home.

He was born in Breckinridge County, was a retired grocer and farmer, had formerly worked for the Kentucky Forestry Division and had served as magistrate of Ohio County for four years. He was a member of Black Lick Baptist Church in Breckinridge County and was a World War II veteran. His first wife, **Marie Beck Weedman**, preceded him in death.

Survivors include his wife, **Barbara Hodge Weedman**; a son, **Don Kenneth Weedman** of Princeton; two daughters, **Wanda Faye Beemer** of Hartford and **Judy Gail Weedman** of Tyler, Texas; a stepdaughter, **Theresa Hodge Cannon** of Lyles, TN; five grandchildren; a brother, **Jack Weedman** of Hardinsburg; two sisters, **Mary Wallner** of Olaton and **Martha Hall** of Mount Sterling, ILL; and several nephews and nieces.

Burial was in Beatty Cemetery in Hancock County.

His lineage was: **John Green Weedman**⁷, **Joseph Marion**⁶, **Harvey Willis**⁵, **William**⁴, **John**³, **Christian, Jr.**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Source: Ohio County Kentucky Times-News, June 29, 2000

(He married his 2nd wife, **Barbara Hodge**, 16 Oct 1998 in Waynesboro, Georgia). Our thanks to **Cathy Stone** for providing this information.

Obituary

Spencer Whitton Weedman

Spencer Whitton Weedman, age 9, of Harrisonville, MO, died Saturday, January 29, 2000, at Cass Medical Center, Harrisonville. Memorial services were held February 1, at the United Methodist Church, Harrisonville.

Spencer was born September 19, 1990, in Kansas City, MO. He was a third grade student at McEowen Elementary School in Harrisonville. He was on the principal's honor roll, was a Cub Scout, and a member of the swim team, basketball, soccer and baseball teams. He is survived by his parents, **Charles** and **Julia Weedman** and a sister, **Meredith Jane Weedman**, all of the home; his paternal grandparents, **Charles** and **Molly Weedman**, St. Louis, MO; his maternal grandparents, **Rex** and **Doris Whitton**, Kansas City, MO; aunts and uncles, **Deborah Weedman** and husband, **Todd Haglund**, St. Louis, MO, **John** and **Sheri Weedman**, Westwood Hills, KS, **Katie** and **Greg Finkle** and their children, **Callie** and **Claire**, Overland Park, KS, **Rex** and **Kay Whitton** and their children, **Rex**, **Ryan** and **Ross**, Dallas, TX.

A recipe written by Spencer and his

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mother last week for his school "Star of the Week" was:
SPICY SPENCER SPAGHETTI Number of servings: Plenty; Ingredients: 3 gallons of milk, 1 large pepperoni pizza, 2 lbs. Starburst, 2 cups Pokemon cards, 1 cup Gameboy, and Nintendo, sifted together 1 - 20 oz. package of mixed sports - basketball, soccer and swimming, a few slices of 4-square, 4-5 tablespoons of medals and trophies, 1 teaspoon Sanibel Island, 1 teaspoon snow skiing, a dash of school humor to taste. Directions: Take one nine-year-old boy with blond hair and blue eyes, and add all the ingredients listed above. Have a loving mom & dad, stir it all together. Take an older sister and have her mix it up on high. Have a furry dog named Snowball give it a taste, and then serve it on a platter made of Legos with a big box of friends.

Source: Kansas City Star.

Spencer was the great nephew of **Freeman James Weedman, Jr.** of Omaha who has been a long time subscriber and contributor to the Weedman Newsletter. Our sympathy goes out to the whole family for such an untimely loss. Spencer's line was: **Spencer Whitton Weedman**⁸, **Charles Edward, Jr.**⁷, **Charles Edward, Sr.**⁶, **Freeman James, Sr.**⁵, **Jesse Hamilton Stewart**⁴, **David**³, **Jacob**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Other Deaths

The Social Security Death Index has provided information on other deaths in the Weedman Family in this current year. We have no further information on most of these and if anyone can provide an obituary, we will publish details.

Gregory Weedman, born 18 March 1965 died in St. Louis, MO on 30 March.

Robert Weedman, born 17 March 1931 died in Sun City, AZ on 17 July.

Teresa Weedman, born 2 June 1950 died 21 May in California. She was the daughter of **William Charles** and **Margaret (Wall) Weedman**.

Luverne Coy Weedman, born 22 Sept 1927 died 14 April in Columbus, WI. He was a son of **Earl Elmore** and **Margaret (Jones) Weedman** and grandson of **Henry Linas Weedman**.

Civil War Ring

We were contacted recently by a history buff that is interested in the 39th Illinois Infantry Regiment that was engaged in the Civil War. A number of family members served in this Regiment and apparently someone had located a ring belonging to someone who served in this unit who had the initials, JTW or JFW. Apparently the only person fitting this description was **Jacob T. (or F.) Weedman**, son of **George** and **Catherine (Danner) Weedman**. Jacob moved from Illinois to Kansas and finally Denver where he died about 1901. We have had no contact with any of the descendents of **Jacob Weedman**. The ring is possibly for sale and we are pursuing the possible purchase of it if we can confirm that it definitely belonged to **Jacob Weedman**. Stay tuned for more information!

New Subscribers

We would like to welcome the following new subscribers to the *Weedman Newsletter*:

Marguerite Richardt - Evansville, IN
Cliff Weedman - Eighty Eight, KY
Dr. Daniel Weedman - Arlington, VA
Larry Weedman - Dresden, TN
Betty Yahn - Aurora, CO

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We intend to pursue the possibility of procuring the Civil War Regimental Ring and will keep you up to date.

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Philip Weedman Florida Land Grant

Land grants which have been printed in "Grassroots in America, Index to American State Papers", shows **Philip Weedman** of the Florida branch of the family obtaining land near St. Augustine. Philip or Felipe was the progenitor of this branch of the family. This activity may have been his earliest acquisition of land in Florida.

July 3, 1811 – **Philip Weedman** presented his memorial for 150 acres of land on the road to Picolata, 12 miles north of St. Augustine. Date could have been 1819. *Vol. 3, page 780.*

5 July 1815. 150 acres on the road to Picolata presented to **Philip Weedman**, a citizen of the U.S. and resident of the Territory of Florida bounded on the east by Turnbull Creek. 400 acres were requested but 150 acres granted. **Don Philip Weedman** was the name used on the application. *Vol. 4, page 307.*

Source: "Grassroots in America, Index to American State Papers, Land Claims & Grants, 1789-1837"

James Edwin Weedman Son of Addison M. Weedman

In the last Newsletter, I promised to print an article on **James Edward Weedman**, son of **Addison M. Weedman** in this *Newsletter*. However, due to space dedicated to the Reunion, we have decided to delay that article until the next *Newsletter*. James left Kentucky at an early age and moved to California. We have recently found land grants he took in Mendocino and Humboldt Counties. More on this interesting family member next issue.

Photographs and Family Information Received

Philip Weedman Bateman of Decatur, IL has provided us with a wealth of family photographs and information. All of this is in the process of being scanned and saved for future use. We appreciate him sharing what has to be precious family treasures with us.

Marguerite Richardt of Evansville, IN and Cairo, Egypt participated in the family reunion along with her husband. She, too, has provided us with photographs of **Margaret (Craig) Weedman** and many of her children and grandchildren. We will scan this as well.

Both of these will be put onto CD-ROMs and will be available on request to other family members.

We have not had success in using pictures in the *Weedman Newsletter*. We have each issued copied using Xerox copiers and for some reason, photographs just do not seem to come out. We would have like to print Reunion pictures but the quality would not be adequate. We can put photographs on our Weedman Family web page but have put only one there so far from the Reunion. It is a family picture taken in front of the Weedman United Methodist Church.

To see this, go to our web site which is:

<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/HNWEEDMAN/>

Until the next *Newsletter*, take care.

*Marianne Montgomery
And Nick Weedman*

Philip (Felipe) Weedman was the first of his family to settle in Florida. Relationship to the Christian Weedman line is unknown.