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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

This Summer Newsletter is coming early as we want to give you the "last word" about the upcoming reunion. If there are any questions, contact us at the address on page 10 of this Newsletter.

Besides bringing you up to date on our Reunion plans, we have some information on family news for you.

Nick has updated his mailing list, adding e-mail addresses. If any of you with e-mail addresses have changed them lately, please let us know. We want to keep them as current as is possible.

Reunion — Last Chance To Participate

The **2000 Weedman National Family Gathering** will be held on June 16 & 17 in Farmer City, IL. This is a particularly significant year since it marks the 250th anniversary of the arrival in this country of Christian Weedman, Sr. and the 170th anniversary of the Weedman family in McLean and DeWitt Counties, IL.

If you are planning to attend, please see pages 16-18 of this issue, complete the forms and mail as soon as possible.

At the end of May, we will close the Reunion to further participation and advise our caterer of the number of meals to

prepare.

So, please, before May 25, send in your reservation forms. We think this will be a great affair and a chance to renew old acquaintances and meet new family members.

For those of you who have computers, or who have the use of your relatives' computers, be sure to go to Nick's website (see the address on page 10 of this Newsletter). He has a link to Farmer City so we can learn about it before we go there and have a good idea about what we want to see there. The site, if you're having to grab quick time on line is:

<http://www.farmercity.org/recreation.htm>.

We all know that sometimes we wait till the last minute to do something we plan to do and we just put off making the final plans and this may be true for some who want to attend the June Reunion. I urge you to bite the bullet and get those reservations in right away and then we'll be able to better plan the activities and meals, I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there. Remember, bring an old photo —the

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Please finalize your plans to attend this year's Weedman National Family Gathering. It promises to be an excellent event.

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The Andrew Garfield Weedman family went to San Diego in the 1940s and have spawned a notable clan.

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older the better so that we can have real Rogues Gallery, and compare your ancestors with the others. The registration forms are on pages 16—18 of this *Newsletter*, and if you don't want to tear your Newsletter, just copy the information off that you need to register, and send it to Nick. He has a good time prepared for all of us and various activities to participate in.

Eleanor Deom, who temporarily resided in Zillah, WA has returned home now to her permanent residence in Evansville.

Andrew Garfield Weedman Family of San Diego

Has anyone written or contacted **Clifford Jr.** and **Bonnie Weedman** lately? We have not heard from them since about 1992, and I'm hoping all is well with them, but at the same time, I'd enjoy

hearing from them and I'd like to give them the latest news about the upcoming reunion. **Clifford Jr.** is a descendant of **JACOB's** line of Pike and Dubois Cos., Indiana. **Clifford** and **Bonnie** live in Escondido, California. **Jess** and **Jeri Weedman** sent us an update on **Andrew Garfield Weedman**, descendants. Please see December 1992's *Newsletter*, page 18. In it we set down the children on **Andrew** and **Elizabeth (Avery) Weedman**. In that issue of the Newsletter, we got as far as the 6th child of **Andrew** and **Elizabeth**. **Clifford Jr.** and **Bonnie** sent us the rest of the information on **Andrew's** children that is known. For some reason we did not include this last information in a newsletter. I was looking through them and noticed **Bonnie's** update, and realized I'd overlooked it ...till today!!! So here, for the record, is some of the rest of the information. Since the information is several years old, we will want to do an update which we will publish in the next *Newsletter*. Please let me know if there are any errors.

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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 150.

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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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- f. **Hershel Ray Weedman** b. 1 Feb. 1919 in Kelleyville, OK, d. 19 Feb 1970 in San Diego, CA. (We met Herschel's wife and three of his children at the Bardstown Reunion. We hope they can update us on his family).
- g. **Adrian Weedman** b. 24 Oct 1920 married **Phyllis _____**. Divorced
Ch: G1 **Adrian Lyman Weedman**
- h. **Albert Weedman** 1922-1981, married **Beverly Barrows**
Ch: H1 **Sharon Weedman**
H2 **Nonie Weedman**
Ch: 1. **Andrea**
2. Son
H3 **Marsha Weedman**
married —
1. daughter
2. Daughter

There are obvious gaps to fill in here so any help would be appreciated.

For those of you who are descended from DANIEL's line, and interested in the other lines, too, I have Daniel's wife (NANCY SPURRIER) lineage back to **William Spurrier** of Maryland, born in 1680. Let me know if you are interested.

Some of you are interested in your **WALTERS** heritage. Be sure to ask Nick or myself about this. Some of you will be at the Reunion who descend from **Andrew**, son of **Ephraim WALTERS**. Andrew married **Sarah WEEDMAN**, daughter of **Christian Weedman, Sr.** We have some information for you.

Andrew went to Perry County, Ohio and **Sarah**, his wife died there. They had a son, **Andrew Jr.** who married in Perry County, Ohio, **Elizabeth Dillon** on 22

July 1822. Then **Andrew Walters, Jr.** married **Sarah Risen** 20 May 1824. (Perhaps this **Andrew** was the same one who married **Miss Dillon**—sometimes the Junior is left out when the marriage is recorded. It can be confusing, but ultimately it all seems to get righted.

It is believed that **Andrew Walters, Sr.** re-married (**Judge Sumner Walters** believes it was to **Elizabeth Dillon**) and that he died there in 1831 or slightly earlier.

There remains much to do to sort out the Walters connection to the Weedmans.

It saddens us to report the following deaths in the family.

Obituary

Vadie Weedman

Vadie Weedman, widow of **William ("Mose") Weedman**, age 87 died on 1 Apr 2000 in Perry County Memorial Hospital at Tell City, IN. She had worked in the Indiana Cotton Mill in Cannelton, and was a cook at Parker's Restaurant there. Surviving are **Lajuana Cobb**, **Lucille Mathena**, and **Wanda Kellems** daughter, in the surrounding area of Perry County; a son, **Melvin** of Tell City, a sister, **Virginia McManaway** of Fordsville, KY; nine grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. Besides these she will be missed by many other relatives and friends. Services were at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 4 at Huber Funeral home of Tell City. Burial was at New Cliff Cemetery in Cannelton. Her husband, a daughter, **Verna Elizabeth Weedman**, and an infant son, **William**, preceded her in death. She was **Vadie**

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We have one additional obituary, for Spencer W. Weedman, but need to confirm some details before printing.

News from a number of family members shows several will be in new jobs this year.

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Elizabeth Sanders before marriage. **Mose Weedman's** line was: **Christian, Sr¹, Christian Jr.², John³, William⁴, James David.⁵, Herbert⁶, and William (Mose)⁷.**

Obituary

Dorothy Weedman

Dorothy Weedman, 93, of Poseyville, Indiana died Sunday March 5 at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, IN. She was a member of the Black River General Baptist Church. Surviving are two daughters; **Sandra Murphy** of Poseyville, and **Jane Tenison** of Mt Vernon, IN, and three sons: **Robert** of Fort Branch, IN, **Keith** of Poseyville, and **Roy** of Owensville, IN; 10 grandchildren: **Tamara Graves, Susan Patton, Tony Tenison, Michael Murphy, Michelle, David, and Donna Weedman, Heather Teets, Trina Moore, and Derrick and Bryan Bulkley**, and ten great grandchildren. Her husband, **Harley Hassell Weedman**, died in 1975. Services were held at the Werry Funeral Home in Poseyville, with burial at Oakgrove Cemetery at Owensville, IN. Lineage of **Harley Hassell Weedman** was: **Christian, Sr¹, Christian Jr.², Daniel³, John⁴, James H.⁵, Harley Hassell⁶.**

Dr. Gary E. Weedman New Provost At Palm Beach Atlantic College

Dr. Gary E. Weedman has taken the post of Provost at the Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida. Previously, he was Dean of Students at Milligan College in East Tennessee. Gary has attended a number of our Reunions but will not be in Farmer City. He

will be on one of his many trips abroad, this time in Russia and Hungary.

Gary's line: **Christian, Sr.¹, Jacob², David³, Jesse Hamilton Stewart⁴, James Monroe⁵, Edward James⁶, Gary Edward⁷.**

Frieda Davison Named Library Dean at University of South Carolina Spartanburg

Frieda Davison, wife of **David Davison**, has accepted the position as Dean of Libraries at the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg. She will assume the new position in July. Prior to this, she was the Library Dean at Mississippi State University at Columbus.

Frieda has recently contributed information that formed the basis of articles on Civil War service by a number of our Weedman ancestors.

David Davison's lineage is through **Christian Weedman, Jr, William Weedman, Green Berry Weedman, and Mary Etta Weedman**. Mary Etta was the wife of **Joseph Philman Davison** and they were parents of **Forrest Emma Davison Miller** who for years supplied much information on the **William Weedman** family in Perry County, Indiana.

Becky Middleton New Spencer Co., Indiana Historian

On February 1, **Becky Middleton** became the new County Historian for

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Spencer Co., Indiana. Prior to this, she was a full time librarian in the genealogy room at the Spencer Co., IN Public Library in Rockport, IN. Becky has contributed a number of articles for publication in the Newsletter. We congratulate her on her new appointment.

Becky's line is **Christian, Sr.**¹, **Christian, Jr.**², **John**³, **William**⁴, **James David**⁵, **Sarah Veronica**⁶, and **Estella Smith Embry**⁷. Estella Embry is Becky's mother.

How Did Willis and Green Become Such Prevalent Family Names?

There are a number of family members who had names of **Willis Green, Willis, or Green Weedman**. A close examination of the Weedman family shows that virtually all of these had Grayson Co., KY roots. It appears that the **Green** family was prominent in Grayson County in the early 1800s and that some of the Weedman offspring were named in honor of this family. Perhaps some of our family worked for the **Greens**.

Willis Green was born in Madison Co., KY in 1795 and was a volunteer in the War of 1812. After the War, he began to trade tobacco down the Mississippi River to New Orleans. In 1829 he bought two hundred acres of land around the Falls of Rough in Grayson Co. Willis Green prospered and he became a prominent member of the local community. In 1839 the Whig Party elected him to the U.S. House of Representatives where he served three terms. He was very active in Henry Clay's campaign for the Presidency in 1844.

In the late 1850s, the businesses of **Willis**

Green were turned over to his nephew, **Lafayette Green**. Lafayette was a graduate of the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville Law School. He died in 1907 and family businesses including the Green Farms General Store passed to his sons, one of whom was another Willis Green. The businesses remained in the family until a daughter, **Jennie**, died in 1965.

The Green Farms General Store is today a museum that contains much memorabilia of the Green family. It is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the Green farm is a Kentucky Sesquicentennial Farm.

The Weedman family was in Grayson County from the early 1800s when **Christian, Jr. and Mary (Marshall) Weedman** settled there. **Christian** died sometime in the 1830s. A number of his grandsons and members of future generations were named no doubt in honor of **Willis Green**.

Barbara Weedman Riffle Kern

Barbara Weedman (ca 1763 – ca 1837) was a daughter of **Christian, Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**. Her marriage to **Nicholas Riffle**, a Revolutionary War veteran, has been fairly well documented. They lived in Fayette Co., PA and remained there when most of the family moved to Perry and Licking Co., OH.

Nicholas, who died in 1808, is buried in the Jacob's Lutheran Church cemetery in Fayette Co., PA but no stone is there for **Barbara**. However, information contributed by those researching the Riffle family gives us new leads to pursue regarding her resting place.

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We need a volunteer to do some genealogical research on Barbara Weedman Kern in West Virginia!

There is new interest in the Swedish Weedman branch. A new web site has been established and is dedicated to expanding knowledge of the family.

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Following the death of **Nicholas Riffle**, his widow married **Michael Kern, Sr.** of Morgantown, Virginia (now West Virginia). From a history of Morgantown, WV **Robert Riffle** has contributed the following information:

"...**Michael Kerns** was a small, heavy set man, weighing about 170 pounds. *[That IS strange. He must have been really short to be "heavy set" at 170!]* He came from Holland and was at the site of Morgantown in 1772. He married **Susan Weatherhold**, a widow, in Westmoreland County, Penn. Their children were: **Michael, Jr.**, who married **Catherine Criss**; **Christina Jones**, **Susan Stealy** and **John**. After the death of his wife, **Michael Kerns** married a widow **RIF-FLE**. Kerns's Fort was on his land. He built the first mill in the county, and had a boat-yard at the mouth of Decker's creek, to accommodate migration to Kentucky..."

From another work, "...Under the heading of "Town Established" "The General Assembly, in October 1785, established Morgans-Town by an act reading as follows:"

"Be it enacted . . . vested in Samuel Hanway, John Evans, David Scott, **Michael Kerns** and James Daugherty, gentlemen trustees, to be by them or any three of them laid out in lots of half an acre each, with convenient streets, which shall be and the same are hereby, established a town 'by the name of Morgantown.' "

Later on p. 598 in the section on Morgantown Borough, Wiley writes of Greenmont saying that it "consists of private dwellings, and was so named by George M. Hagans. It includes the Morgantown Mills, the old Kern's Fort site and the fair

ground. It was never laid out in regular streets, beyond the projection of one called Prairier, but never opened. Its population, in 1883, is ninety."

On the next page (599) Wiley writes that Morgantown was established in 1785 and that **Michael Kern** purchased lots 39 and 40..."

We believe and need to research the theory that **Barbara Weedman Riffle Kern** is buried in or near Morgantown along side her second husband. Interesting, one of the children of **Nicholas** and **Barbara (Weedman) Riffle**, **Jacob Riffle** had a son in 1820, which he named **Michael Kern Riffle**.

Any volunteers to do some research on possible burial sites for **Michael** and **Barbara Weedman Kern** would be appreciated.

Update on another Weedman line...

Swedish Weedman Family Olaf Weedman

We have added several new subscribers to the *Weedman Newsletter* who are descendants of **Olaf Weedman**. Our intent is to dedicate space in every *Newsletter* on this particular line of the family, if material is available.

Olaf Weedman was born in June 1821 in Ockelbo Parish, Gavleborg Lan, Sweden. He married **Brita Andersdotter** (12 Aug 1825 – 1874) and the couple immigrated to the U. S. in 1855 settling in Victoria, Knox Co., IL. There were at least seven children born to the couple, all in Knox Co., IL. These were:

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William Lewis (Oct 1857 – 10 Jun 1924)

John W. (Oct 1858 -)

Alfred B. (ca 1859 - ??)

Edward (Mar 1862 – 1927)

Betsey

Mathilda (Carrie) (Sept 1864 – Jan 1886)

Anna (Jan 1866 – Oct 1874)

Emma (1867 – 1896)

We had previously had contact with some in the **William Lewis Weedman** line and have recently added descendents of **Edward**. Interestingly, **Alfred B. Weedman** lived in McLean Co., IL which is where **George** and **Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman** settled after leaving Perry Co., OH. In doing research in McLean Co., we have found reference to both lines.

We welcome our cousins from **Olaf** and **Brita Weedman** to the Weedman Newsletter. And, we hope to have much more to add to our limited information on this family in future issues.

Contributors

The response to our request for annual financial contributions to sustain the Weedman Newsletter was simply outstanding! Space permitting we will list those who mailed in checks but we want to give special recognition to several who were most generous.

Carl L. Weedman, Mesa, AZ is one who has always been highly supportive of the Newsletter and was particularly generous. **Steve Fairfield**, Hemet, CA, is another one who was very supportive (Steve, we have located the material on James Edward Weedman to use in issue this year – sorry for the delay!).

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Again, our appreciation for your kind support. For those who haven't yet responded, a gentle reminder is enclosed. Or, if you want to be removed as a subscriber, just let us know.

Our subscriber list has grown to almost 150 and seems to expand weekly. Interest in the family appears to have expanded thanks, in part, to so much genealogy on the Internet and the ease of communicating by e-mail.

Our cost is over \$1.00 per issue for out of pocket expenses so our request for funds just covers those expenses. But, thanks to the superb response, we are now in good financial shape.

That's it for this issue. We hope to see you at the Reunion.

*Marianne Montgomery &
Nick Weedman*

Our sincere thanks to those who have so generously supported the Newsletter financially and with articles.

Weedman Family National Gathering

9th Biennial Weedman Family Reunion

June 16 & 17, 2000

Farmer City, Weedman, & Champaign-Urbana, Illinois

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

Here is what is planned:

Friday, June 16, 2000

- arrival and registration** in the **Weedman Park** in Farmer City.
- browse in the **Farmer City Historical & Genealogical Society** archives and **Farmer City library**
- see homes once occupied by the Weedman and related families
- a **cook-out** will be held at the Weedman Park
- an **open forum** and **panel discussion** about the Weedman family history will be held at the hotel. Jon Austin, Marianne Montgomery, and Gena Theiss will be on our panel.

Saturday, June 17, 2000

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

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

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

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

Weedman National Family Gathering Update and More Information

Update on Participation

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

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

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

So, we ask you to do several things.

First, complete and mail the form on page 18 which indicates your families plan to participate. We need this to be able to project reasonably close numbers of participants.

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

Third, we are still in need for volunteers to help with any number of activities. Our call for volun-

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

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

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

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

Volunteers for the following:

Church choir _____

Organist/pianist _____

Children's activity organizer _____

Other items as required _____

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

Please complete and mail today!

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

Please complete this and the form on Page 17 of this Newsletter (to make firm reservations) and mail it to Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

We are finalizing plans regarding activities and number of participants to expect.

If you are even considering attending, please complete and mail this form by May 25.

Reunion Participation

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

Number of Participants	
Adults	Children
_____	_____

Activity Participation

Friday afternoon picnic at Weedman Park

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Friday evening family discussion

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

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Box lunch on Saturday noon

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Cemetery tour

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Reunion dinner Woodlawn Country Club

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

Name: _____ Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____

Number of reservations: Adults _____ Children _____