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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

As I begin this Newsletter, I'm hoping that the weather is spring-like where you are. Washington has had pretty cold weather since the first of March, I mean colder than one might be comfortable with.

Of course, first and foremost on my mind is the upcoming **Weedman National Family Gathering**, at Jasper, Indiana. We've heard from several, who are going, and I'm planning on traveling light and not taking a lot of little extras I am used to taking on a flight. It'll be interesting, and I do believe that flying is safe as it ever was. The events of Sept. 11 were not your everyday flight happenings, so don't be afraid to fly. Trains and busses are fun, too, if you want to see the scenery and enjoy a change. Either way, we want to see as many as can make it there at Jasper. You'll love the area, and our Hosts this year have made it a super time for all.

Make your reservations with the motel at Jasper. **Billie Bruce** has sent you the plans for the other expenses; meals, and extras, so your transportation to Jasper and your reservations at the Holiday Inn are the only things you need to do to secure your place at the reunion. I am assuming you have responded to Billie's letter to you earlier. If not, why not get that done for the next mail? See page 8 of this issue for the phone number of Holiday Inn and for additional details.

If you can get there early, you'll find some of us there at the Hotel to meet you. We usually start coming there in mid afternoon Friday, (which would be the 19th). Look for us in the Sycamore room. Friday night after the days' activities mentioned in Billies' letter, we find ourselves hanging out at the Sycamore room, looking at the now "famous" WEEDMAN families picture albums, and chatting.

Gena Lee Theiss asked me to be sure to thank all who have sent her their family updates, and for the new ones, send her what you have and chances are she can connect you to the branch of the Weedmans that you cling to.

Continuing news, I have a letter from **Jeri** and **Jesse Weedman** telling us that they are feeling fine and keeping in touch with daughters **Jane** in Mississippi, and **Judy** in Missouri. E-mail is a great thing and cheaper and faster way of keeping in touch. They tell us that **Jim** and **Darcy Weedman** have a new baby girl, **Sydney Grace**. She is number three for them. Congratulations and best wishes for the future for little **Sydney**. **Jeri** sent a picture of her and **Jesse** and I hope they will be at the Jasper reunion. All of **Jesse's** ancestors

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This issue opens Volume 35 of the Weedman Newsletter. We extend our appreciation to Marianne Montgomery for her contributions to the Weedman family.

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from 1800 - 1900 are back there. Hope I'm not exaggerating, **Jesse!**

Sharon and **Bob Herke**, always at the reunions, (at least **Sharon** is) sent us some news and we rejoice with her. **Sharon** is Administrative Assistant with the University of Evansville in the Safety and Security office.

Daughter **Lisa** and her hubby, **John**, are doing well, except **Lisa** had surgery last summer. She is back carrying mail now, but the tumor that was removed was the size of a soccer ball, the Doctor said.

Lisa's a winner, though, and doing fine now. Her hubby, **John** is doing Nature Photography, and had a show in Greenville, KY last May. What an interesting work that would be! **Kathi** and **Mike** are enjoying their son **David**, now nearly seventeen months old, and enjoying the growing changes they see in him at this age. **David** is curious, and lively - a real go-getter. Keeps them on their toes. He's getting to the "terrible two's" a

bit early. **Mike** got his Masters' Degree in Special Education, and this will launch him off on a career that is indeed special. **Kim** and **Tony** enjoy motocross racing and go as a family in their trailer, which **Tony** has fixed up deluxe. So now you know the **Herke** family are active and enjoying life and having fun.

I like to get the family news so y'all, please keep it coming, Even if you send me your Christmas letter, I can cull news out of that, so let me hear from you come December if not before.

I am moving as of May 31 providing there is a vacancy at the active senior retirement center where I plan to reside after that date. It is close to stores and the public library (with a great genealogy collection). It is full of activity and they serve lunch and supper. There is Bingo, dancing, crafts, etc. A lot of Senior Retirement Centers are cropping up now, and I think they are grand. It's time for me to live in such a situation now. Living

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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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alone has had its day, and now I must think of the road ahead. I'll keep everyone informed as to my whereabouts, but you can be sure I'll be at the Reunion. They allow cats at the new place, but they must be "indoors cats" so I've got to get Midnight used to staying indoors. He knows what his litter box is for, and he goes for that, but he does like to stroll outdoors a couple of times each day. Any suggestions?

If any **HUFF** descendants are reading this, I have the descendants of **William Huff, Sr.** whose descendants married into the Weedman families of IN. Let me know if you would like a copy of those descendants. Glad to share them.

Jan Bruner sent me this information and also mentioned that two of her grandchildren, **Sarah Forcum** and **Brittany Brown** participated in the local Christmas pageant in their church. We all remember how those two little darlings were part of earlier Weedman gatherings and participated in children's programs there. Jan has moved into a "new" home in Evansville and they are adding some of their own touches to make it sparkle. Nearby live her two daughters, **LeAnna** and **Teresa Brown**.

Jan was planning a trip to Texas in January. She went to Alaska last July. Hope to see her at the next reunion in July. Bring along the family, Jan. Still think of the Peach Barbeque Pie. That's one of the "family stories," folks. If anyone wants the recipe, just write me, or e-mail me. You would be surprised at how well peaches and BarBQ sauce taste together, eh, Jan?

Duggins Family Connections

In the last Newsletter (page 28, bottom of first column, we mentioned that **Emily**

Ellen Weedman was wanting to know her family genealogy. She was interested in the origin of the **Duggins** family. Some of you, who are reading this now, will remember that your ancestor, **William Weedman** (JOHN's line) was the husband of **Lucy Duggins**. **Lucy's** mother was **Nancy**. I asked **Cathy Stone** if she had any information or knew how to get it on the **Duggins** family. Cathy found this:

Amherst Co., VA marriages (Duggins)

- **David Duggins** m. **Lucy Stinnet**, Jan. 9, 1789.
- **Alexander Duggins Jr.** m. **Sally Smith**, Jan 22, 1788, **David Duggins** was surety, and consent of her mother, **Ann Shoemaker) Smith**.
- **William Duggins** m. **Mary Goolsby**, Mar. 1, 1784.

Cathy believes that possibly **David** and **Lucy Stinnet** had a son **David Jr.** who married **Nancy (?)** and they had a daughter Lucy who may be Lucy who married **William Weedman**. You'll note that the **Alexander Duggins** was Jr. This means that possibly his father was the **Alexander Duggins** who came from Ireland and eventually settled in Amherst Co., VA.

So we hope someone will jump on this information and the clues above, and find out for sure about this **Duggins** family.

I want to add here, that if any of you recognize a name that you read here in the Newsletter, and you have information for us on this family, that you contact us at <http://www.weedman.org> and we will see that the information gets our attention and we can connect you with those who are seeking that information..

Also, if you are wondering about some of the allied lines that married into the

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The Duggins and Weedman families have a number of common ties in Grayson Co., Kentucky.

Our best wishes to Kenneth Russell Weedman for a full and speedy recovery from a recent heart attack.

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Weedman family, we may be able to help with that, or at least give a clue.

Neil Kenyon and **Marilyn's** daughter, **April**, came through her surgery and is doing just great. **April** had an old tumor that had grown back from a previously removed condition. This time she was again at Mayo Clinic and underwent surgery there. The doctors report that this surgery was successful. **April** rested and followed her doctor's directions, and now is about to return to work. **Neil** is descended from the **JACOB's** line, from his son **Philip Weidman**. **Neil** and **Marilyn** want to share their joy and their thanks to God, with you all. We'll see them at the Reunion in July.

Ken Weedman (**DANIEL's** line) is also happily enjoying his recovery from a heart attack on 15 December. He was in the hospital at Lexington, KY. He and **Sue** are planning to join us all at the Reunion, too. We rejoice that **April** and **Ken** can shout **SUCCESS** after their surgeries.

Obituaries

Philip Weedman Bateman

We have some sad news to pass along. **Philip Weedman Bateman** passed away on December 2, 2001 after suffering a stroke on Nov. 29. He had hoped to meet us all at the last reunion in Farmer City, but couldn't make it, but we will always remember him. He wrote to Nick and had previously written to me and sent pictures. He knew all of the Weedmans in the nearby counties and was interested in the *Weedman Newsletter* and the work we are doing to "Get the gang together" so to speak.

Philip was a son of **Harry** and **Jessie (Weedman) Bateman**, born in Piatt

County IL on Jan. 15, 1912 and was educated at Stephen Decatur High School and Milliken University. He was a chemical engineer for A.E. Staley Mfg. Co. until his retirement in 1974. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Great Light Masonic Lodge, and Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He married **Verna M. Grosswiller** of Highland Park in 1940. She preceded him in death in 1996. Surviving are his children: **Jan Willenborg** and husband **Robert** of St. Charles, IL, **Mark Bateman** and wife **Sandra** of Rock Hill, SC.; **Annette Rush** and husband **Robert**, of Bloomington, IL, **Philip Bateman** and wife **Debbie** of Decatur; grandchildren, **Timothy Willenborg** and wife **Ann**, **Leigh Ann Klaus** and husband, **Gregory**; **Susan LaMacchia** and husband **Charles**; **Glenn Bateman** and wife, **Mariane**; **Michaela Fox** and husband, **James**; **Jaclyn Bateman**, **Derek Rush** and wife **Becky**, **Matthew Rush**, **Jonathan Rush**, **Paul Bateman**, **Mark Bateman**; 11 great grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and four great step-grandchildren. Graveside services were held at Graceland cemetery. Gone but not forgotten. Our sympathy goes out to the family. I hope we have not heard the last from this good family.

Bettie Silman

Bettie Silman, daughter of **Mildred Lodean (Wren) Robbins** and the late **Lonnie Robbins**, was born June 11, 1940 in Marston, Missouri and died on October 20, 2001 in Poplar Bluff, MO at age 61. She lived for 35 years in Ellsimore, MO. She was a homemaker and member of the World Wide Church of God. **Bettie** enjoyed painting and gardening and was good at both of these talents. On Dec. 3, 1955, she was united in marriage with **Cleatus Gayle Silman** at

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Lilburn, MO. Survivors include her husband and two sons: **Monte** and **Kelly Silman** both of Ellsinore; her mother, two sisters and two brothers and three grandchildren. **Bettie** was buried at Ellsinore, MO. in the Gower Cemetery. She was interested in her roots, too, and proud of her Weedman heritage. She sent a cow picture to one of our Weedman Reunions (I believe it was at the one in Evansville). She is a descendant of the GEORGE Weedman line.

Harold Riley Weedman

Harold Riley Weedman, 81, of Cashmere, WA passed away on November 19, 2001 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born December 27, 1919 at Walnut Grove, Minnesota, to **Carrie Sylvester Weedman** and **Maudie May (Leonard) Weedman**. He grew up in the Dakotas where he attended school. His mother passed away when he was seven. By the age of 14, **Harold** was on his own. He hitchhiked and rode the rails, finding odd jobs.

He served in Army Air Corps during WWII from February 1942 to September of 1945 with an honorable discharge. He married **Edna Gohner** on December 27, 1945. At Dryden, WA. Where they made their home. From then on it was a variety of jobs until he started he began work in construction. He joined the Ironworkers Local 86 in Seattle. He worked on construction of five dams on the Columbia River. In 1967, Harold moved his family to Edmunds, WA where he worked on high-rise buildings and bridges until his retirement in 1983.

He was a member of Eastmont Community Church where he taught Sunday school. He enjoyed golfing, and was proud of his hole-in-one which he made at Cedar Grove Golf Course in Mrays-

ville, WA. He was an avid horseshoe player and bird hunter.

He is survived by his wife, **Edna**, a son **Signe** and wife **Diana** of Lakewood, a daughter **Candice Grams** of Puyallup, WA, a son and daughter-in-law, **Carey** and **Mary Pat Weedman** of Scottsdale, AZ, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; a brother, **Russell Weedman**, of Cashmere, WA and many other relatives and friends. Harold was interred at Cashmere City Cemetery on November 23, 2001.

Family and friends, who remember him as a great friend, honest, and loyal in every way, will miss **Harold**. We send our sympathy to his family.

Wilma Lee

Wilma Lee, a subscriber to the Newsletter died on 2 Feb 2001 in Coweta, OK. She was born 22 July 1919. We have no further information on her passing.

Norma Preston Weedman

Norma Preston Weedman, wife of **George Arnold Weedman** died 3 Nov 2001 in Oregon. She was born 26 Nov 1930. No further information is available.

Help Needed in Identifying Family Members

We notice that Harold was born in Minnesota. Just recently Nick found the following Weedmans who died in Minnesota. If you can connect any of these with relatives you know, please let Nick know so that they may be placed on the family tree. He can be reached at nick@weedman.org.

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We have identified a number of family members but cannot place them in the family tree. See the story on this page and also visit the Weedman Family web site for others.

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Minnesota Deaths from 1910 - 1950

- **Roy E. Weedman**, died May 7, 1921, Redmond County, MN
- **Martha Ellen Weedman**, died Feb 13, 1930, Pipestone County, MN
- **Virginia L. Weedman** (infant), died Aug. 26, 1914, St Louis County, MN
- **Baby boy Weedman**, died Nov. 19, 1915, Redwood County, MN
- **Fern T. Weedman**, died Feb. 28, 1915, Redwood County, MN
- **Diane Louise Weedman**, died 16 Nov 1948 in Hennepin County, MN

Hiram Weedman

We also recently found that **Hiram Weedman**, born 1 Aug 1867, died 2 Feb 1967 was buried in the Little Rock National Cemetery, Arkansas. But, we cannot place him in any line of the family. Any ideas who he is? If you even think you might know, please advise us.

I want to ask all of you...if you're still with me, and I surely hope you are, to look over your Newsletters, and see if you're missing any. I will try to bring your back-issues you're missing if possible for those of you who are going to the Reunion. For the rest of you, if you need back issues, write me and tell me which issues you need. I'll send as many as I have. I want to send out these extra copies I have piled up here, and so please check for this one time offer of back issues. It only takes a few minutes to check, so will you check as soon as you finish reading this Newsletter? Thanks dear ones.

Pre-nuptial agreement

Barbara Weedman Riffle Kerns

We have written in the past about the daughters of **Christian** and **Elizabeth**

Weedman, Sr. Research into the female lines of the family have proven to be highly enlightening.

Barbara was the second daughter of this couple, as far as we can determine, as was probably born in Fayette Co., PA. She married **Nicholas Riffle** in Fayette County and remained there until after his death in 1808. **Nicholas** is buried in the Jacob's Lutheran Church cemetery and a stone written in German marks his grave. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary War.

In 1811, **Barbara** married **Michael Kerns** of Morgantown, WV (VA in those days). He was of German or Dutch origin and was one of the founders of Morgantown. He had a mill, operated a boatyard, which made boats for trips down the Monongalia and Ohio Rivers, and had substantial property in the area. Prior to the marriage, a pre-nuptial agreement was entered into by the couple and entered into the records of Monongalia Co., VA. It seems both had significant property by standards of the day and wanted to protect their holdings for their respective heirs. We have a copy of this agreement courtesy of Bob Karnes of Columbus, OH. **Michael** died in 1833 and **Barbara** died about 1837 or so. Their graves are not marked but are supposedly located in or near the Fort constructed by **Michael** when he settled in the Morgantown, VA area. A marker is located in the city that tells of the Fort and the fact that the couple is buried nearby.

Subscription Renewals Now Due

Subscription renewals for the *Weedman Newsletter* are now due. We ask a donation of \$5.00 per year to help defray the costs of copying and mailing the publica-

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Barbara Weedman Riffle Kerns executed what has to be one of the earliest pre-nuptial agreements on record!

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tion. Our subscribers have been very generous in the past and we appreciate the support given. If your subscription is now due, a reminder notice on a yellow slip accompanies this issue. Please make your checks payable to the **Weedman Newsletter** and mail to **Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock NC 28731.**

Should you no longer have an interest in receiving the **Newsletter**, please drop us a note as well and we will remove you from the mailing list.

New Interest Generated

George & Catherine (Danner) Weedman Family

(There has been a great deal of interest by a number of descendents of this family. We hope that the various family members can exchange information and progress knowledge on the line.)

George Weedman was a son of **John (Sr)** and **Rachael (Wilson) Weedman**. He was born in 1824, married **Catherine Danner** in 1845 in Farmer City, IL and died in 1893. There were ten children born to the couple, four sons and six daughters. All of the daughters except one, **Harriett Matilda Weedman Baker**, remained in Illinois while all of the sons moved away.

Harriett Weedman married **Wash Baker** and the family prospered in the wheat elevator business in and near Wichita, KS. **Gary Thompson** of Oxnard, CA has been in contact and has done a significant amount of work on this particular family. He does not subscribe to the Newsletter but we can put others in contact with him if interested.

Jacob F. Weedman, a Civil War veteran, moved to Denver in the 1870s. We have no contact with any of his descen-

dents.

Squire William J. Weedman, followed Jacob to Denver where he died in 1932. One of his sons, **George Nelson Weedman**, moved to California where he married and had a family. We received a letter from **Donna Lea (Weedman) Laymon** of Orland, California a granddaughter of **George N. Weedman** and who now subscribes to the **Newsletter**.

Zadock Sinclair Weedman married **Jennie Romine** and moved to Sumner Co., KS. Two descendents of this couple, **Sally Randby** who lives in Charlotte, NC and **Linda Sterling** of Haysville, KS have made contact and now subscribe to the Newsletter. Their aunt, **Hila Church** of Oklahoma, was a long time subscriber prior to her death in January, 2001. They can help to develop information on this line of the family.

Abraham Lincoln (Link) Weedman married **Ida Gilmore** and lived in Harper Co., KS. Some of their children moved to Southern California and lived in or near Long Beach, CA. **Betty Moore** of Belpre, OH is a descendent of this family and is a new subscriber. We hope she provides information on this line where we have many gaps of information.

All of these new subscribers and contacts were made as a result of their reaching us through our web site. The address for our site is: <http://www.weedman.org>. We invite you to visit, give suggestions for improvements, and help us to further progress on the genealogy of the Weedman family.

Until summer, just before the Indiana reunion, take care.

*Marianne Montgomery
Nick Weedman*

We welcome all of the interest recently demonstrated by descendents of George and Catherine (Danner) Weedman.

Weedman Family National Gathering

10th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

July 19-21, 2002

Jasper, Crawford and Perry Counties, Indiana

Mark your calendars now and make plans to attend the 10th Biennial Weedman Family reunion. Southern Indiana was a hotbed of Weedmans for generations. Let's get together and learn more about our ancestors from this part of the country as well as meet and mingle with today's Weedmans!

Here's what we have planned:

Friday July 19, 2002

- **arrival and registration** at the Jasper, Indiana Holiday Inn
- **Weedman Gene Pool Party**, in the Sycamore Room (this will be a pool side party, where the kids can swim and the adults mingle, along with light refreshments)
- **Jasper Walking Tour** (for those folks who get into town early and would like to know more about Jasper, this tour is self guided and points out many historical sites in the lovely downtown)
- **Jasper Historical Society** (a great place to visit for the historians among us)

Saturday July 20, 2002

- **family breakfast**, catered at the hotel, 8 am
- **Cemetery Tours** (guided by Nick Weedman and others, we will be visiting various burial sites in Perry and Dubois Counties. Can do others on request!)
- **Lunch** catered at the Marengo Caves, in Crawford County (also games and canoeing for anyone interested)
- **Dinner** at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant (German food--what a treat!), Hall of Fame presentations, Planning Next Reunion, etc.

Sunday July 21, 2002

- **family breakfast**, catered at the hotel, 9 am
- short non-denominational **Closing Service**, after breakfast

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$35 per child (under 8). Hotel accommodations are not included. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn in Jasper for this Reunion. Each party will have to make their own reservations. The telephone number there is: 1-800-872-3176 or to call direct 1-812-482-5555. Be sure to mention you are with the Weedman party, when you call.

Reserve **NOW!** Space is limited and participation will be restricted. Send a note to Billie Bruce advising how many adults and how many children will attend along with your check to:

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