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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

**Gena Lee Theiss** wants to thank those who sent cards and condolences by phone. We all know how difficult and sad the days are when we've just lost a loved one, still one needs to actually go through the loss to really know what follows. I asked myself a hundred times, when I lost Monty, WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE TELL ME WHAT IT'S REALLY LIKE? Loss is something so personal and different people suffer in different ways, so it is something we all have varied ideas on what to say and do next.

Gena wants me to tell you all that she has about 30 books of the WEEDMAN Genealogy left (Revision #2) and she is offering a sale price of \$45.00 each post-age paid. Gena's address is: 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219 or E-mail; [trees4gena@aol.com](mailto:trees4gena@aol.com).

I haven't heard from those of you I contacted earlier, and hope that you are well and just plain too busy at that time. Any of you reading this; please feel free to write me and send me a biographical sketch about you and your immediate family. I will be putting two such sketches in this Newsletter and yours can be either short or longer. ALL BRANCHES please send me something you can share with all of our cousins.

I got a message from **Jeannie** and **Blair Weedman**. They were hosts for the 1988 Reunion. Blair says that he'd like to know where the next Reunion will take place and when. **Sara**, their oldest daughter, graduated from Middle Tennessee State University with a BS in Political Science, with a paralegal minor. This is wonderful!! Congratulations, **Sara!** **Krista**, their middle daughter, is a senior in High School and looking forward to graduating in May. She has plans to go to Community College for the first two years. Smart girl, Krista! **Julie**, the youngest daughter, is a sophomore in high school, and is very active, being on the Annual staff, and in the Beta Club, AND a manager for the soccer team!!! Way to Go, Julie! Blair is still practicing physical therapy at Bethany Healthcare, working with the geriatric population there. Blair says that they are looking forward to a cousin's reunion on Memorial Day Weekend this coming May. Blair & Jeanie's e-mail address is: [blair1jeanie10@comcast.net](mailto:blair1jeanie10@comcast.net).

Their mailing address is: 147 Devonshire Trail, Henderson, TN 37075.

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*This issue begins the 38th year of publication of the Weedman Newsletter. Marianne Montgomery has been its sole editor.*

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### Sample Biographical Sketch Paul and Marianne Montgomery

Paul Montgomery, my late hubby, and a descendant of Christian Weedman, was born in 1908 in Moweaqua, Illinois. The family moved to Iowa just after his birth, and the family lived in several areas in Iowa, till, in 1926 he graduated from High School and joined the Marines.

After basic training, he was sent to China where there was an uprising of the communist party against the "in" party, and of course the USA sent in the Marines to quell it. He helped out in the Four Square Gospel mission there in Shanghai, China, and attended the wedding of **Chiang Kai-shek** and his bride, **Soong Mei-ling**. **Soong Mei-ling** worked at that same Mission and that's how he got invited.

His duty ended in China in 1930, and he came home to work on his parents' farm. He married first; **Alta Pearl Stainbrook**

and they were parents of two boys and two girls. When WW II came along, he was unemployed and needed a job, He and Alta decided that he should go into the service again, and so he did, after Pearl Harbor was hit. He joined the Navy, because the Marines recruiter was out to lunch, and the Navy recruiter grabbed him. While he was in the Pacific area, he and Alta divorced. His term of duty ended in 1945, and to make a long story short, he joined the Army Air Corps, which in 1950 became the Air Force. He didn't care for the single life. He met and married yours truly, **Marianne Shaw**. We had 40 years of a wonderful marriage before he passed on in 1988. He loved our Lord, and served him in many ways during his lifetime. We had one child: **Andrea Teresa Montgomery** now **Kershner**.

Well folks, see how easy it is to write a wee biography? I'm looking forward to receiving what you each want to share with our wonderful extended family...the

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*Marianne would like to collect as many biographical sketches of family members as possible. Her address is on this page.*

## 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.

**Marianne Montgomery** is the Editor of the *Weedman Newsletter*. Family news, articles for publication and queries should be sent to her.

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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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Weedmans.

Each branch of the Weedman family; GEORGE, CHRISTIAN, JOHN, WILLIAM DANIEL, STEPHEN, JACOB and ELIZABETH, & MARY all have descendants in every area of the USA. We hope to find the earliest branch of the WIDMAN/WEEDMAN family --- the European forefathers of Christian Weedman Sr, who may have spelled the name WIDMANN or Wiedman, etc, and perhaps **William Weedman** (North Carolina) will be going back there on business or pleasure and he may find the answer to WHERE in Germany, our roots sprang.

### Subscription Renewals Due

The *Weedman Newsletter* is entering its 38<sup>th</sup> year of publication with the only editor, **Marianne Montgomery**, still churning out four issues per year. We are indebted to her for her loyalty and tenacity in this endeavor. In order to sustain the effort, we ask for contributions of \$5.00 per year to help defray the cost of printing and postage. If you are due for renewal in 2005, there will be a yellow insert in the envelope with this issue. Please do renew and send your check to: **Weedman Newsletter, (Nick Weedman), 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.** Or, if you want your name removed from the mailing list, let us know that as well. An e-mail to [nick@weedman.org](mailto:nick@weedman.org) is all you need and simply state you want to be removed. Thanks for your contributions to keep the *Weedman Newsletter* in publication.

### Family Research Projects Status and Direction

There are several Weedman family genealogical projects currently being pur-

sued and we thought an update would be in order.

**Ship Anderson Passenger List** – This is the ship on which Christian Weedman, Sr. arrived in the Port of Philadelphia in August 1750. We think the ship brought passengers from the Palentine region of Germany to a new life in the United States. Christian was only about 15 years old on the voyage but not traveling with any apparent family members. Working on the theory that people from the same geographic area generally immigrated together, we hope to find if there is a pattern of where the passengers originated. In doing so, we may be able to pinpoint an area in which the family of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** lived. Marianne Montgomery is actively working on this and has identified a number of passengers and where they lived in Germany. However, at this point we cannot see a particular pattern of origination.

**Craddock** - this is supposedly the surname of Elizabeth, wife of Christian Weedman, Sr. Again, Marianne is working to see if we can find early Craddock families to determine if, indeed, she was from one of these.

**Early Years of Christian and Elizabeth Weedman** - from a Revolutionary War pension application, we know that the oldest known child of the couple, **Mary Weedman Myers**, was born 1 January 1762 in Hampshire Co., WV (was Virginia at that time). We also know that the family was in Fayette Co., PA by the middle of 1765. So, work is under way to determine where they were prior to 1765 and how early they had arrived in Virginia. Did they marry there? Did they travel with others such as the Walters, Myers, or other families? Could there be a clue here that we need to know?

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*Several projects are underway to further our knowledge of the early Weedman and related families.*

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Interested in helping? There is plenty to do and if you have time and resources (i. e., the internet, a good genealogical library, etc.) let us know and we will brief you on where we are and where to drill down for information.

### **Weedman Civil War Pensions In the National Archives**

We recently spent a day in the National Archives in Washington, D.C. to review Civil War pensions on file there. It seems the ones on file there are for veterans or families of those that served on the Union side although this may not be correct.

There appear to be 14 soldiers or families of soldiers who served in the Civil War including: **John B. Weedman** (IL and OH), **John T. Weedman** (IN), **John W. Weedman** (IL – died at Andersonville), **Norman A. Weedman** (IL), **Richard Calvin Weedman** (IN), **Thomas St. Clair Weedman** (IL), **Zadoc C. Weedman** (IL), **Claude H. Weedman** (Nebraska), **George Thomas Weedman** (IL & KS), **George Weedman** (IN), **Isaiah Weedman** (IL), **Jacob F. Weedman** (IL & CO), **Jacob I. Weedman** (IN – records also show him as **Jacob H. Weedman**), and **Jacob Willis Weedman** (IN & KS).

Due to time constraints, we were able to view only three records including those for **Jacob F. Weedman**, **Jacob Isom Weedman**, and **George Thomas Weedman**. These are generally interesting records and are revealing with a fair amount of genealogical information in each. However, in order to justify a pension, the applicant apparently needed to show a need for such and as a result, almost all of the applications show desperate needs (which may not have been totally true!). Here is a summary of the records for these three soldiers.

**Jacob F. Weedman's** lineage was **Christian, Sr.**<sup>1</sup>, **George**<sup>2</sup>, **John Jesse**<sup>3</sup>, and **George**<sup>4</sup>. He filed for a pension and following his death, his widow filed, and both were recipients of the grant. His application shows he married **Almeda M. Slick** on 24 January 1867 in Farmer City, IL by Minister George Wolf. It shows a single child, **Thornton Weedman**, born 3 Jan 1870. His service record was summarized in Company I, of the 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Illinois Infantry volunteers and states he was wounded in action at Darby Town Road in Richmond, VA. Sometime in the 1870s, he moved to Colorado (along with a brother) and settled in Denver. In her application, she states that **Jacob** died on 16 May 1901. She was successful in obtaining a widows pension, which was \$8.00 per month. **Almeda Slick Weedman** died 18 January 1902 in Denver. *(The couple had property in Denver on the corners of Jewell and Benton streets – this is in downtown Denver today!).*

**George Thomas Weedman's** lineage was **Christian, Sr.**<sup>1</sup>, **George**<sup>2</sup>, **John Jesse**<sup>3</sup>, and **Asa**<sup>4</sup>. George served in Company G, 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Illinois Infantry. When he filed for a pension 31 May 1898, he was living in Webster City, Iowa. It stated he was married three times and had two children! Some of this was new information! He married Mary E. Carrew in DeWitt Co., IL on 29 March 1860 and from whom he was divorced in 1875 in DeKalb Co., IL. He then married Mary Adalaine Hollenbach who died in Hillsdale, KS in February 1880. He then married Malinda Darner at Paola, Kansas on 15 April 1882. He states he had two living children, Phil Sheridan Weedman, born 17 October 1867 and Mertie May Weedman born 19 September 1883. *(We have located a Philip S. Weedman living in Shelby Co.,*

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*Civil War pension records contain some excellent genealogical information. These records are only available at the national Archives.*

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*MO in 1906*). **George T. Weedman** died 9 February 1906 in Paola, KS. A copy of the divorce decree was included in the file and it appears George had a drinking problem that led to the divorce.

**Jacob Isom Weedman's** lineage was Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, and David<sup>3</sup>. Here again, we found information not known to us previously. Jacob was apparently the eldest child of **David** and **Rebecca (Creelius) Weedman**. Jacob enlisted in Company H, 23 Regiment, Indiana Infantry on 16 July 1861 and died of typhoid fever at Vicksburg, MS on 5 September 1863. We learned from the application by his mother for a mother's pension that David died 11 April 1862 at Leavenworth, IN. Rebecca apparently had no support after David died and one person stated she moved from family to family with her children seeking support. She married **Stephen G. Morgan** on 22 October 1865 and later married **Benjamin Carel**. Her pension was \$12 per month that she received from May 1895 until her death on 24 August 1904. *(Note that Jacob I. Weedman also appears as Jacob H. Weedman in several records).*

The Civil War pension records are not available on the Internet. Information in these records is highly informative and we intend to do further research during our next trip to Washington.

### Weedman Family Web Site

If you haven't checked out the family web site lately or maybe never been, you might want to go to [www.weedman.org](http://www.weedman.org) to see what is on offer there. We update it periodically and now have all of the *Weedman Newsletters* published from 2000 on for review and downloading. A Civil War page lists all of the family members we have been able to find shown as well as a thumbnail sketch for

their service. A few obituaries are on the site. Check it out and if you have suggestions, please let us know.

We are finding that the number of people visiting the site continues to grow. A couple of years ago, 5-6 visits per day were average. Now the number is 20 or so. And, more people are using the site to ask questions about their particular line.

Here is a list of people who have made inquiries presumably being directed to us from the web site:

**Dennis Weedman**, our first Canadian cousin, wrote to see if we could help trace his line. For years we have known of Canadian Weedmans but until now had never had any contact. His father was **George Alexander Weedman**, born in 1889 and married **Ida Craddock**. We are working now to see what we can find on the family. We presumed the family has English roots but are not certain of that.

**Terry Weedman** is Rhodesian (Zimbabwe) by birth, moved to South Africa and now resides in England. His father, **William Weedman**, is English and went to Rhodesia about 1946 and still lives there.

**Blair Weedman**, hosted one of our Reunions and has asked where the next Reunion will be held and when. Blair lives in Nashville, TN and gave Marianne an update on his family.

**Linda Robinson**, is from the **Daniel Weedman** line through his daughter, **Martha**, who married **Levi Jackson**. Marianne is helping her on her line.

**Ruth Greenstein**, wrote that her great-aunt married a Weedman and wondered about the family. **Norman Benedict**

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*The Weedman Family web site has provided us with contacts of new family members. Visit the site today if you haven't done so.*

*Vicki Kimerlin shares with us her grandfather's WWI discharge papers.*

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**Weedman** married **Sarah Malstrom** and it is from this line that is the **Daniel Weedman** line through his son, **Elisha Spurrier** and **Letitia (Jarboe) Weedman** that Ruth has her interests. Perhaps **Kenneth Weedman** can help Ruth in her genealogical pursuits.

**Brian Travis**, made contact regarding his **Weedman** roots. **Willis Weedman** was the youngest son of **Christian, Jr. and Mary (Marshall) Weedman** and migrated to Cooke Co., TX where he married. Willis had two daughters and a son, **William Simpson Weedman**. **William Simpson Weedman** moved to Arizona and raised his family there. One of his daughters, **Jewel**, was Brian's grandmother. We are working with Brian on this line.

**Don Weedman** wants information on his family. His father, Robert Raphael Gorde Weedman, and all of his uncles have passed away. Don is interested in the family for a number of reasons. His line is also through **Elisha Spurrier Weedman** and we are attempting to help in his pursuits.

So, you can see that the web site has been active of late (although not all of these contacts were necessarily made through that medium). Why not pay a visit today?

### **Davison Family Newsletter**

**David** and **Freida Marie Davison** of Spartanburg, SC have undertaken a new publication, **Davison Family Newsletter**. The Newsletter is designed to be of interest to descendents of **David** and **Miranda (Springer) Davison**. **Mary Etta Weedman**, a daughter of **Green Berry and Susan (Cart) Weedman** married **Joseph Philman Davison** in

Perry County, IN where they raised their family.

If you have a possible interest in this Newsletter, contact **David** or **Frieda Marie Davison** by e-mail at [dddmd@msn.com](mailto:dddmd@msn.com). The Newsletter is currently published irregularly.

### **Gus Weedman WWI Discharge Papers**

Vicki Kimberlin, granddaughter of Gus Clinton Weedman, has furnished a copy of his World War I Army discharge papers and we will furnish an excerpt here. Gus has family left in Ohio and Alaska some of whom subscribe to the **Weedman Newsletter**.

*Honorable Discharge from the Army of the United States. To whom it may concern, this certifies that Gus Weedman, 1172346, Pvt 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Battery B, 126 Field Artillery, as a testimonial of honest and honorable service is hereby honorably discharged from the military service of the United States....*

*Said Gus Weedman was born in Lewisburg in the State of Kansas. When enlisted he was 18 years of age and by occupation a machinist. He had blue eyes, brown hair, fair complexion and was 5 feet, 5 1/2 inches in height.*

*Given under my hand at Camp Dodge, IA this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 1919. Signed by J.E. Brandt, Colonel, 126 Field Artillery.*

### Summary Record

Name: Gus Weedman, Grade: Private First Class, enlisted February 19, 1917 at Jefferson Barracks, MO....no prior ser-

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vice...served the A.E.F. from September 25, 1918 to January 5, 1919, machinist by occupation, no wounds received in service, good physical condition when discharged, was unmarried with excellent character and no AWOLS, etc.

*Marriage*

### Sedoris – Collins

**Sam Sedoris** of Louisville, KY married **Kara Joyce Collins** on 19 June 2004 at the Highland Baptist Church in Louisville. Sam is the great, great grandson of **Lula Weedman Sedoris** who was a daughter of **Addison Merriwether Weedman** (Stephen Weedman line). Sam is a Weedman Newsletter subscriber and has made numerous contributions to the publication. We congratulate Sam and Kara on their marriage.

*Birth*

### Andrew Marlon Weidman

**Andrew Marlon Weidman** was born on March 20, 2005 in Fayetteville, AR. He is the son of Scott Andrew and Renee (Webb) Weidman and the grandson of **Jim** and **Marybeth Weidman** of Paragould, AR. His lineage is: Christian Weedman, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Christian Weedman, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, William Weedman<sup>3</sup>, Green Berry Weedman<sup>4</sup>, Charles Green Weedman<sup>5</sup>, Charles Floyd Weidman<sup>5</sup>, Robert Simmons Weidman<sup>6</sup>, James Robert Weidman<sup>7</sup>, Scott Andrew Weidman<sup>8</sup>, and Andrew Marlon Weidman<sup>9</sup>. Andrew has a sister, Ashlynn Renee Weidman. Congratulations on the new arrival.

*Obituary*

### Edith Weedman

**Edith Weedman**, wife of **Herbert Weedman** of Farmer City, IL died on January 2, 2005 in Urbana, IL. She was born January 17, 1925. A private service

was held presided over by her son, the **Rev. Jim Weedman**. She is survived by her husband, **Herbert**; sons, **Mark H., James Amos**, and **Thomas Joel**.

*Obituary*

### Minnie Mae Raeuchle Bryant

**Minnie Mae Raeuchle Bryant** 89, of Louisville, passed away February 14, 2005 Monday at Caritas Medical Center in Louisville, KY. She was a retired surgical technician at the old Methodist Hospital and a member of Arcade Avenue Baptist Church. Her sons, **Robert, Ronald, Charles** and **William Bruce Weedman**; sisters, **Edna Osborne, Thelma Hess** and **Gertrude Reichle**; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild survive her. Burial was in Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville. (Her first husband was **Robert Weedman**).

*Obituary*

### Flora Highland 'Tootsie' Weedman

**Flora Highland "Tootsie" Weedman**, 76, of Cloverport died Monday, Feb. 7, 2005, at Breckinridge Memorial Hospital. She was born July 7, 1928, in Breckinridge County. She was an ordained minister and had a ministry radio program on WTCJ Radio, "The Pilgrim Sunshine Program," for 15 years. She was a former employee of American Olean Tile Co. Her father, Beco Weedman, preceded her in death.

She is survived by her mother, **Nell Elizabeth Atwell Stilwell** of Hardinsburg; her sister in Christ, **Inous Stillwell** of Cloverport; her adopted son, **Thomas Stillwell** and wife, **Bonnie**, both of Evansville; her grandchildren, **Shannon**

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*Marriages, births, and deaths of family members are on this and the following page of the Newsletter.*

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**Housman, Jennifer Mills, Alana Stillwell, and Thomas William Stillwell**, all of Evansville, and **Leigh Ann Pruitt** of Indianapolis; and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were on February 10 in Cloverport with burial in Cloverport Cemetery.

*Obituary*

### Clara Weedman Davis

**Clara Elizabeth Davis**, 83, of Gleason, TN died Feb. 16, 2004, at McKenzie, TN Health Care Center.

Mrs. Davis was born April 1, 1920, in Finley, TN the daughter of the late **Norman** and **Bethel Rizley Weedman**. She was a retired nurses aide from Hillview Nursing Home. She was a member of Eastwood Baptist Church in McKenzie.

Survivors include three sons, **Hubert Davis** of Newman, Ga., **Robert Paul Davis** and **James W. Davis**, both of Gleason; a daughter, **Linda Davis** of Gleason; a brother, **David Weedman** of Mount Vernon, Ill.; a sister, **Ruby Pride** of Finley; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, her husband, Roba Davis; a son, Aubrey Guy Davis; and a brother, John Robert Weedman, preceded her in death. *(Hubert Davis is a Weedman Newsletter subscriber).*

*Obituary*

### Ruby Weedman Pride

**RUBY WEEDMAN PRIDE**, 82, retired from Sylvania, died Wednesday, February 16, 2005 at Dyersburg (TN) Regional Medical Center. Services were on February 19<sup>th</sup>. She attended Finley Pentecostal Church. She leaves a daughter, **Gloria Wilson** of Finley, a brother **David Weedman** of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and a grandchild. *(Gloria Wilson is a Weedman Newsletter subscriber).*

## Social Security Death Index 2004

The Social Security Administration periodically publishes a list of those who passed away within the year and we have captured their Weedman entries for 2004.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth Date</i>	<i>Death Date</i>	<i>Last residence</i>
<b>Weedman, Cleo P.</b>	4 Apr 1913	25 Mar 2004	St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL
<b>Weedman, Violet M.</b>	16 Oct 1912	26 Apr 2004	Riverton, Sangamon Co., IL
<b>Weedman, Bobby G.</b>	12 Dec 1934	5 May 2004	Carmi, White Co., IL
<b>Weedman, Rosemary</b>	21 Dec 1938	1 Nov 2004	Harrison, Clare Co., MI
<b>Weedman, Edwin M.</b>	11 Jan 1927	6 Sep 2004	Blytheville, Mississippi Co., AR
<b>Weedman, Ruth M.</b>	21 Dec 1918	9 Jul 2004	Clarksville, Butler Co., IA
<b>Weedman, Olive A.</b>	23 Apr 1914	19 Oct 2004	Naples, Collier Co., FL
<b>Weedman, John E.</b>	17 Mar 1952	30 Mar 2004	not listed
<b>Weedman, Marc E.</b>	25 Jun 1963	22 Sept 2004	not listed

Obituaries were published in the 2004 Newsletter for some of these and for others, we simply did not have information to use. **Cleo P. (Stokes) Weedman** was the wife of **John Marion Weedman** of St. Augustine, FL (Daniel Weedman line). **Rosemary (Osga) Weedman** was the wife of **John Robert Weedman** of Michigan (John Weedman line). **John Earl Weedman** was from the Stephen Weedman line. We cannot identify **Bobby G. Weedman** or **Marc E. Weedman** but if any of you know who they were, please let us know.