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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Spring is definitely here in the Northwest, and hope it's bursting out all over and wherever you are! Have a good one!

Don't forget to send me a copy of obituaries, new news, family happenings, and other important events, past and present, pertaining to your Weedman family circle. My address is at the bottom of page 2. I'm waiting, hoping to hear from you. It doesn't have to be in this generation; if you have something you'd like to share from say, your grandparents' lives or their grandparents' lives, for example.

I guess you're all busy, and that's a good sign. Haven't heard from many of you since Christmas. Why not sit down now and drop me a line? I have many issues of past Newsletters in case some of yours are missing. Let me know which ones you need. My supply of extras doesn't contain ALL of them, but I do have most of them. And I'm preparing a table of contents for all the Newsletters, to be published later this year.

Nick is always looking out for new information. We want to thank him for all the hours of tireless research he has done over the years. He has printed out the TEXAS Weedman vital statistics and many of you may have someone who lived in Texas you haven't heard from recently may be interested. Write me and I'll see if he or she is on the list. Write or

e-mail me at the address shown on page 2.

I received a few e-mail messages from various places and people and I thank those of you who sent messages hoping for my safety as a result of the big earthquake we had 28 February. I was not injured but there were a number of people in Seattle and Olympia who were. Many buildings damaged beyond repair, and others are in various stages of repair now. Roads and utilities were damaged here and there and are being repaired. We had several aftershocks that brought out unseen damage from the main quake into the open. We thank God that the damage was no worse. It lasted for 35 long seconds!

Renewal Contributions are Due

We seek voluntary contributions of \$5.00 per year to help offset out of pocket expenses for copying and postage for the **Weedman Newsletter**. Many are more generous and those contributions are highly appreciated. But, with the \$5.00 donation, we can still continue to distribute the Newsletter to the approximately 160 subscribers.

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With this issue, the Weedman Newsletter enters its 34th year of publication. Marianne Montgomery has edited the Newsletter since its beginning.

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Please mail your contribution made either to the *Weedman Newsletter* or to **Nick Weedman** and mail to:
Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive,
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Thank you for your interest and support.

Contributions Received

We would like to recognize the following that made financial contributions to the *Weedman Newsletter* since the last issue:

Helen and Bill Gregg
Joanne McGowan
Joyce Anthony

Your continued support of the Newsletter is highly appreciated.

New Subscribers

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

Myrtle Weidman Kenyon, Salem IN
Neil Kenyon, Salem IN
Lillie Weidman Engle, New Albany, IN
Joanne McGowan, Joshua Tree CA
Ethel Ozbirn, Escondido, CA
Neva Weedman, Surprise, AZ
Kimberly Weedman-Ventimiglia,
Alpine CA
Marcia Gudmunsen Wilson,
Sycamore, IL
Cliff Weedman, Eighty-Eight, KY
Linda Sterling, Haysville, KS

Myrtle, her sister, **Lillie Engle**, and her son, **Neil**, are from the line of: **Christian Weedman, Sr.**¹, **Jacob Weedman**², **David Weedman**³, **Philip Weidman**⁴, and **Roy Logan Weidman**⁵.

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We welcome a large number of new subscribers to the Weedman Newsletter. We have provided their lineage for your info.

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 160.

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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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Joanne McGowan's line is: **Christian Weedman, Sr.¹, Jacob Weedman², David Weedman³, Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman⁴, James Monroe Weedman⁵, and Jesse Earl Weedman⁶.**

Ethel Ozbirn is from: **Christian Weedman, Sr.¹, Jacob Weedman², David Weedman³, and Andrew Garfield Weedman⁴ and Ethel Weedman Ozbirn⁵.**

Kimberly Weedman-Ventimiglia is from: **Christian Weedman, Sr.¹, Jacob Weedman², David Weedman³, Andrew Garfield Weedman⁴, and Clifford Weedman⁵.** (Clifford, Kimberly's grandfather resides with her and we look forward to information that he can contribute to our family knowledge along with **Ethel Ozbirn**.)

Neva Weedman's late husband, Robert Baxter Weedman, is from: **Christian Weedman Sr.¹, Christian Weedman Jr.², Daniel Weedman³, Felix Green Weedman⁴, Elisha William Weedman⁵, Cyrill Clyde Weedman⁶ and Robert Baxter Weedman⁷.**

Marcia Wilson descends from the Florida Weedman line: **Carl Wiedman¹, Philipe Weedman², Paul Luciano Weedman³, Bartolome Benignus Weedman⁴, Englebert Weedman Ashton⁵, Almerna Veronica Ashton Gudmunsen⁶, and Marcia G. Wilson⁷.**

Cliff Weedman's line: **Christian Weedman Sr.¹, Christian Weedman Jr.², Stephen Weedman³, Amos George Weedman⁴, William Deward Weedman⁵, Robert Shirley Weedman⁶, Ronald Louis Weedman⁷, and James Clifford Weedman⁸.**

Linda Currey Sterling's line: **Christian**

Weedman Sr.¹, George Weedman², John Jesse Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman⁴, Zadock St. Clair Weedman⁵, Daisy Faye Weedman Church⁶, and Melba Faye Church⁷. (Melba Faye is Linda's grandmother).

So we have a spread of 5th through 9th generation Weedmans (and Weidmans!) becoming subscribers of the Newsletter at this time. Most made contact through the Internet and our web site (see page 2, *About the Weedman Newsletter* for details of the web site).

Christian Weedman Book Update Planned

Gena Lee Theiss is updating the Weedman Genealogy and needs information for the updated new revised edition that is in progress. If your information is in the present edition, it will remain in the new book, however if your family is not in the present edition, please contact Gena with information you want placed in the new book forthcoming. If we don't know names, etc. of your family members, we cannot include them in the new book, so write to Gena or e-mail her. Her e-mail address: trees4gena@aol.com and snail mail: **Gena Lee Theiss**, 8417 Burlingame Ave. Louisville, KY 40219. Don't put off writing. If you can e-mail her, she will be able to tell you what else is lacking on your line.

Jeff Weedman His Line Detailed

Jeff Weedman lives in Sparta, Tennessee. He sent information about his family to Nick recently. I'll share it with you. No dates given, but hopefully names can identify his line back to Christian Sr.

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Gena Theiss is preparing an update of her two earlier books on the Weedman family. She needs updated information from family members

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Jeff Weedman, son of **Jeffie Weedman Jr.**, who was a son of **Jeff Davidson Owen Weedman** who married Ethel Ford. They had 11 children: **Jane, Mary Alice, Leonard, Stella, Jeffie, Nancy, James Edward, Roy Thomas, Joe Allen, Ernest Lee, and Dorothy.**

Jeffie married **Shirley May Sago**. They had six children, including Jeff, the young man who lives in Sparta, TN. They are: **Ronald Lee Weedman** who has three children: **Ronald Jonathan, Amanda Marie and Angela Mae Weedman**
 2. **Jeff Davidson Weedman** married **Tina Marie McGarrity** 2 children: **Laura Alene, and Michael David Weedman**
 3. **Robert Alvin Weedman**
 4. **Deborah Corina Weedman**
 5. **Daniel Ray Weedman** married **Anita Darlene Moore** 2 children: **Angelica and Daniel Weedman**
 6. **Sheryl Lynn Weedman** married **James Leadingham** 3 children: **Rachel May, Sabrina, and Christina Leadingham.**

Possible Scam – Weedman Family Mail Solicitation

There is a possible scam that you may have received or will receive in the near future. This is a solicitation for “The Year 2001 Weedman Family Yearbook” from Morphcorp, LLC dba The Weedman Family News, Maxwell and Christina Weedman, 1181 South Parker Road, #105, Denver, CO 80231.

The offering is a book plus a free CD ROM that supposedly “contains all the Weedman records”.

There is no Maxwell and Christina Weedman. The information advertised, while we haven’t seen the works actually offered, are no doubt similar to that sold in the past by Halbert’s of Bath, Ohio. What they offered was simply a list of Weedman addresses, phone numbers, etc. The current offering supposedly gives those buying the book “the last 2000 years of Weedman history”! Wow, don’t we wish they could!! In addition they offer information about Weedman marriages giving an example of David Weedman and Rebecca Crecelous (sic) in Crawford Co., Indiana on 01/07/1841. Or, birth records, such as Wm Weedman, born 1825 in Ireland (??). And, they offer counts of Weedman families by state giving an example of Kentucky where 65 Weedman families reside.

We suggest you save yourself time and money by throwing the ad in the mail.

Eastman’s Genealogical Newsletter that is available on the Internet reported this recently and we found a newspaper article from a Panama City FL newspaper which directly called the offering a scam.

Obituary

Gregory Scott Weedman

Gregory Scott Weedman died March 30, 2000 in Phoenixville, PA. He was a son of **Glen Weedman** and **Brenda (Goodrich) Botkin** of Farmington, MO and left a wife, **Christine Weedman**. In addition, brothers **Keith Jordan Weedman, Ralph Weedman, Mark Weedman, and Ronnie Weedman** as well as a sister, **Teri Milan**, survived him. He died as a result of a motorcycle accident. His line: **Christian Weedman Sr.**¹, **Christian Weedman Jr.**², **Daniel Weedman**³, **Felix Green Weedman**⁴, **Elisha Wil-**

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Subscribers should be aware of the possible scam being offered to family members. See the article on this page.

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liam Weedman⁵, Virgil Leeroy Weedman⁶, Glen Weedman⁷, and Gregory Scott Weedman⁸.

The Swedish Weedman Family

Edward Weedman Family

Contributed by Anna M. Varvais
6th Generation descendent of Olaf Weedman

Edward Weedman was born March 15, 1861 and was the fourth child of **Olaf** and **Britta (Andersdotter) Weedman**, who were the first Weedman Settlers of Copley Township, Knox County, IL.

According to Weedman family records, Edward married **Anna Christine Peterson** on 10 December 1880. Anna was the daughter of **Lars** and **Anna Peterson**, immigrants from Stockholm, Sweden. In the 1880 census, Anna, age 19, was a servant born in Sweden as were her parents.

Edward and Anna raised their eight children in Copley Township, which was later named Victoria, Knox County, IL. These children included:

Emma C., November 1886 – unknown
William Walter, 1888 – 1957
Charles, 1892 – 1928
Clara Minerva, 1895-1984
Esther Christine, 1896-1973
Otto Leroy, 1898 - 1975
Lawrence Edward, 1901 – 1979
Wallace Alfred, 1903-1975

The Victoria Cemetery, located one mile northeast of Victoria, is a Weedman family historical site. The monuments of Olaf and Brita Weedman are there as well as those for Edward, Anna, and their descendents.

Descendents of Edward and Anna are spread throughout the United States al-

though Victoria is still home to a few of the family.

For more information on this line, contact **Anna M. Varvais**, 3700 28 Street, Lot 441, Sioux City, IA 51105. Her telephone is (712) 255-4122 and her e-mail is annav@cableone.net.

Our thanks to Anna for what we hope is a continuing article on our Swedish Weedman line.

The Florida Weedman Family

Carl Wiedman

Marcia Gudmunsen Wilson has joined our list of subscribers and provided an outstanding update on the Florida Weedman family.

The progenitor of this line was Carl Wiedman born in Bierstadt, Germany (near Mainz). He married Barbara Sanderhof and their son Philippe Guillermo Weedman were probably the first of their line in this country.

The family were pioneers of St. John County, FL where the family settled in the early 1800s and where some remain even today.

The paper provided by Marcia Wilson is in genealogical format but is notable in the outstanding use of citations showing sources of the various facts in the paper.

Along with Dr. Shirley Spooner, Marcia is the second member of the family to subscribe to the Newsletter. Copies of the paper are available on request from Nick Weedman.

Until summer.....

*Marianne Montgomery
and Nick Weedman*

We hope to have articles on the Swedish and Florida Weedman families in several issues this year.

Catherine Weedman Huhn Kefover

Youngest Daughter of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman

(This is an update on the family of Catherine Weedman Huhn Kefover. She was the youngest daughter and probably the youngest child of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman. She married in Fayette Co., Pennsylvania but after a brief marriage that produced at least four children, her husband, John Huhn, Jr. Apparently three of these children grew to adulthood. About 1805 or 1806, she married Jacob Kefover in Fayette County and they soon joined the Weedman family in Perry County, Ohio. There were two known children of this marriage. When the family moved to Ohio, apparently two Huhn children, Henry and Hannah, remained in Pennsylvania.

We have wondered why the family was split (and will probably never know) and what happened to the family after Catherine Kefover died. Her son, James Kefover, sold out soon after her death and until recently, it was unclear what happened to them. This article addresses the second question).

FIRST GENERATION

1. Catherine¹ **Weedman**, daughter of Christian **Weedman** Sr. and Elizabeth **Craddock**. Born, **circa 1779**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **circa 1861**, in Perry Co., OH. Burial was in Good Hope Cemetery, Hopewell Township, Perry Co., OH.

She married, first, John **Huhn**, Jr., son of John **Huhn**, Sr. and Dorady (Dorothy ?) **LNU**, **2 May 1795**, in Fayette Co., PA. Born, **circa 1770**. Died, **before 1802**, in Fayette Co., PA (Estate administration papers 29 June 1802). Children:

- 2 i. Hannah².
- 3 ii. Henry.
- iii. Sara(h). Born, **11 Feb 1799**, in Fayette Co., PA. Married John **Eversole** and lived in Perry Co., OH. She was a recipient in the estate of Catherine Kefover.
- iv. John III. Born, **21 Jul 1801**, in Fayette Co., PA. Christened, **23 Aug 1801**, in Jacobs Lutheran Church, Fayette Co., PA.

She married, second, Jacob **Kefover** in Fayette Co., PA about 1805/06. Born, **25 Oct 1782**, in Fredrick Co., MD. Died, **10 Dec 1853**, in Perry Co., OH. Burial in Good Hope Cemetery, Hopewell Township, Perry Co., OH. Occupation: Farmer. Children:

- v. Levi. Born, **20 Oct 1806**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **16 Feb 1832**, in Perry Co., OH. Burial in Good Hope Cemetery, Hopewell Township, Perry Co., OH. He married Catherine **Smith**, **20 Oct 1831**, in Perry Co., OH (Book 1, page 130).
- 4 vi. James.

SECOND GENERATION

2. Hannah² **Huhn**. Born, **29 Jan 1796**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **before 1861**, in Unk. Co., IN.

She married FNU **Hull**, circa 1825 (?), probably in Fayette Co., PA. Children:

- i. Ezra³.
- ii. John.

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3. Henry² **Huhn**. Born, **11 Nov 1797**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, Dec 1851, in Fayette Co., PA.

He married Louisa **Showalter**, **28 Mar 1824**, in Fayette Co., PA. Born, **22 Sep 1806**, in Unk. Co., PA. Died, **20 Feb 1877**, in Fayette Co., PA. Children:

- i. Sarah Ann³. Born, **31 Jan 1825**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- ii. Margaret. Born, **10 Dec 1826**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- iii. John. Born, **1 Jan 1829**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- 5 iv. Benjamin Franklin.
- v. James Crozier. Born, **15 Mar 1833**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **1920**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- 6 vi. Diana.
- vii. Elizabeth Louisa. Born, **13 Aug 1837**, in Fayette Co., PA. Died, **24 Mar 1859**, in Unk. Co., PA.
- 7 viii. Henry Clay.
- 8 ix. Issac Philip.
- x. Mary Louiza. Born, **20 Jan 1845**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- xi. Emma Caroline. Born, **1 Apr 1847**, in Fayette Co., PA.
- xii. Jackson Showalters. Born, **3 Apr 1850**, in Fayette Co., PA.

The Huhn family is fairly well documented and we will not publish and further details on them at this time. Interestingly, there were two Weedman-Huhn marriages – **George Weedman** married **Charlotte Huhn** and **Catherine Weedman** married **John Huhn, Jr.** We can recall one other similar family situation with two sons of **William Weedman** of Perry Co., OH (**Green Berry Weedman** and **John Weedman**) marrying three daughters of **John Cart** (Green married Susan Cart while John married **X Cart** and then **Mariah Cart** when his first wife died).

When **Catherine Kefover** died in Perry County, Ohio in 1861, the descendents of **Hannah Huhn Hull** as well as **Henry Huhn** and his children went to court to claim their share of the estate. This is one of two lawsuits (the other relates to the death of **John Weedman**, brother of Catherine, who died 1830 in adjacent Licking County, Ohio), which gives a very clear definition of the families involved. **Hannah Hull** had moved to Indiana and apparently died prior to her mother. Henry and his children remained in Fayette Co., PA. Interestingly, the estate of **Catherine Weedman Kefover** amounted to \$763.77 and consisted entirely of personal property.

4. James² **Kefover**. Born, **circa 1817**, in Perry Co., OH. Died, circa 1872 (?), in McLean Co., IL. Occupation: Farmer.

He married Catherine **Brakiover**, **circa 1840**, in Licking Co., OH. Born, **circa 1817**, in Unk. Co., OH. Children:

- i. William H. H.³. Born, **circa 1841**, in Perry Co., OH. He married, first, Malinda **Graves**, **27 Mar 1866**, in McLean Co., IL. He married, second, Sarah J. **Houghman**, **25 Jan 1872**, in McLean Co., IL.
- ii. Jacob. Born, **circa 1844**, in Perry Co., OH.
- iii. Nancy Jane. Born, **circa 1847**, in Perry Co., OH.
- iv. Isabella. Born, **circa 1851**, in Perry Co., OH. She married George **Ludwick**, **20 Apr 1867**, in McLean Co., IL.

Shortly after the death of **Catherine Weedman Kefover**, James sold the homestead and seemed to have disappeared. Recently, given the ages of his sons, we checked Civil War records and found that they had moved to McLean Co., IL. This is not surprising given the fact that James' uncle, **George Weedman**, had moved there some thirty years earlier and there were a large number of relatives in that area.

It appears that **William H.H. Kefover** (was he named for **William Henry Harrison** who was President in 1841 when Kefover

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was likely born?) filed for a Civil War pension based on service in both Ohio and Illinois. He served first in Company G, 31st Ohio Infantry as a Private and then in the 3rd Illinois Cavalry also as a Private. He filed for a pension from Illinois 4 February 1891 and was living in Missouri at the time. We have had no contact with any descendent of **William Kefover**.

Jacob Kefover (Jr.?) also served in the Civil War and was a Private in Company D, 62nd Ohio Infantry. A pension request was filed in Illinois naming his mother, Catherine, as the beneficiary. We have determined there is a tombstone for a **Jacob Kefover** in the Glendale National Cemetery near Richmond, VA. He is buried in Section D, Grave 196 but no dates were given for his birth or death by the source found on the Internet. Jacob must have died in the Civil War but it is possible he is buried there as a veteran. We will obtain his military and pension files to ascertain which is the case.

We know nothing further of **Nancy Jane Kefover** or of **Isabella Kefover Ludwick**.

James Kefover died circa 1875/76 in McLean Co., IL according to probate records on file there.

We have searched for a number of years trying to determine what happened to this family as well as to make contact with descents. We now know where they went but are still seeking contact.

Weedman, Weidman, Wiedman, Weadman, Widman, Widmon

What is our name?

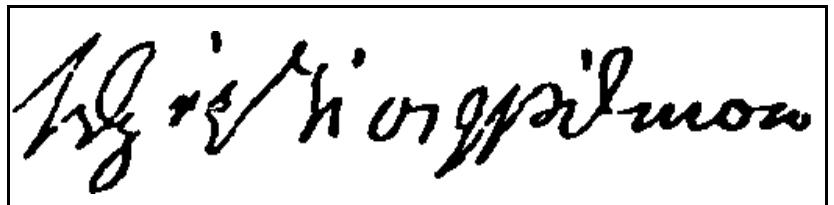
Well, good question! We have welcomed three new subscribers —Myrtle Weidman Kenyon, Lillie Weidman Engle, and Myrtle's son, Neil Kenyon.. We notice that the surname is spelled Weidman and Neil says his mother states this is the way it has always been spelled!

Information from the Florida branch indicates the progenitor of this line was Carl Wiedman from Bierstadt, Germany. Ultimately the spelling of the name changed to Weedman.

We have seen the spelling Weadman used in some land records as well as military records. Makes some sense as the pronunciation is the same as Weedman and Weidman.

As I have related more than once, I had Uncles that spelled their name Weidman while my Father spelled his Weedman. If I wanted to stir the family up a bit I could ask what is the right spelling of the family name in the presence of my Dad and his brothers. I would have to leave the room at that point because a heated discussion would follow.

Who is right? Probably everyone! I notice the Florida Weedmans had first names in an Hispanic type of pronunciation indicating that names change with time and probably our ancestors ability to spell!



To the right is the signature of Christian Weedman, Sr. from his will dated 1810 in Fairfield Co., Ohio. At first glance it doesn't appear to be a signature at all. But, on careful scrutiny the surname appears to be Widmon. And, Christian is spelled "Christian". I suspect the name was originally Widman but Anglicized at some point. It is clear that those doing genealogical research on the family would do well to look at all variant spellings of the name rather than stick with one particular version.

We have signatures of Christian Weedman from his entry into this country, on deeds and on his will. Not surpris-