

# ♦Weedman Newsletter♦

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## Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hi Cousins,

Has your 2002 gone as fast as mine has, so far?

In April I moved to a new apartment; into what is called a Senior Retirement Community, I like this apartment, and the community here, so much, I wish I'd come sooner. We have our individual apartments.... 3-4 rooms, but we share the lovely dining room for supper/ dinner (our main meal) and the lovely spacious lounge which is our gathering place throughout the day to chat, read newspaper, enjoy coffee watch TV, play games, the lounge is plenty large enough for several groups to enjoy without crowding.

My new address is inside, on page 10. My phone number is 253-272-4028.

After I moved then there was grandson **Jeffrey Kershner's** college graduation to attend in Salem, OR on May 11. He graduated from Western Baptist College. We enjoyed a picnic at the church he attends after the graduation services. We spent the remainder of the day driving back to Washington and my home, then they (daughter **Andrea** and hubby **Larry**) returned at last to their home. There were a number of **Kershner** relatives there and we all enjoyed a good time together.

Grandson **Jonathan** and wife, **Jessica**, will be leaving their home in Newberg,

OR to Princeton, NJ where Jon will attend Divinity School there, and Jessica will attend Rider College, and both will finish up their education there. Will they remain in the East or come back to the West coast? We just don't know yet.

## Obituaries

We have several deaths to report... I am sad to say. Our cousin **Carl Weedman**, a staunch supporter of the clan, got double grief in that he lost his lovely wife, **Helen Weedman**, and his dear sister, **Marjorie (Weedman) Kennedy**, both very recently,

## Helen Jean Weedman

**Helen Jean Weedman** was born on August 8, 1921 and died February 4, 2002. Like Carl, she was born in Indiana, and she is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Greenwood, Indiana, where friends and family will miss her. Helen was a soft-spoken rather quiet person, and she was a good wife to Carl, loyal and devoted. We met her at one or two of the Weedman Reunions in the 1990's. To know her was to love her, and those of us who were fortu-

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*The Weedman National Family Gathering is highlighted on pages 13 & 16. There is still time to make plans to attend.*

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*Our condolences to those who have lost loved ones recently. It seems the family has been hit especially hard of late.*

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nate to have met her will forever cherish her. Our hearts go out to Carl, and their kin who are in grief at this time.

### Marjorie Weedman Kennedy

**Marjorie** was a fine, unforgettable person. I first met her personally at the 1992 Reunion at the Barren River Lake Lodge, in Kentucky and again in Evansville in 1994. She was a reporter whose local news column appeared in the Tell City paper. She kept in touch with former friends of that area and her columns added a sparkle to the journal's area happenings.

Marjorie died May 15, 2002. She was born Feb. 24, 1924 in Bristow, Indiana (Perry County). She was a daughter of the late **Oscar** and **Hettie (Beard)**

**Schmidt Weedman.** Marge was united in marriage to **Kennard K. Kennedy** on June 30, 1950 in Indianapolis, IN. Ken died November 20, 1999. Surviving are a son, **Stephen Kennedy**, Greenwood,

IN; a daughter, **Diane Butts** of Fishers, a brother, **Carl Lee Weedman**, of Mesa, AZ; a sister, **Mary Alice Fults** of Indianapolis, and a grandson, **Jeffrey Kennedy**. Marjorie was a member of the Southport Christian Church. Burial was in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Indianapolis. Marjorie will be greatly missed by all. (*Lineage: Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, George Glasscock<sup>4</sup>, William T.<sup>5</sup>, Oscar David<sup>6</sup>, Marjorie<sup>7</sup>*).

### Lutie Margaret Weedman Strand

**Lutie Margaret (Weedman) Strand** 78, of Big Timber, MT. passed away Tuesday April 16 2002 at Billings Deaconess Hospital. She was born Oct 13, 1923 at Shawmut MT to **Henry Stanley (called Jack)** and **Helen (Frisbee) Weedman**.

Lutie graduated from the University of Montana (Missoula) in 1945 and worked as a Home Demonstration Agent for the

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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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Extension Service and as a dietitian at Billings Deaconess Hospital. She married **Ommund Strand** in Montana, and their first home was in Helena. She chose, however to be a stay-at-home mom while her children were growing up, in Helena, MT, in New Jersey and Illinois. In 1976 she began her second career as a bank administrator in DuPage Bank and Trust Company in Glen Ellyn, IL.

In 1987, Lutie and Ommund settled in Big Timber, MT after an absence from her native state, of 26 years. She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Ommund; her brother **Frank Weedman**; her children: **Arlene** (husband **Charles Murray** of Helena, MT; **Mary** (husband **William Murray**) of Toronto, Canada; **Helen**, (husband **Kenneth Landau** of Overland Park, KS, and **James Weedman** (wife **Elizabeth**) of Los Angeles, CA. Her brother, **Stanley Weedman**, predeceased her.

A memorial service was held at the Big Timber Lutheran Church. Our condolences go out to Lutie's family at their time of sorrow. (Lineage: *Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Jacob<sup>2</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Allen Fleming<sup>4</sup>, Henry Stanley<sup>5</sup>, Lutie Margaret<sup>6</sup>*).

### David L. Weedman, Sr.

**David L. Weedman, Sr.**, age 71, of Louisville, KY passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at Summerfield Manor. He was a son of **William George Sr.**, and **Anna Rosemond (Ersepke) Weedman**. He was born 30 May 1930. Daniel's line

He was a retired lathe operator at Tube Turns where he had worked for 37 years. He was a member of Lynhurst Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife **Regina "Jean" (Kaiser) Weedman**; a son, **David Jr.** of LaGrange, KY; a daughter,

**Donna Wilson**; a sister, **Gladys Weber**, and four grandchildren: **Michael** and **Aaron Weedman**, **Rachel Long** and **Sarah Van Winkle**. Mr. Weedman's body has been bequeathed to the Louisville School of Medicine. A memorial service was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>. We extend our hearts to his immediate family and larger family circle. (Lineage: *Christian, Sr.<sup>1</sup>, Christian, Jr.<sup>2</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, George Glasscock<sup>4</sup>, Samuel Elisha<sup>5</sup>, William George, Sr.<sup>6</sup>, Daniel Lee, Sr.<sup>7</sup>*).

### Harold Probus

And finally another death has occurred which brings pangs of sorrow to those of us who knew Hal Probus, some knew him better than others, but we who attended the last Reunion in 2000 found Hal to be knowledgeable, cheerful, friendly...one who we would always remember when that reunion came to mind. His lovely caring wife **Mary Anne** was a lot like Harold in the above qualities. This makes it difficult for me to bring you the following news: Hal was recently diagnosed with lung cancer, and by the time they discovered it, it was found to be terminal. Hal left this life on April 29<sup>th</sup>. We do not have his obituary, so we are unable to add to this paragraph with those, but Hal was very interested in his heritage and ancestry, and he will be sadly missed. He and Mary Anne had planned to join us in 2002, but it was not to be. Sadly then, we bid farewell to Hal, and send his family our deepest sympathy.

### Huff Family Update

On a lighter plane now we wish to thank **Elizabeth "Gene" Weedman Henniger** for her update on the HUFF Family ...allied to the Weedmans, and again, I want to remind you all that if you have-

*Those who attended the family reunion in 2000 in Farmer City, IL will remember Harold and Mary Ann Probus.*

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*The Weedman family will be forever debating the origin of our surname and how it was originally spelled!*

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n't sent **Gena Lee Theiss** your updated family information, or if you've sent her no information on your Weedman connections, please do so in order that she may have it in her upcoming book. Gena informed me that this would probably be the last update, so make this a top priority for June 2002

### **Crawford & Dubois Counties, Indiana Cemetery Update**

Nick has been prowling around the cemeteries in Crawford and Dubois Counties in southern Indiana and has located (with the assistance of **Neil Kenyon**) a number of Weedman graves. AND some allied lines of JACOB's line are buried in these cemeteries, also. Some of the cemeteries are: Jasper City Cemetery, Birdseye Cemetery, Mt Eden Cemetery, Wickliffe and Eckerty Cemeteries...perhaps more have been added since these came to my desk. There is a Weedman cemetery somewhere, which is now being investigated. We'll have the scoop on this one too. We know so far that it is located north of the improved state road 164 in Sec. 31, T1 S, R4W. Nick is trying to locate every cemetery in each area where our reunions take place that contains the remains of some member of our family...all branches included.

### **Weedman, Widman(n), or Weidman ?**

**Jack and Diane Hall** are planning another trip to Germany in the fall. Every time I hear of someone in our family planning a trip there I get all "hopped up" to find the location of the family of Christian Weedman. **Robert Widmann** has been most helpful to suggest locations where Widmann's have been found

to have lived in Germany. He mentions Dagersheim, Boedlingen, Kreis, near present day Stuttgart. The name **Widman** was the way Christian originally spelled his name. On his deed from Fayette County, PA when he sold his land, he spelled it **Widman**. So we know he changed the spelling later (in Fairfield Co. Ohio) to **Weedman**, as did many German families, because, (perhaps) to make it easier for the family to settle into the American scene. Who really knows why so many changed either the spelling or the name itself? It's an interesting study in the annals of the State of Pennsylvania archives and history. Pennsylvania has preserved lists of applications for name changes there. I researched it years ago, but the name **Weedman**, **Widman(n)** **Weidman** and **Wiedman** were not included in the lists I researched. We know that it was Ohio where the change in our family took place, as the name was spelled Weedman in later records there.

Robert wrote that Dagersheim is not far from the Palatinate and the earliest Widmann that Robert has discovered is **Man-golt Widmann**, son of one of the Counts of Wuertemberg. Study is still going on so perhaps some reading this would like to do a little research on Germany. I know a number of **Weidman** and **Wiedman** families seemed to have emigrated from that area of Germany. I found a number of them in Missouri records... (Jackson County) who stated their homeland was "Wuertemberg."

I am flying to Evansville for the upcoming Weedman Family National Gathering and I'm traveling light. I will carefully choose what I NEED for the time I'm away. I won't bring stuff that I don't honestly need to have. I don't want to carry more than one carry-on suitcase. I can't bring my toenail clippers, or any sharp

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item etc. Your airline will know what is or is not permissible. Any travel agent also is aware of what can and cannot be brought in your luggage. So let's find out before we pack, what we must leave behind. I used to carry more than I needed whenever I went on a trip. This will be a challenge to see how much I know I won't use.

### **Jacob Willis Weedman Grave Located**

**Billie Lou Bruce** has found reference on the Internet to the location of the grave of **Jacob Willis Weedman**. He was a veteran of the Civil War having served in Company L, 13th Indiana Cavalry from Perry County. The family moved to Kansas and that is where we showed Jacob to have died. However, records have been located that show him buried in the Enid Cemetery, Enid, Garfield County, OK. Apparently his grave is marked with a stone which shows his military service and gives a date of death of December 15, 1911. No obituary has been located but funeral home records confirm his funeral and burial in Enid.

### **Weedman Family National Gathering**

*Still time to reserve space and attend!*

Details of the Reunion are given on page 16 of this issue. The event is to be held July 19-21 in Jasper, Indiana.

The location is significant because Southern Indiana was the home for several branches of the family beginning in the early 1800s.

**Jacob and Frances (Fleming) Weedman** moved to Crawford Co., IN in the early 1800s and ultimately moved to a

homestead near Jasper. While most of his descendants have moved to Illinois, Nebraska, Montana, and California, some remain and will be participating in the Reunion.

**Daniel and Nancy (Spurrier) Weedman** moved there from Grayson County, KY about 1820. **Stephen and Mary (Gilbert) Weedman** (brother of Daniel) lived there for a time as well. **William and Rebecca (Haycraft) Weedman** moved there in the 1840s. These brothers left many descendants in Perry County.

We know where the Jacob Weedman farm was and have even found reference to a Weedman cemetery near Jasper (we believe it was on the original farm) but the graves have long since disappeared.

Three different cemetery tours are planned. **Neil Kenyon** will lead one in Dubois and Crawford County. **Nick Weedman** will take participants to Perry County (there may be two Perry County tours to cover graves of the Daniel Weedman and the William Weedman families need to be covered). An optional third tour will go to cemeteries in Pike County. This will be of interest to those descendants of **Jacob Weedman** that married into the **Craig** family.

We ask participants to bring family bibles, pictures, mementos, and anything else which may be of interest and can be shared with the group.

Items will be displayed as they have been at earlier reunions and if you have a display you want to show, there will be plenty of room! We want to share family history and information with all of those in attendance.

The cost is \$50 per adult and \$35 per child under 8 and this includes meals on

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*Many of the descendants of Jacob Willis Weedman now reside in the Pacific Northwest and will find the article on his grave to be of interest.*

*Our gratitude goes to those who have been so supportive of the Weedman Newsletter for all of these years.*

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Friday evening, all meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. Also included are the costs associated with any event of this nature.

There is a change of plans relating to the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame**. Due to a lack of nominees, this part of the program at the Saturday evening dinner will not be held. We hope to continue this in the future but will need family support to obtain nominees. Keep this in mind as we progress toward the next Reunion.

So, if you have not yet made plans to attend this 10th Biennial Weedman National Family Gathering, there is still time. Contact **Billie Lou Bruce** (details on page 16) and call the Holiday Inn in Jasper at **(800) 872-3176** or **(812) 482-5555** to make hotel reservations.

We have been informed that the response with early reservations has been tremendous and we expect a record turnout.

### Subscriber Update

We had a tremendous response to our request for the Weedman Newsletter renewals. Listed below are those who renewed and a large number of you sent contributions well beyond the \$5.00 per year amount we ask.

For those who failed to re-new, we will include a notice in this mailing. If you prefer not to receive the Newsletter, just let us know and we will remove you from our mailing list. **For those who receive a notice and don't re-new, we will remove you from the mailing list following the dispatch of this issue.**

With postage going up at the end of June, the help you provide to offset the cost of

our mailings is highly appreciated. You might be interested to know that in the 35 years (yes, the Newsletter is in its 35th year!!!), the annual cost for subscribers has never increased. And, that is due to the support we received from our readers.

Here is a list of subscribers who have sent contributions:

**Helen & Bill Gregg**  
**Gena & George Theiss**  
**Marianne Montgomery**  
**Heywood B. Weedman**  
**Lucille Jaeger**  
**Bill & Thea Weedman**  
**Harold Probus**  
**Paul R. Johnson**  
**Kathryn J. Cook**  
**Nina Alemao**  
**Jeffrey James Weedman**  
**Jack Hahne**  
**Steven F. Fairfield**  
**Lloyd Sedoris**  
**Dr. Shirley Spooner**  
**Larry & Karen Oliver**  
**Carl L. Weedman**  
**Jack Silliman**  
**Dennis L. Weedman**  
**Joyce M. Anthony**  
**Jeanne M. Boulier**  
**Glenn B. Martin**  
**Eleanor Deom**  
**Gloria Wilson**  
**Nancy Jeffreys**  
**Loretta Shutts**  
**Sharon Bryden**  
**Susan Weedman Cameron**

Again, we appreciate your support.

**S**o, we hope to see many of you in Jasper, Indiana in July. Until then or next time, take care.

**Marianne Montgomery and Nick Weedman**

## Illinois Deaths

Following is a list of Weedman deaths recorded in the State of Illinois for the period from 1916 until 1950. More and more information of this type is available on the Internet and it facilitates genealogical research greatly.

There is some excellent information in this list. For example, the middle name of Smith Y. Weedman is revealed and was previously unknown. The middle name was Young according to this list. Smith Weedman was a prominent citizen of Farmer City and those who attended the Weedman National Family Gathering in 2000 would have met his grandson, Ward C. Weedman, and his great-grandson, Larry Weedman. Larry gave an excellent talk on living in Farmer City. His wife, Charlotte Thorn Weedman also appears on the list.

A number of the Swedish branch of the family also appears on the list as well. Alfred Weedman and all of those in Knox County, IL are descendants of Olaf Weedman of Sweden.

Hopefully, some of our subscribers can find some new information in this list.

<u>Surname</u>	<u>First Name/Initial</u>		<u>S/R</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Death Date</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	
WEEDMAN	ALFRED			M/W	UNK	1928-01-08	MCLEAN	NORMAL
WEEDMAN	ALFRED	R	JR	M/W	UNK	1916-08-25	MCLEAN	NORMAL
WEEDMAN	ANN	A		F/W	UNK	1926-08-01	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	ANNA	C		F/W	UNK	1945-10-11	KNOX	VICTORIA
WEEDMAN	BABY	BOY		M/W	UNK	1920-03-11	ALEXANDER	CAIRO
WEEDMAN	BESSIE	E		F/W	UNK	1945-01-10	MCLEAN	NORMAL TOWN
WEEDMAN	BETTY	LUE		F/W	UNK	1932-11-24	WAYNE	FAIRFIELD
WEEDMAN	CHARLES	A		M/W	UNK	1930-01-10	KNOX	GALESBURG
WEEDMAN	CHARLOTTE	THORN		F/W	UNK	1928-08-22	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	CLARENCE	H		M/W	UNK	1943-09-08	COOK	HANOVER TWP
WEEDMAN	DORA			F/W	UNK	1919-08-09	COOK	CHICAGO
WEEDMAN	EDWARD			M/W	UNK	1927-01-31	KNOX	COPLEY TWP
WEEDMAN	ELIZA	CATHERINE		F/W	UNK	1934-03-05	MACON	DECATUR
WEEDMAN	ELIZABETH			F/W	UNK	1931-04-10	DE WITT	CLINTON
WEEDMAN	EMIL			M/W	UNK	1948-02-11	KNOX	ALTONA VIL
WEEDMAN	GERALD	B		M/W	UNK	1944-04-12	MCLEAN	BLOOMINGTON
WEEDMAN	GRACE	G		F/W	UNK	1945-10-29	COOK	CHICAGO
WEEDMAN	HAROLD	L		M/W	UNK	1948-09-07	DE KALB	DE KALB Cty
WEEDMAN	HARVEY	WILLIS		N/S	UNK	1939-05-17	MACOUPIN	
WEEDMAN	JOHN			M/W	UNK	1924-08-22	MONROE	COLUMBIA
WEEDMAN	JOHN	W		M/W	UNK	1925-07-31	KNOX	VICTORIA
WEEDMAN	MARTHA	HOWARD		F/W	Y-73	1950-11-03	DE WITT	
WEEDMAN	MARTHA	LOUISE		F/W	UNK	1924-10-14	KNOX	COPLEY TWP
WEEDMAN	MARY	LOULLA		F/W	UNK	1929-11-23	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	MARY	M		F/W	UNK	1933-02-19	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	MARY	MORROW		F/W	UNK	1919-09-09	COOK	CHICAGO
WEEDMAN	MATTIE			F/W	UNK	1919-01-06	MACON	DECATUR
WEEDMAN	S	K		M/W	UNK	1930-09-07	LA SALLE	OGLESBY
WEEDMAN	SARAH	ANN		F/W	UNK	1931-07-31	MACOUPIN	VIRDEN
WEEDMAN	SARAH	CATHERINE		F/W	UNK	1931-08-10	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	SHIRLEY	DARLENE		F/W	Y-06	1935-05-16	KNOX	GALESBURG
WEEDMAN	SMITH	YOUNG		M/W	UNK	1926-02-01	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	STELLA	KATHERINE		F/W	Y-62	1950-04-11	DE WITT	
WEEDMAN	TED	G		M/W	Y-60	1942-05-20	DE WITT	FARMER CITY
WEEDMAN	WALLACE	L		M/W	UNK	1948-05-31	DE WITT	FARMER CITY

## 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, Neil Kenyon and others, we will be visiting various burial sites in Perry and Dubois Counties. Can do others on request!)
- **Lunch** at the Dubois County Fairgrounds. This will be a catered affair.
- **Dinner** by the Schnitzelbank Restaurant (German food--what a treat!) at Sultan's Run. There will be activities such as planning the 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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