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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

We see signs of spring cropping up all over. Hope your winter was sufficient to provide the water the ground needs and that the crops will be great this year.

We are still going through the passenger list of the *Anderson* on which **Christian Weedman, Sr.** (formerly spelled Widman or Widmann) came to America in 1750. We believe, but have no proof, that he was originally from Germany. If you are a researcher, let Nick know and he will give you several names to research either in Germany or in America. These names would be of persons who came over on the *Anderson* at the same sailing that brought **Christian Weedman** to our shores. It isn't necessary to have a computer, because most libraries have a number of good books on German immigration, but a computer helps. Check the Weedman Family web site at <http://www.weedman.org>. An article, "In Search of the Christian Weedman, Sr. Roots" appears on page 6 of this issue.

This issue starts the 36th year of publication of the Weedman Newsletter with Marianne Montgomery editing it for the whole time!

Speaking of Germany, it's a wonderful country to visit, and if you are planning a trip to visit we'd like to hear from you when you return. **Diane and Jack Hall** took a trip last fall to Germany and a report on their trip is on page 4.

Everett Smith, (STEPHEN's line) drove across the country in his first big truck, fifty years ago, and along the way, a story was fermenting in his mind. He has now taken the story out of his head and put it on paper. It is called *Generations*, a three part trilogy. It is taken from history, and family information, so it might be classified as a historical novel. It's about a young mountain man, **George Henry Smith**, who came down out of the Rocky Mountains and established a huge farm in Arkansas. He acquired a woman, as a reward for shooting a black panther that was about to have an Indian woman and her three children for lunch! The family was that of Chief Simon, a Cherokee family who were hiding out in Arkansas to avoid being sent to an Oklahoma Reservation. The woman he received was a white woman who had been a captive of the Indians. She became **George Henry Smith's** wife and the mother of their twelve sons. The woman's name was Gladys. I'm not going to divulge more of the plot. The first book of the *Generations* trilogy will be published soon. It is at the printers. Already Everett has the second book nearly ready for publication and his active mind is rushing into the work of the third book. When I have more definite information about the book and where it can be bought, I'll pass it

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on. It truly sounds like one of those books that you just can't put down till you've read the whole thing. The time frame of the three-part sequence is from 1826-1986.

Jean Huffty, 4550 Highway 54, Star City, AR 71667 is his agent and also his niece. She can be reached at (870) 357-2909 Central Time Zone.

I goofed!! In the FALL 2002 issue of the Newsletter, on page 20-21 we paid a tribute to **Captain William Weedman**, a 25-year veteran of the Louisville, KY Police Department. I inadvertently left his son, **Daniel's** name out of the write-up. **Dan** is 15, and I wouldn't be surprised if we hear of him some day in a sports broadcast. He is one HEFTY HUNK at age 15, 6'1" tall. He's an offensive lineman on his school's football team. He plans on going to college, and continuing his football...this guy's going places!!
Dan, I'm sorry we left you out of the

write-up, but man, you're a star already, I'm sure, with the statistics you carry. I'm glad I was tipped off about my error, and that we have gotten to know a little about you. I'm sure there'll be updates as time goes by. You go, **Dan!!**

Neil Kenyon, (JACOB's line) has been over into Orange County, Indiana still on the trail of any and all Weedmans who might have lived in that area. He did find in the 1870 census for Jackson Township:

Weedman, Frederick, age 25, shoemaker, birthplace: KY

Weedman, Julea, age 24, housekeeper, birthplace KY

In this same household were:

Cook, Anice, age 67, birthplace IN

Beath, George, age 7, birthplace IN

Dillard, Sadie, age 4, birthplace IN

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We erroneously omitted Daniel Weedman when we listed the family of Capt. William Weedman of the Louisville Police Department.

About the Weedman Newsletter

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No Weedman families found in Orange County, IN in 1850, 1860, 1880, or 1900. Who were these Weedmans, and the others living with them? They have not been a part of any family we have found so far. They are not in the WEEDMAN GENEALOGY. Perhaps they are from a yet undiscovered branch of JOHN's family or Stephen's. They remained in KY whereas **Jacob, Daniel** and **William** crossed the border into Indiana.

Books Still Available

Gena Lee Theiss has more books of the Weedman genealogy, but the pile is going down fast. Just a reminder: her address is: **Gena Lee Theiss**, 8417 Burlingame Road, Louisville, KY 40219. Price: \$60.00 includes shipping & postage. It has over 800 pages. If you have any problems reading it and understanding the format used, contact Gena, and she'll explain. This format is somewhat different than that of the first two books.

Obituary

Galen Marsh Ytterdal

I received a nice letter from **Nancy (Conklin) Jeffrey**. It was great to hear from her, but her message carried some sad news. Her brother-in-law, **Galen Marsh Ytterdal**, passed away September 8, 2002. He had heart problems. He was born on May 15, 1947. His wife is **Lorie Ann Schwarze**, daughter of Frederick and Helen Lois (Weedman) Schwarze. Helen was the daughter of John Earl Weedman⁷, Homer⁶, Jacob⁵, Willis⁴, Daniel³, Christian Jr.², and Christian Weedman Sr.¹. **Lorie** and **Galen** were married in 1980. Memorial services were held at Acacia Memorial Park in Seattle, WA on October 5, 2002. We extend our sincere sympathy to **Lorie** and the surviving families.

Nancy mentioned, on a lighter note, that she, husband **Ross**, and her mother, **Helen Lois Schwarze** went recently to Hawaii. They saw the sights and did the fun things that tourists do in Hawaii. They enjoyed the vacation immensely. Nancy and her Mom enjoy a week together at least once a year just to have fellowship and enjoy each other's company. Sounds like great fun; something to look forward to. Thanks for writing, Nancy.

Obituary

James A. Weedman

James A. Weedman, age 71, passed away in Evansville, IN on January 19, 2003. He was the son of **Jantus** and **Nancy (Brunson) Weedman**. (JACOB'S line). He was born February 26, 1931.

He was a life member of VFW 1114, Evansville, served in the Air Force as a fireman, and was an orderly at Bethel Manor, Turtle Creek, and Good Samaritan Nursing Homes.

His brother, **Haskel Eugene Weedman**, and his parents, **Jantus A.** and **Nancy Weedman**, preceded James in death. His son, **Jonathan L. Weedman** of Owensboro, KY, survives him, as well as daughters, **Barbara Blackwell**, and **Teresa Guard** of Cincinnati, OH; sister, **Marguerite Richardt** and husband, **Louis B.** of Evansville, IN and Cairo, Egypt; brother, **Dr. William Lee Weedman**, and wife **Judy**, of Springfield, IL; six grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 11 nieces and nephews, and loving friend, **Jean Coomer**. Services were held January 23 2003 at Alexander Funeral Home. Officiate was **Dr. William Lee Weedman** and burial was at Alexander Memorial Park. We extend our sincere sympathy to survivors. **James** will be

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We sadly report the loss of two family members. Please keep us informed and we will print all family events such as births, deaths, etc.

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greatly missed by his loved ones and friends.

A Trip to Germany

Liedolsheim and Wachenheim

By **Diane Seitz Hall**

Our trip to Germany was wonderful, the country is beautiful and everyone was so friendly. It was great visiting with Jack's family, but the high light of the trip for me was visiting the two ancestral villages of my great grandparents.

Twenty years ago when we were in Germany we found the village of my paternal great grandfather **Michael Seitz**, through naturalization records. After finding the village of Liedolsheim we were able to go to the Archives of the state. At the Archives a helpful young man searched the records for us and gave us the information he found on the family.

Through the Internet over the years I have posted information about **Michael Seitz** and his known family. I have also been able to find more records of my **Seitz** family through web pages posted about Liedolsheim on the Internet. In the spring of 2002 I received email from a distant cousin, **Rainer Oberacker**, in Liedolsheim who is researching the 19 men and their families who left Liedolsheim in 1861. **Michael Seitz** was one of these men.

About this same time, I found through a message board a letter posted that was written in 1883 between two brothers. The writer names his siblings and where they had immigrated. I recognized the name of my maternal great grandmother **Julia Rohr** and her siblings. So, I also started a correspondence through email to the cousin, **Albert Simmel** that posted the letter. **Albert** is the great

grandson of the brother that had received the letter. The brother, **Konrad Rohr**, kept all correspondence he had received from Germany. Through the letters and keepsakes that **Konrad** kept **Albert** knew the village, Wachenheim An Der Weinstrasse, where the **Rohr** family emigrated.

The two villages of these two great grandparents are only about 40 miles apart in Germany. When I wrote to **Rainer** about our up coming visit to Germany he invited **Jack** and me to his home while we were visiting Liedolsheim. **Rainer** then started making all kinds of plans for us while we were in Liedolsheim. **Rainer** also contacted the historical society of Wachenheim to help in the search of the **Rohr** family.

Jack and I arrived at the home of **Rainer** and his family on a Wednesday evening. On Thursday **Rainer** and his wife, **Iris**, drove us to the village of Wachenheim where we met a man from the historical society. The man, **Rainer, Iris, Jack** and I then took a walking tour of the village for three hours in the rain. We learn the history of Wachenheim from the tour and we even saw two old homes of the **Rohr** family. At the end of the tour the man gave me a stack of records of the **Rohr** family that he had researched for me. The records are all in the old German script. The cousin, **Albert** has learned how to translate the old German script to English, so he was able to translate the records for us.

On Friday morning **Rainer** and **Iris** took us to Karlshure, Germany to visit a museum to see an exhibit of the history of Baden. Liedolsheim is in Baden. Then we went back to Liedolsheim to meet the mayor of the village. We met the mayor at the courthouse after which the mayor took all of us to lunch at an old tavern

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Diane Hall had a very interesting trip to Germany. Note that a number of residents of the village where Michael Seitz lived left together.

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that was standing in 1861. After lunch the mayor drove **Jack** and I around the area showing us places of interest. Later we met **Rainer** and **Iris** and they took us on a walking tour of Liedolsheim. We went to the church of Liedolsheim, and met the minister. For fun we all climbed up inside the church tower.

Friday evening **Rainer** had planned a party for us at a restaurant owned by another **Seitz** cousin. Rainer had advertised in the local paper about our visit, inviting our **Seitz** relatives to the party. About 20 distant cousins came to the party. The mayor also came to the party, gave a short speech and presented me a book on the history of Liedolsheim. **Rainer** gave a presentation on the history of the emigrants that left the village in 1861. Then **Jack** gave a speech and told the cousins about the history of Evansville (Indiana) where **Michael Seitz** settled. He also told them about **Michael's** life after he arrived in the states.

From **Rainer's** research the emigrants left Liedolsheim, by road to Mannheim and then took a steamboat to Koln on the Rhine River. From Koln they traveled by train to Bremen. From Bremen they went to Bremerhaven to board the ship for New York, NY.

We ended our trip to my ancestral home villages on a Rhine River cruise passing the same land and castles that my great grandparents did.

Family Archives

Since the Jasper Reunion, we have been successful in adding some significant items to our Weedman family archives. These items include two currency notes issued by the John Weedman National Bank of Farmer City, IL, a copy of the Charley Family genealogy, and a cook-

book written by Frances Weedman of Farmer City, IL.

John Weedman National Bank of Farmer City, IL. This bank from about 1900 until 1929 or so issued its own currency. The bank was founded in 1885 apparently just prior to the death of John Weedman and continued to operate until the crash of 1929. Individual banks issued currency as authorized by the U.S. Treasury. One note that we purchased is a five-dollar bill issued in 1929 signed by C. O. Gillispie who was apparently either the cashier or President of the bank. The bill is in good condition. The second is a ten-dollar note somewhat larger than the first issued dated October 27, 1905. The bill is signed but the signatures are faded and not readable. This bill is in excellent shape. A history of the bank and pictures of the notes will be placed on our website (www.weedman.org).

Charley Family History. This book was compiled in 1974 by Geraldine L. Deter with portions written by the late Doris Kizer, a long-time contributor to our Weedman family genealogical efforts. Doris descended from Nicholas and Elizabeth (Charley) Weedman. The book covers descendants of George Charley (1763-1833) who was the father of Elizabeth. Roy Ackerman apparently owned the book we bought through e-Bay. We would be happy to do any lookup for interested parties in the book.

Electric Cookery – Hotpoint by Frances Weedman, Manager, Home Economics Department. Frances was the daughter of **Frank Leonard** and **Martha (Howard) Weedman** of Farmer City, IL. She married Pierre Miles and there were no children from this marriage. Frances worked for Hotpoint probably in the 1920s or 1930s and wrote the cookbook, which is undated.

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The purchase of two of the John Weedman National Bank currency notes has been a long term project. Now we can report some success!

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Renewal Time

We ask for a donation of \$5/year from subscribers to help defray the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. This rate has been in effect since we first started asking for help to defray costs about 20 years ago! A number of subscribers contribute significantly more and we use those funds to keep subscription costs low. Many have paid well in advance.

If you owe in order to keep receiving the Weedman Newsletter, a yellow reminder slip will be enclosed in this mailing. If there is none, you do not need to send a contribution but none will be rejected if received!

So, a yellow reminder slip in this mailing is the indicator that your subscription expires with this issue. Mail your contribution to: **Weedman Newsletter, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.**

Camai – Again!

Camai (pronounced chu-mah-e) is an Eskimo greeting as we learned from a recent visit with our cousins who are from Alaska. On January 31, 2003, we were able to go to Sandusky, OH to meet **Eleanor (Weedman) Roehl** and **Natalia (Weedman) Etwiler** thanks to the hospitality of **Vicki (Weedman) Kimberlin** of Sandusky.

The father of the two visitors was **Robert T. Weedman**, son of **Gus Clinton** and **Alice (Walters) Weedman**. **Robert** was stationed in Alaska at the Elmendorf Air Force Base and met **Golina Wassily**. They married, had a large family, and lived in New Stuyahok in frontier conditions. The couple divorced and there had

been little contact with the family and the other descendents of **Gus Weedman**. **Judi (Weedman) Proctor** and **Vicki Kimberlin** made contact with their cousins and invited them to come to Ohio. They were excited to meet their cousins and **Eleanor** and **Natalia** were able to visit the grave of their father and meet cousins they probably didn't know they had.

We have put pictures of the Alaska Weedmans on our web site (www.weedman.org) and even linked to a site that shows their brother, **Tom Weedman**, in an article about his winning a sled race in Alaska. The link appears to have expired and no longer functions.

We appreciate **Vicki** for her fine hospitality and for the opportunity to get to meet **Eleanor** and **Natalia** as well as **Vicki's** sisters and her uncle, **Ron Weedman**, of Sandusky.

In Search of the Christian Weedman, Sr. Roots

Just prior to the 2002 Weedman National Family Gathering in Jasper, IN some research done by Amy Weedman found a Christian Widmann in Gniebel, Germany born in 1734. This fit quite well with what we know (or think we know!) about the immigrant ancestor of many of us. As it turned out, this individual died in 1739. But it did tweak our interest in attempting to find the roots of Christian Weedman, Sr.

What we do know is this – Christian Weedman, Sr. arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship, Anderson, on August 21, 1750. We know this because if one compares signatures on the oath of allegiance he signed with those of deeds signed in

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Fayette Co., PA and Licking Co., OH as well as his will signed in Fairfield Co., OH, they are all the same.

Christian was born about 1734-35, we think, making him about 16 years old when he arrived in Philadelphia. It is highly likely that he traveled with other family member or with friends from his hometown. People tended to travel together as they immigrated to a new country. In addition, the ship is grouped with a number of others known to have brought Palatine immigrants to this country.

We have added a page to our web site (www.weedman.org) that lists all the passengers on the Anderson. Our objective is to find the origin of as many of the passengers as possible to determine if **Christian** may have originated in the hometown of one or several of his fellow passengers. There were 95 male passengers on the Anderson, which is a manageable number of people to research relative to their origins. We are hopeful that others have done research on most of the passengers.

Volunteers are sought to do research at libraries and on the Internet on those fellow passengers. By searching sources such as the LDS IGI index, Internet sites such as Ancestry.com and others, we may be able to make significant progress in this search.

Let us know if you are willing to take the names of 3-5 passengers to research. We will put results on our web site so all can track progress.

If we are extremely lucky, we may be able to target a few German villages to do church and records research and find where our roots are. **Help is needed!**

Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers

A Visit to their Graves

*(On our recent trip to Northern Ohio, we were able to stop in Huron County to do some genealogical research with emphasis on **Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers**. Mary was the eldest daughter of **Christian and Elizabeth Weedman, Sr.** as far as we know. She was born in Fort Town, Hampshire County, Virginia (now West Virginia) on 1 January 1762. She married **Adam**, son of **Henry Myers**, in Fayette County, PA. The family moved to Ohio probably with **Christian Weedman, Sr.** in the early 1800s and in 1814 moved to Huron County. Both died there in the 1840s.)*

The cemetery in which **Adam and Mary (Weedman) Myers** are buried is virtually on the border of Huron and Erie Counties, Ohio northeast of Monroeville in a small family plot. This is known as the **Drake Cemetery**. Copied from a book, "**Huron County, Ohio Cemetery Inscriptions**" is the following:

Drake Cemetery, Ridgefield Township

Drake Cemetery is located in Section 2, Township 4, Range 23 on the Chase Heyman farm, on the east side of Huber Road, ¼ mile south of Schaffer Road, along a gully. Copied in 1960 and re-copied in 1991.

Drake, Salmon, b. 1827, d. 1877 (GAR marker)

Dickey, Cynthia, wife of **Salmon Drake**, b. 1823, d. 1900

Drake, Ira, s/o **S. & C. Drake**, d. 18 Jan 1872 age 6y, 3m, 14d

Dickey, Thomas, d. 10 Jan 1879, age 88y, 25d (War of 1812 marker)

Dickey, Elizabeth, w/o **Thomas Dickey**, d. 13 Sept 1854 age 63y, 7m, 18d

Myers, Mary, w/o **Adam Myers**, d. 27 Dec 1848, age 86y, 11m, 26d

Myers, Adam, d. 17 Nov 1844, age 89y, 7m, 22d

Dickey, Cyrus, s/o **T. & E. Dickey**, d. 7 Mar 1831, age 8 m, 22d.

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We were disappointed to find that neither Adam nor Mary Myers left no will in Huron County, Ohio.

The small town of New London, Ohio has an excellent index of the local newspaper.

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Dickey, John G., s/o T. & E. Dickey, d. 8 Sep 1832, age 4y, 9m, 6d

References in Huron County histories noted that the marriage of **Thomas Dickey** and **Elizabeth Myers** was the first one recorded in Ridgefield Township. **Elizabeth** was a daughter of **Adam** and **Elizabeth Myers**. It further noted that veterans of three wars are buried in the Drake Cemetery (the Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and the Civil War).

Thomas Dickey and **Elizabeth Myers** were married in April 1819, moved to Seneca County, OH and ultimately returned to Huron County in October 1825. The couple had five children.

One further finding in Huron County was the lack of a will or even a probate file for **Adam** and/or **Mary (Weedman) Myers**. We had hoped to determine where the children of this couple were living in the 1840s. We have never had any contact with any descendent of this couple. Surely, somewhere, there is a Myers family researcher working on this line.

New London, Huron County, Ohio

*(While on the trip to Northern Ohio, we took the opportunity of visiting the community of New London in Huron County. This is where **Dr. Charles Benton Weedman** practiced medicine from about 1896 until 1919 or so. He was a son of **Dr. George W. Weedman** with whom he practiced medicine in Nova, Ashland County until the death of the elder **Weedman**.*

We found a gold mine at the small town library which had local newspaper articles indexed from 1873 through the 1990s! Many of the articles we found were items of a social nature but there were several containing information we did not have.

*One interesting article is copied below. **Dr.***

Charles Benton Weedman married **Lucy Iona DuBois** and they had two children, **Dr. Donald V. Weedman** and **Elizabeth** who married **Ezra Howes Kelley**.

Double Funeral Held in New London Saturday Afternoon

One of the most unusual events that has taken place in New London for some time was the double funeral services that were held last Saturday afternoon when the remains of **Mrs. Iona Weedman** and her son-in-law, **Mr. E. H. Kelley** were placed in a double grave at Grove Street Cemetery.

Both parties had been quite seriously ill with a violent form of pneumonia. **Mr. Kelley** appear to be on the road to recovery but suddenly succumbed Wednesday night with heart failure.

Mrs. Weedman, who had been removed to a hospital passed away on Friday.

A double funeral service for them was conducted in Cleveland after which they were brought to New London for burial.

Those surviving are **Mrs. Elizabeth Kelley** and son **Charles** (wife and son of **Ezra H. Kelley**), and a son (of **Mrs. Weedman**), **Dr. Don Weedman** of Toledo besides a large number of other relatives. A large number of former friends and neighbors were present to show their sympathy and respect for the deceased as well as for the families who are so suddenly bereft of their loved ones.

*Source: New London, OH Times
January 10, 1935*

*Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman*