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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins

Again we greet you, a bit early this time, for we want to add to the Reunion News and while we're at it, add news and updates on old news.

The Christmas mail brought several letters and I was most happy to hear from you who sent them.

We received a letter from **Sally Lawlor** with a contribution for the Newsletter. Sally is descended from **JACOB**, son of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** and brother of **Christian, Jr.** Jacob came to Kentucky probably after Christian Jr. and they settled in the different areas of the State. Jacob is first found in Bullit County, KY where he married Mary Frances (Fannie) Fleming in 1799. Christian was in Kentucky by 1789 when he married in Mercer Co., KY and lived in Somerset, Hardin and Grayson Co., KY. Jacob was an officer in the Cornstalk Militia in Bullit County and then was in Crawford & Dubois Counties in Indiana.

Among the children of this couple, **Jonathan Weedman**, b. 4 Oct. 1811 in Crawford Co. Indiana, married **Frances BALLARD** ca 1831. Frances died about 1838 or 1839 in DuBois County, IN, and Jonathan then married, **Sarah BRUNER** in 1839/40. Sarah was a daughter of **Henry and Nancy (Rusher) Bruner**.

Children of **Jonathan and Frances (Ballard) Weedman** were: **Jacob F.**,

born 1832; **Mary Ann Bathsheba**, 1835; and **Richard Calvin**, 1838.

By his second wife, **Sarah Bruner**, the following children were: **William Henry Harrison**, born 1841; **Malinda**, 1842; **Allen Fleming**, 1845; **Sarah Elizabeth**, 1846 **Rebecca Frances**, 1849, and **Erastus Emory**, 1850.

Sally Lawlor is descended from the **Weedmans** and the **Bruners**. She sent this message:

*I descend from **Jacob Bruner** of Martin County, Indiana. There's a book in print about this **Bruner** family but I haven't been able to find a copy of it. Does anyone in the family know how to obtain a copy? Please contact **Sally Lawlor** at jagger@kconline.com or at 604 Robson, Winona Lake, IN 46590.*

We have some **BRUNER** connections that receive the Newsletter. Hope you will get in contact with Sally if you can answer her question. The above outline of **Jonathan Weedman's** family is to acknowledge an error concerning the two wives: **Frances**

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The Weedman Newsletter enters its 33rd year with this issue! Marianne Montgomery founded the publication and has edited it since the beginning!

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Ballard #1 and Sarah Bruner #2. (See Winter 1999 *Newsletter*, p.29.).

Richard's mother was **Frances Ballard**. **Thanks Jack Hahne**, for calling this to our attention.

Jack Hahne has prepared an outstanding booklet on his line of the family. He has provided us with a copy and, with his permission, we will display it at the **Weedman National Family Gathering** in June. In addition, we will display (again, with permission) the booklet done by **Carol Rohloff** on the **Henry Linas Weedman** line. Another fine work!

Jack's work is well documented and shows where Jacob, Jonathan, and other Weedman family members settled. They were the original land owners in a number of cases in DuBois Co., IN. Jack's line is **Christian, Sr.¹, Jacob², Jonathan³, William Henry Harrison⁴, Mary Isadora⁵, Virgil V. Hahne⁶, Jack Hahne⁷.**

Jesse and Jerri Weedman sent family update to Nick. (See Spring 1999 *Newsletter*). I missed the reunion (either 1988 or 1990) where Jerri and Jesse were attending. I hope they can attend the next one in June.

Kathryn (Weedman) Cook, (JOHNs line) sends us news from **Alton and Sherman Weedman's** families. **Marvin Weedman** has been laid low with strokes lately and no longer drives. We are truly sorry that this has happened to him but we wish him a complete recovery. He's Sharon Bryden's dad. **Wilma (Weedman) Williams** has had chemo and surgery but is doing well. Thanks, Kathryn, for the update. Keep us posted.

I've sent in my reservations to Nick for the Reunion Banquet, etc, and to the Eastland Suites Hotel for my room. I wanted to be sure to be there where many of us will be staying. You get your reservations in too, won't you, and are sure to be in on the fun. I've got to decide be-

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Two booklets on different lines of the Weedman family will be shown at the June Reunion. Both are excellent!

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 140.

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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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tween American Airlines and TWA for my flight reservations. They are the only two national Airlines that come into Champagne-Urbana Airport from Seattle. As soon as I get these airlines called I'll make a reservation and will be all set 'til time to pack. - I want to be in the choir, too, at the Weedman church while we're there. Don't you? This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for us to reach a milestone in Weedman history. If our ancestors can look down from Heaven they'd see our gathering in that little church at Weedman Illinois.

Just in case any of you have called the Hotel at Urbana - the **Eastland Suites Hotel** (address & phone number appears on page 6 of this *Newsletter*) and couldn't get connected, it's all clear now. There was some problem with the phone system, but it's okay now. Probably a result of that horrid storm back there in late December.

Nick received a letter from **Verness Melton** of Dyersburg, TN with her Weedman lineage. She is from **WILLIAM's** line.

John (called "**Jack**") **Weedman** born in 1866, son of **John Weedman Sr.** and **Maria (Cart) Weedman**, married **Myra Annie Fuqua** on November 8, 1888 in Perry County, Indiana. Their children were **Nellie May** b. 1890 (called "**May**"); **Norman**, born 1895; **Barney**, born 1898; **Maria**, born 1905 in Dyer Co., TN and who married **Lawson Hardwick** in 1923.

"**May**" married **Will Earl** and they had two children: **Anna Martha** (deceased) and **Willie Gladney**.

Of her second marriage to **Michael Jarrett** were: (1) **Verness Jarrett** who married **Donald L. Melton** and (2)

Deltha Sue Jarrett m. Mr. Garred. Children of Donald and Verness Melton are: **Priscilla Ann Melton and Dawn Fay Melton**. Verness has two grandchildren.

It would be nice to have more dates but some of this family is found on p. 154-5 in the Revised Edition of "**Christian Weedman and His Descendents, 1735 - 1986**" by **Gena Lee Theiss**. And, Verness, would you give us some dates for the above families?

We heard from another Weedman-in-law **Glenn B. Martin**, husband of **Florella Weedman**, born June 9, 1932 in Edgerly, Lamour County, North Dakota and who is a descendant of **GEORGE Weedman**. Her parents are **Henry Leonard** and **Matilda (Goehner) Weedman**. The Martins now are living in Wenatchee, WA. Some of this family is written in the above mentioned in the book by Gena Lee Theiss. Glenn says that he has relatives in Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, and they'd truly enjoy making a trip back to visit them, and taking in the Reunion too. Glenn, we surely hope we'll see you there. You'll have a LOT of relatives you may never have known about there, too. We're sorry that your folks have been in the hospital lately and in a Care Center, but as the letter I'm looking at from you was dated October 6, 1999, we can hope that their health has improved. Keep us informed, Glenn.

Margie Weedman Kennedy, sister of **Carl Weedman** and of **Mary Alice Fults** is ill and Mary Alice is doing as much as possible to make Marjorie more comfortable. Mary Alice's daughter was up from Texas and had a nice visit with Marjorie and Mary Alice.

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Christmas brought a lot of correspondence which allowed us to give updates on several families.

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Theiss' Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Gena Lee and **George Theiss** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past summer on July 15th. All the children were expected, and I'm sure that included many grandchildren. Belated happy anniversary, **Gena Lee** and **George!**

Harold Probus sent Nick a note, too, and it was passed on to me, as were the last two event notices. Harold's grandmother was **Margaret J. Harris**, daughter of **Isaac Harris** and **Susan Weedman (JOHN'S line)**. Harold lives in Silver Springs, Maryland — a lovely city. Hope you'll consider the 2000 reunion, Harold, and meet more cousins in the **Probus** and **Weedman** lines.

Nick gets quite a few visits on his web-site. In November he received a message from **Jeffrey J. Weedman** of Parkville, MO. In it, Jeff named his father, **James W. Weedman**, grandfather **Maynard M. Weedman**, and great grandfather **John Weedman**. He was curious as to what Nick might have on his web-page, hoping maybe there'd be something to take his family history back. Well Jeffrey didn't know about Gena Lee's book, which has him in it and his line back to Christian Sr. Nick was quick to find this and send it off to Jeff. Now Jeff gets the newsletter, and we hope he will be at the reunion. Jeff added more information to the line than we had known of before. Later events. This family went out to Miami County Missouri. I believe there were other Weedman lines out there, too. Jeff's full line is: **Christian, Sr.¹, George², Asa³, Henry Linas⁴, John William⁵, Maynard Marion⁶,**

James W.⁷, and Jeffrey James⁸.

Obituary

Edna Mae Rimini

Edna Mae Weedman Rimini of Virden, IL died on 27 December 1999 in Springfield, IL. She was a daughter of **William Robert Heston** and **Mary Elizabeth (Weedman) Weedman**. Edna Mae was born 7 December 1914 in Auburn, IL and married **Premo Rimini** in 1935. Mr. Rimini died in 1966. They had one son, **George**, who died in 1995. Edna Mae was an aunt of **Beryl Poteat**, a subscriber to the *Newsletter*. Edna Mae and her son, George, attended at least one Weedman Family Reunion. Our sympathy to her family in their loss.

Civil War Service Web Page Update

Frieda Davison has found more Civil War service records particularly those who enlisted in Indiana. This new information has been put onto our Web site and will be updated in a future *Newsletter*. To see the Weedman Family web site visit it at:

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

Research on the George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman Family

We have been in contact with **Gary Thompson** (GaryT82148@prodigy.net) who is descended from **George** and

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If you have access to a computer, pay a visit to the Weedman Home Page and visit Gena Theiss' page as well. The URL is shown on this page and it is linked to Gena's.

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Catherine (Danner) Weedman. Gary has a substantial amount of information on this line of the family and is willing to exchange with those who are interested.

Harriett Malinda Weedman (April 1852– June 1916) was the eldest child of **George** and **Catherine Weedman**. She married **James Washington Baker** in 1870 in Farmer City, IL. The family moved to Wichita, KS where **Wash Baker** died. The youngest daughter of **Wash** and **Harriett Baker** was **Georgia Baker** who was born in 1884 in Farmer City. She married **Henry Wilson** and these are the grandparents of **Gary Thompson**.

He would be pleased to hear from others of this line of the family.

Newsletter Contributions Acknowledged

We have received some very generous contributions to the Newsletter from:

Lucille Jaeger
Mildred Holman
Sally Lawlor
Beryl Poteat
Jesse & Jerri Weedman
Jim & Ardes Weedman
Kenneth & Sue Weedman

Jim and **Ardes Weedman** were especially generous in sending 2 rolls of first class stamps. The postage on this mailing of the Newsletter is totally compliments of them! We thank all of you for your contributions.

All of the above were gracious in their support!

New Subscribers

We welcome as new subscribers to the Newsletter the following:

Jeff Weedman, Parkville, MO
Elizabeth MacKenzie, Loveland, CO
Debbie Hund, West Chester, OH

Subscription Renewals Now Due

We ask for a \$5/year contribution for postage and copy costs to keep the Newsletter going. This issue marks the beginning of the 34th year for the publication which has been written all of that time by Marianne Montgomery!

In this mailing is a self-addressed envelope with a notice for those whose subscriptions are now due. Thanks for your consideration.

Ohio Sites Visited

Jon Austin who is the Executive Director of the Illinois Historical Society recently visited a number of cemeteries where Weedman families are buried in Ohio. We hope he will have a display of his findings at the Reunion.

Jacob Weedman married **Catherine Bishop** in Perry Co., OH and died there in 1830 at an early age. Catherine went to Ashland Co., OH and raised her children there later moving to Farmer City with her daughter, **Mary Ann Weedman Norris**. This is the family in which the first Weedman physicians are found. For at least three generations, the medical profession seemed to prevail in that line of the family. Jon visited burial sites of these and other family members

The continued support we receive both in terms of letters and in financial terms is highly appreciated.

Weedman Family National Gathering 9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17, 2000

Farmer City, Weedman, & Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 9th biennial **Weedman family Reunion!** The year 2000 will mark the 250th anniversary of the arrival to America of Christian Weedman, Sr. And, it will mark the 170th anniversary of the family and descendants of his son, George Weedman, in the McLean and DeWitt County, Illinois area. A good cause to celebrate and a great location for a family gathering!

Here is what is planned:

Friday, June 16, 2000

- arrival and registration** in the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City.
- browse in the **Farmer City Historical & Genealogical Society** archives and **Farmer City library**
- see homes once occupied by the Weedman and related families
- a **barbeque or picnic dinner** will be served at the Weedman Park
- an **open forum and panel discussion** about the Weedman family history will be held at the hotel.

Saturday, June 17, 2000

- photo and family information** exchange at the hotel
- 11:00 am, a non-denominational **Worship Service** at the historic Weedman Methodist Church in Weedman, Illinois conducted by Rev. Dr. William L. Weedman of Springfield, IL.
- a sack lunch will be provided following the service.
- Cemetery Tour** to five cemeteries to see where George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman, a number of their children, and a large number of family members are buried. Cemeteries in McLean and DeWitt County which will be visited include:
 - Miller and Shiloh in McLean County;
 - Campground, City, and Maple Grove in Farmer City.
- the **Reunion Dinner** will be held at the **Woodlawn Country Club** in Farmer City.
- induction into the **Weedman Who's Who** will be made at the dinner.

Due to space limitations, participants at the Reunion Dinner will be restricted to 120 people. Earliest paid reservations will be guaranteed participation at the dinner. The picnic, sack lunch, and dinner will be catered by Hammer Catering of Farmer City.

We have reserved a block of hotel rooms at Eastland Suites Hotel on I-74 in Urbana, IL. You must reserve your rooms directly with them. Their telephone is: (800) 253-8331. Mention you are with the Weedman Family Reunion.

Reserve now! Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Mail the following with your check to: Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731. Cost is \$30 per person and includes the three meals mentioned (but not the hotel rooms).

Reunion Dinner Reservation Form
(Mail to Nick Weedman at the address shown above)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of reservations: Adults _____ Children _____

Weedman National Family Gathering Update and More Information

Update on Participation

The initial response to the Weedman National Family Gathering has been excellent! We have had more reservations at this point than originally anticipated but there is still room for everyone who wants to attend. **Reunion dinner participants will be limited to the first 120 to make firm reservations.**

Already, some who have attended one or two past Reunions have made reservations to participate in this one. And, some who never attended have sent in their reservation form. It appears that this will be a well attended Reunion.

We are nearing the time when we need to advise the caterer of numbers of people attending. And, the hotel is holding rooms but will slowly start to release those if reservations are not confirmed.

So, we ask you to do several things.

First, complete and mail the form on page 8 which indicates your families plan to participate. We need this to be able to project reasonably close numbers of participants.

Second, call **the Eastland Suites Hotel at (800) 253-8331** and make your hotel reservations. Even if you find you have to cancel later, it is advisable to book early.

Third, we are still in need for volunteers to help with any number of activities. Our call for volunteers to sing in the choir or play the organ or piano

for the Saturday worship service has had a less than desired response. Come on and volunteer now! We plan a wonderful service in what is probably the only Weedman Church in the world! Please do help.

Fourth, give us some inputs on who you think should be recognized in our first Weedman Who's Who or Hall of Fame for the family. We think there are some obvious candidates but know that some of you know others who deserve to be recognized.

Finally, any inputs or suggestions which you might have to make this a more meaningful Reunion are highly appreciated.

You will be mailing in this page so here are some items to complete:

Volunteers for the following:

Church choir _____

Organist/pianist _____

Children's activity organizer _____

Other items as required _____

I think the following person should be recognized in our first Weedman Family Hall of Fame:

Please complete and mail this by March 7

**Weedman National Family Gathering
Champaign-Urbana & Farmer City, IL
June 16 & 17, 2000**

Please complete this and the form on Page 6 of this Newsletter (to make firm reservations) and mail it to Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

We need to make final plans regarding activities and number of participants to expect.

If you are considering attending, please complete and mail this form by March 7.

Reunion Participation

I/we will attend the Weedman National Family Gathering. Our check for \$30 each is enclosed

Number of Participants
Adults Children

I/we would like to attend but are unable to commit at this time. Plan for us being there. Will advise with certainty by May 1.

Activity Participation

Friday afternoon picnic at Weedman Park

Friday evening family discussion

Saturday morning worship service at Weedman Methodist Church, Weedman, IL

Box lunch on Saturday noon

Cemetery tour

Reunion dinner Woodlawn Country Club

**Please complete this and the form on Page 6 and
mail in the enclosed return envelope!**