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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello, Cousins,

Here it is Fall, and it seems that time speeds along swiftly when we are enjoying the happy days of summer.

Weedman 2002 National Family Gathering - Report

Of course, the big news this issue, is the **Weedman Family Gathering of 2002**. We arrived on Friday July 19, and found our way to Room 122 and the Reception Table outside the door where each one was given a colorful folder, containing the history of the family, events planned for the weekend, a 3-generation ancestry chart for those first three generations from Christian Weedman Sr. There was also a directory of all who had registered and who had planned to attend. It's good to look back on and remember happy events and conversations with all of them. We were happy to carry our WEEDMAN FAMILY tote bags, which were included. Made of sturdy sailcloth, with red lettering, they were much appreciated, and use of them began as soon as they were received! I'm still carrying mine here and there, proudly, There was included a list of cemeteries we would visit in the area for the WILLIAM, DANIEL and JACOB lines.

We are satisfied now that we have found most of the final resting places of Weedmans of these and JOHN's line, and also

a good majority of GEORGE's line visited last time in Illinois. We have tried to locate most of the cemeteries of the various lines not just for those attending the gatherings, but also for every one who has Weedman ancestry. We concentrate on those first generations...up to the 1900's at least. STEPHEN's line will be researched first in the coming year, and we'll know where to look for his family roots in Kentucky, mainly. Thanks go to **Sam Sedoris**, and his cousin, **Lloyd**, who carefully recorded many of STEPHEN's line. **Sam Sedoris** can be reached on e-mail at se-doris@netzero.net.

Getting back to the Reunion, Friday evening was 'get acquainted time" and some had earlier visited the historic old St Joseph's Church led by **Mr. John Fierst** of the Dubois County Historical Society. One couldn't help but sense the past and the awe of the place. Those who came early and were privileged to visit there will remember it.

At 6:00 p.m. we enjoyed great "snacks" at Room 122, which we had reserved for the weekend as our gathering place...It' was near the pool and you can bet the kids loved to swim and splash and have a great

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The 2002 Weedman National Family Gathering was well attended and highly successful. This issue reports on that event.

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Beginning Genealogy by Audrey Chapline and a report on "A Visit to New Holland" were given on the Friday night session.

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time there. We all enjoyed meeting one another, and renewing old acquaintances of reunions past. Pictures, scrapbooks, hugs, chats,all good feelings prevailed. Then at 7:30 I gave a brief introduction of the various cemeteries we had choices to visit the following day which would be Saturday. Mentioned the lines (Daniel, William and Jacob's in particular), and other announcements followed, **Gena Lee Theiss** asked for additions to family lines for her upcoming book the final edition of **CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS 1737-2002**. The edition we use now is the "Red Book" of the same name except the year now is 1735 - 1986. Many gave Gena the names of their children, latest marriage, birth, and death data and any correction that might have been, in what has been in the book. Don't think there was more than 2-3, if that many. So now we need to know that even though it's too late to get any new additions to Gena for this book, the Newsletter will continue to accept

changes, additions and death, marriage, etc. news. These changes and additions you may add in the back blank pages of your books, whether it be the 2000, 1986, or the first one.... I believe about 1986.

Additional presentations on Friday evening were made.

Audrey Chapline spoke to the gathering about *Genealogy For Beginners*, and she had a lot of good sources to look at on the net, and good advice for those who don't have computers, too.

Anne Weedman Smith spoke on "A Visit to New Holland". In 2001, **Anne** and her brother, **Nick Weedman**, visited Fayette County, PA where **Christian Weedman, Sr.** settled in 1765 on land he called, New Holland. Anne and Nick found the land as well as visiting several sites that remain from that early time. Included were the Jacob's Lutheran Church where we believe **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** worshipped as well as

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the Friendship Brethern Church which is on "New Holland" land. Anne showed pictures and maps

Both presentations were well received and most interesting.

On Saturday morning, after a delicious breakfast at the Holiday Inn, our host Motel, we got together for whatever we had chosen to do for the day. For myself, I chose cemetery hopping. I focused on JACOB's line. Others visited DANIEL's line and WILLIAM's line cemeteries, or whatever they decided to do with their day. The kids, needless to say had swimming on their minds. They met new cousins and hopefully they enjoyed meeting relatives they had never met before. They seemed happy throughout the time spent together.

Neil Kenyon lead a group on a tour in Dubois and Crawford Counties where many of the Jacob Weedman descendents are buried.

For those descended from William Weedman, **Nick Weedman** took the group into the northwest part of Perry County where the Weedman and Cart Cemeteries were visited.

Later in the day, **Paul Weedman** and **Marguerite Richardt** went into Pike County to see burial sites for those descended from Jonathan Weedman.

Nick Weedman lead a special tour for those who descended from **Charles Green** and **Martha (Lanman) Weedman** back into Perry County. Among the gravesites visited was that of James Lanman who served twice in the Revolutionary War!

We were able to visit many of the family burial sites some of which were new to those who visited.

A wonderful catered luncheon was prepared and brought to us at the 4H County Fairgrounds just 6 miles south of Jasper. The day was quite warm, but not as warm as it could have been.

The Banquet was held at Sultan's Run Golf and Country Club. Perhaps many who were there may not know that the land on which this Country Club is sited was originally owned by Jacob Weedman or Jonathan Weedman! Hostesses for this year's reunion were: **Billie Bruce, Kathy Sharples, Anne Smith, and Audrey Chapline**. We were delighted that **Joyce Newman** could join us again this time.

Hall of Fame

Then of course, we inducted into the Weedman Family Hall of Fame two new additions **Christian Weedman, Sr.** and **Nick Weedman**. Christian Weedman, Sr. was the progenitor for most of the Weedman families in the U.S. and the original immigrant. Nick has truly been the backbone of all that we are doing in our efforts to seek out and find every Weedman out there and allied family.

2004 Weedman National Family Gathering

It was decided at the Reunion dinner held on Saturday evening that **Paul Weedman** and his mother, **Aida Weedman**, would host the 2004 reunion to be held in San Diego, California. The reunion will be focused not only on enjoying each other's company, but seeing sights in San Diego and area. This is going to be a relaxed for fun type of gathering, and we hope that we have a good attendance for this "never to be forgotten" event. Your first thought is: "It's too far away...but think it over. Don't you deserve a trip to California? And with "the family " there

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The 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering will be in San Diego hosted by Paul Weedman and his mother, Aida Weedman.

*Everette Smith is working on a book on his particular line which will be called, **Generations.***

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to meet you, you'll be no stranger. Do give it some thought. If your library has travel magazines or books on the area around San Diego, take a look at those. As time goes by we will have more news for you about this.

Sunday after a breakfast at the Motel, **Neil Kenyon** brought us a message in which he brought in the significance of bonding in families and how reunions and bonding hold a family together. The message told of a grandfather and grandson visiting 'the old home place" Grandfather knew how to find the paths to the weeded overgrown yard to the now ramshackle old home and to the springhouse. He and grandson shared the spring water...still flowing there.... in cupped hands. As they drank it, Grandson felt a strong bond with grandfather. Neil went on to say that just as he and his grandfather enjoyed that time together, there is little doubt that **Christian Weedman** and his family worked, hunted and fished together as Christian told of his early life and the heritage was passed on down to us. Should anyone reading this want to full message, please let me know and I'll mail it to you. The final sentence Neil gave was..."Whether we meet in San Diego or in that Better Land where a new chain is forming may the Grace and Peace of God be with you as you walk the path to the Home Place."

After the message was given and a blessing added, we all headed for our homes and smiled with memories of the three days we were together in 2002.

There were about 67 people there, and they included Sam Sedoris, his cousin Lloyd and his dad. Larry Gerner and his Mom were there, too, for a short Saturday visit, while they were in the area.

The 2002 Reunion was very successful!

Everette Smith Book

In other news, **Everett E. Smith** (STEPHEN'S line) father of **Jean Huffty**, a Newsletter subscriber became so curious about the Weedman's and Smith's he decided he'd write about his family tree. What started to be a work of love for his immediate family has blossomed into a trilogy called **GENERATION'S**. He has sent the first part to the publisher, and Jean Huffty is helping him with punctuation and that sort of thing. But the words are his and he sent me a page from his first of three part series. I had planned to add it into this Newsletter, but when I gathered the materials together to publish, I find there is insufficient room in this issue, so you are going to get this witty and interesting taste of that first book in the Winter Newsletter. At that time I'll know where it can be bought. The part I read was written in his own words, and I could almost picture the scenes he spoke of. It's that kind of book, where you feel you're right there in the spots he speaks about. I am going to get a copy of Book #1 as soon as it's off the press. It's the kind of book you just can't put down. More on this in the next Newsletter.

Capt. William Weedman Recognized

Captain **William Weedman**, a twenty-five year veteran of the Jefferson County (KY) Police Department, has received an assignment recently as Police Captain for Baker District. His picture appeared in the article we received. He brings fresh enthusiasm into the Baker area with his three-point philosophy: to lower crime, protect and serve, and gain community support. William is a descendant of Christian Weedman Sr, through

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DANIEL's line. He has a wife, **Peggy**, and a son **Brent**. We are happy to salute **Captain William Weedman!**

Marriage

We heard from **David Weedman**, grandson of **Ed** and **Hazel (Haddaway) Weedman**, that he was married June 15, 2002 to **Amber Leigh Furgason**. He didn't mention place or her parents, but we'll have that in the new updated book I think, as Dave knew about the plans to update the Weedman book. So Dave when you read this, send us the missing details of the bride, and the place where you were married. Congratulations Amber and David! You know we wish you our very best for a long and happy marriage.

Obituaries

We have a number of family deaths to report. Our sympathies go to the families on their losses.

Obituary

Norma Preston Weedman

Norma Preston Weedman whose death was noted in the Spring 2002 Newsletter, was the second wife of **George A. Weedman** of Wasco, OR. George's father was the late **Guy Philip Weedman**, son of **Homer Willis Weedman** and **Jane Little**. DANIEL's line. Norma and George were good people who looked after their elderly family members. We are sorry to learn Norma has passed away, but know that she has gone to a sweet reward in Heaven.

We heard from **Parmula Weedman** who some of you will remember. She updated me on her news and told me she's

indexing the Newsletters beginning where she left off, and how grateful we are for the work she is doing. However, she has lost several of those nearest and dearest to her and this is sad news. Their obituaries follow. Parmula also pointed out two errors in the Newsletters of recent date, which I'll correct later on in this Newsletter. We all send our sincere condolences to Parmula in the loss of her loved ones. They follow: They are of NICHOLAS Weedman's line Nicholas (3) John (2) Christian Sr. (1).

Obituary

Chester Parmer Weedman

Chester Parmer Weedman, born July 28, 1913 in Hamilton County, IN, and died July 12, 1998 in Marietta, Georgia, where he had gone to visit relatives. He was the son of **Charles Samuel** and **Elma Elizabeth (Jennings) Weedman**. On October 19, 1935 he married **Sarah Jane Gaerte** of Noblesville, IN, who preceded him in death in 1986. He attended Purdue University and studied engineering. He had an active life, loved sports, was a 32nd degree Mason, and enjoyed fishing, photography and traveling. A daughter, **Parmula K. Weedman** of Noblesville and a son, **Joe A. Weedman**, of Lubbock, TX, survived him. Chester's son, **Douglas E. Weedman**, passed away in 2001 and his sister, **Vivian**, also has departed this earth. Read on.

Obituary

Vivian M. Barker

Vivian M. Barker, sister of **Chester Weedman**, passed away Sept 2, 1998 at the age of 82 in Anderson, Indiana. She was three years younger than **Chester** (called "**Parm**" for short). On Sept. 27, 1935, she married **Fay M. Barker** in Noblesville who survives. She was a

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We sadly report on an unusually large number of deaths in the family in this issue of the Weedman Newsletter.

The family of Chester Parmer Weedman has been particularly hit with their losses.

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Quaker and member of Moose Lodge Auxiliary # 150 in Anderson. She enjoyed playing golf, and bridge, and knitting. She played the organ, enjoyed reading, traveling and family gatherings. Besides her husband, two daughters and their husbands survive her. A daughter, **Diane**, and son in law, **Marc Venard**, have since passed away. Burial was at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Obituary

Douglas Earl Weedman

Douglas Earl Weedman, 53 of Noblesville, IN. died Monday, February 26, 2001 at Methodist Hospital at Indianapolis, IN. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on June 6, 1947 to **Chester Parmer** and **Sarah Jane (Gaerte) Weedman**. He was a journalist and media representative for Metro Networks in Indianapolis and in Phoenix, AZ. He was active in charities, such as the Salvation Army and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. He was a veteran serving in the Air Force with the rank of Staff Sergeant. A sister, Parmula Weedman; a brother, Joe Allen Weedman of Lubbock, TX, and two nieces survive him, **Kathryn Jane (Weedman) Arthur** of Gainesville, FL, and **Michelle Janne Weedman** of San Marcos, TX. Burial was in Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville, IN.

Obituary

E. Diane (Barker) Venard

E. Diane (Barker) Venard 63, died at her Noblesville residence on Sept. 23, 2001. She was born March 24, 1938 in Noblesville, to **Fay** and **Vivian (Weedman) Barker**. Her father, and a son, **Randy Venard** as well as son **Marc Jr.** and wife **Linda** and daughter, **Carey Jean Wilson** and several nieces and, nephews and 4 grandchildren. Burial at Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

Obituary

Marcus Lee Venard

Marcus Lee Venard, husband of **Diane Venard** (above) passed away at age 64 on Dec. 30, 2001, just three months after Diane's death. He was a salesman and a Marines Corps veteran. His son and wife will miss him, and other relatives above mentioned in Diane's obituary, and many in the Venard family who survive. He is buried in Crownland Cemetery, Noblesville.

We send our heartfelt sympathy, belated as it may be, to the survivors of the above loved ones. We can more appreciate the outgoing generosity of Parmula, in picking up her work as indexer of the Newsletter. We appreciate you, Parmula.

Obituary

Thomas Hatfield Weedman

Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass informs us of the death of her brother, **Thomas Hatfield Weedman** born March 4, 1920 and died in Baton Rouge, LA on May 22, 2002. He was born in Indianapolis to **Ralph** and **Dora (Scotton) Weedman**. He was in the construction business. He married **Lois Yanney** on Nov. 24, 1945 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. They had three children who survived Thomas: **Carol Jo, Thomas**, and **Dale Weedman**. Also surviving are a sister, **Elizabeth (Weedman) Snodgrass**, of New Palestine, IN and a brother, **Sidney Hatfield Weedman**, of Indianapolis. To Elizabeth and the family circle we send our sincere sympathy. WILLIAM's line.

Obituary

Nequetta Faye King

Kathryn Cook sent the sad news of the

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death of her stepdaughter, **Nequetta Faye King**. Nequetta was born **Nequetta Faye Cook**, to **Owen** and **Corda Rhea Cook** on Feb. 12, 1945, and she passed away on June 2, 2002 at Twin Lakes Medical Center, Leitchfield, KY. She was a member of the New Freedom Baptist Church. Her father, **Owen Cook**, and brother, **Willard Cook**, preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, **Leon King**, and daughters **Rheaetta Belcher** and **Paula Cirillo**, both of Leitchfield, KY, and brother **Brad Cook** of Caneyville, KY, mother, **Corda Hack**, and sister, **Barbara Embry** of Leitchfield, and **Kathryn Cook**, stepmother, two grandchildren, **Christina Jones**, and **Jason Belcher** of Leitchfield. Funeral services were held on June 4 at New Freedom Baptist Church, and burial was at New Freedom Church Cemetery. May her survivors know that the sympathies of the Weedman family are with you at this time. Nequetta was the great-granddaughter of **Barbara (Weedman) Higdon**. JOHN's line.

Obituary

Dewey Wilson Weedman

Roy L. Weedman who many of us know personally, has lost another dear member of his family, a brother, **Dewey Wilson Weedman**, who also we know having met him at several Family Gatherings in the past. **Dewey** was born March 9, 1918 in Madisonville, KY, son of **Fonzo** and **Ola Belle (Wilson) Weedman**. He passed away July 28, 2002 in Madisonville. On May 30, 1938 Dewey married **Marvene Lutz**, and to them were born **Brenda J. (Weedman) Daniel** and **Edmon Lee Weedman** who survive. Other survivors include his sister, Marie Hunt, a brother, Roy L., and five grandchildren. His dear wife, **Marvene**, died on July 5th of this year in Madisonville. Dewey was a Navy veteran of World War II and a

retired mail carrier. He enjoyed family gatherings, and had a good sense of humor. He will be greatly missed in his circle of friends and family members. Our hearts go out to the family at this time. We will all miss Dewey and sweet Marvene. A loving couple. ...they will be dearly remembered. JOHN's line.

Trip to Germany

Diane Seitz Hall and hubby, **Jack Hall**, left for Germany on September 8. A couple of e-mails tell that they are enjoying their visit of Jack's relatives, and they've seen some castles, towns, and wonderful sights we'll hear about after they've returned. We'll highlight them in a future Newsletter.

Although **Parmula Weedman** had some sad news for us with so many losses in her immediate family, I must say I was delighted to see her return address, after not having heard from her in some time. She's the same sweet generous Parmula I remember from the early '70's when she came to Tacoma for a business convention, and called us. She has willingly done the indexes for us since 1986 and took over the job from **Paul (Monty) Montgomery**.

Christian Widman(n) Born 1735 in Germany

We thought we were on the right track to find where the common ancestor for many of the *Newsletter* subscribers originated! But, as it turns out, the lead was not as fruitful as we hoped.

Amy Weedman did some research to find that a **Christian Widman(n)** was born in 1735 in Gniebel, Swartzwald, Tubingen, Weurttemberg, Germany. The
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We were excited to find that we may have been able to solve the mystery of the origin of Christian Weedman, Sr. but that lead turned out to be wrong. But, leads from that finding may yet prove beneficial.

The trip to Jasper Indiana provided an opportunity to further our genealogical research in the area.

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information is available on the Family History web site which is part of the LDS Church effort to further genealogy.

But, on further examination, it was found that this **Christian Widman(n)** died in 1742.

The interesting aspect of this is the fact that we were of the belief that our **Christian Weedman** was born about this time so the match was potentially significant. In doing further research, we did find that there are a fair number of Widman (n) families from this area. Many were Palatine immigrants and there were a number of **Christian Widman(s)** originating here. This could be highly significant and could lead us to learn where our immigrant ancestor originated.

Cliff Weedman has been very active in trying to research this and we encourage all we can to continue those efforts.

Birth Announcement!

Marcia Gundmunsen Wilson is a new grandmother!. **Abby Lynn Pigott** was born 31 July 2002 in DeKalb, Il to **Du-rand** and **Jennifer (Wilson) Pigott**. Mother and daughter are doing fine! Marcia descends from the Florida Weedman lines whose original ancestor was **Philipe Weedman**. This family was originally from Mainz, Germany and settled in St. Johns Co., FL (St. Augustine). Congratulations to all!

Research Findings and Challenges from Southern Indiana

Taking advantage of being in the Southern Indiana area, several of those at the National Family Gathering did some genealogical research in Dubois and Pike Counties.

We were disappointed in not finding a grave site for the **Jacob** and **Mary Frances (Fleming)** Weedman but suspect these are near the site of the Sultan's Run Country Club. Equally disappointing was the lack of a will on file for either.

Early grave sites were located for **Jonathan** Weedman and his son, **Jacob Weedman**, in the Jasper City Cemetery. In addition, the will of Jonathan was located in Pike County and, contrary to earlier reports, does name all of his children.

Cemetery tours did take us to a number of burial sites for many family members some of which were previously unknown. One disappointment was our inability to locate the graves of **Jesse Hamilton Stewart and Mary (Taylor) Weedman**. They died in 1908 and 1910 respectively and were living in Birdseye, IN which is in Crawford County. We will work with Neil Kenyon to see if we can find obituaries which might lead us to their graves.

Southern Indiana is where so many family members have ancestors and the opportunity to visit old home sites was particularly nice. Having said that, no actual homes of ancestors are still standing and in many cases we can only surmise where these stood.

To those who organized this family reunion, we extend our sincere gratitude. **Billie Lou Bruce** and her daughters, **Kathy Sharples** and **Audrey Chapline**, were the primary organizers and they had assistance from a number of others. We say to all, many thanks for a superb job!

We hope to see all of you in 2004 in San Diego.

**Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman**