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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Dear Cousins,

I hope you all are happily planning a great summer. It looks like the worst of weather has passed and my thoughts were with those of you who had hurricane and tornado, flood and heavy snows this past winter.

Also to those who have loved ones in the Middle East at this time, I extend my best to them. We would like to hear from those of you whose sons, brothers and/or cousins are at service there. They will receive special mention in the next Newsletter.

May 17, 2003 was a blessed day for **Jeffrey Kershner** and bride, **Odessa Rau**. Jeffrey is the son of **Lawrence** and **Andrea (Montgomery) Kershner**, and his line goes back to Daniel Weedman, Christian Jr., Christian Sr. Odessa is a daughter of **Dale** and **Marleen Rau**. They were married in the Park Community Church of God, in Salem, OR. The newlyweds visited Vancouver and Victoria, Canada for their honeymoon. They are now at home at 1450 19th St. NE, Salem, OR 97301.

The very next day, May 18, **Hunter Keaster** was born at Tarzana Regional Medical Center at Los Angeles, to **Robert** and **Jean (Montgomery) Keaster**. Mom and Hunter ...and Dad Keaster are doing well, and already I have a picture of my latest great grandson. Jean is the daughter of **Eugene** and

Yone Takayama Montgomery, of Sylmar, CA.

Obituary

Eleanor Deom

Teresa Eleanor Deom, known by "El" age 75, passed away at Deaconess Hospice Care Center in Evansville, Indiana. A good many of you remember Eleanor. She attended every Reunion since 1990. She had a lovely smile for all she met, and helped much in the research of Indiana Weedman cousins. She was born Feb.21, 1928 in Enfield IL to **Arthur J.** and **Lillian Deom**. She married **Joseph E. Byers**, and they were blessed with five children. She retired from Bristol Myers in 1988, and was involved in many volunteer organizations throughout her life. She leaves to mourn her passing; daughters: **LaDonna Byers**, of Berkeley, CA, **Yvonne**, and her husband **Dean Dunn**, sons **Pat Byers** and wife, **Pat**, of Metairie, LA, **Max Byers**, Ann Arbor, MI; and **Kim Byers**, Evansville, besides brothers and sisters, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins who will miss Eleanor.

Eleanor's wish was that any memorials be sent to Alexander North Chapel to the

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Congratulations to the Montgomery family which has had a couple of great recent events!

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The Social Security Death Index is a valuable source of information for family historians. We are seeking information on one of those recently listed there.

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Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Deaconess Hospice Care Center, or Planned Parenthood of Central and Southern Indiana.

A celebration of Life is planned for July 5, 2003, at Wesselman Park in Evansville. Information will be available through Alexander North Chapel, or remembrances may be made online at www.mem.com. Eleanor had hoped she'd be able to make the 2004 Weedman Reunion in San Diego. We will miss her, as will all her friends and loved ones.

Historical Obituary

Sophrona Richards Weedman

Death once more reigns in our midst and we mourn the loss of a highly valued citizen, **Mrs. Sophrona Weedman**, whose severe illness from typho-malarial fever. Her passing occurred Nov. 2, 1896 at 12:40 a.m. Pastor Rev. J. D, Lea, conducted funeral services and her burial

took place locally. **Sophrona** was born in Orange Township, Ashland County June 6, 1836. She was wedded to **Dr. George Weedman** on November 25, 1854, and to them were born one son, **Dr. Charles**, and one daughter, **Miss Eliza**, who still survive. **Mrs. Weedman** was always ready to aid the poor and needy, and she was an influential member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church. Her husband preceded her by 6 years, having died Sept. 5, 1890. All who knew and loved her will surely miss her.

Dr. George Weedman, husband of Sophrona, was a son of **Jacob** and **Catherine (Bishop) Weedman** who was a son of **George** and **Charlotte Huhn Weedman** who was a son of **Christian Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman**.

We have several subscribers interested in this line of the Weedman family and we hope this adds to their knowledge.

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About the Weedman Newsletter

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2002/3 Social Security Death Register Weedman Deaths

Recent Weedman deaths appearing in the Social Security Death Index are:

Ruby J. Weedman, born 12 Aug. 1915, died 11 Dec. 2002, in Nebraska. It appears that she was the second wife of **Wilbur Wesley Weedman** who was a son of **Grover Cleveland Weedman**.

Frank Allen Weedman, born 13 Oct 1923; died 22 Nov. 2002, (brother of the late **Lutie Strand** who was a long time subscriber and supporter) and son of **Henry Stanley** and **Helen (Fisby) Weedman**. He died in Helena, MT.

Margaret M. Weedman, born 17 Feb. 1927, died 22 Jan. 2003, in Toney, Madison County, Alabama. Apparently she was the widow of **Haskel Eugene Weedman** who was a son of **Jantus** and **Nancy () Weedman**. (*Marguerite Richardt or Dr. William Weedman can confirm this information for us*).

The above named Weedmans (or spouses) were all members of the JACOB Weedman line.

Wesley R. Weedman, Farmer City, IL born Sept 7, 1980 died 8 Feb. 2003 (one of the triplet sons of **James Amos Weedman**). GEORGE Weedman line. Wesley was returning home from work and apparently fell asleep while driving. *An obituary is expected from Joyce Newman and when received, we will print an extract.*

Susan W. Weedman, Denton, TX, born 17 Aug 1951, died 5 Feb. 2003. Her Weedman relationship is not known at this time. Would appreciate help from a

relative who may be reading this.

(Heywood or Kenneth Weedman, we suspect she may have been married to a son of Mark Weedman who used to reside in Albuquerque because her social security number was issued in New Mexico. Can either of you confirm the relationship?)

We extend heart-felt sympathy to survivors of the above named people.

A Weedman Family in Zimbabwe!

It is indeed a pleasure to introduce all of you to **Linda Weedman**, who contacted us from Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa. (formerly Salisbury, Rhodesia). She is a daughter of **William Francis Mardell Weedman**, who was born in April of 1922. His father was **George Thomas Weedman** who was born in Birmingham, England around 1880. He served with the British Army in India, where her dad spent his early days. William came to Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) in 1945 with the Royal Air Force.

Linda asks our prayers for at this time Zimbabwe is going through hard times with a recent uprising due to a disrupted presidential election and a breakdown of the rule of law.

Linda has been fortunate to be able to travel with her work, into many countries, and has been to USA, Sweden, and other areas with affiliated sports events and varied other work. She sends us all a hearty greeting. Linda would be related to the Weedmans of England, who may be related to our branch, for it's possible that each of the branches of Weedmans have their beginnings in Germany. The Palatinates had to flee Germany, many went to America, and others stopped at

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The Weedman family in Zimbabwe and in South Africa appears to have the same roots as one of the Australian lines.

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England and their descendants still remain on English soil.

Linda has a nephew, **Leonard William Weedman** who lives in South Africa and a niece in Sydney. So, the world expands for the Weedman family!

Letters and Updates On Family Members

I got a lovely letter from **Mary Alice Weedman Fults**, whom many of you will remember. Her sister was **Marjorie Weedman Kennedy**, and her brother is **Carl Weedman** of Mesa, Arizona. (DANIEL's line) Mary Alice is in a retirement home. She's been diagnosed with diabetes, She finds it pleasant to remember the good times we had together at the many reunions, and wants to be remembered to all who remember her, as well. She cherishes her memories of times we all got together. And we miss her. At each reunion if someone who has been with us before, is not there, they are indeed missed. We miss Marjorie and Carl, also.

We heard from **Susan (Weedman) Cameron** of Burbank, CA. also. She is a daughter of **Claude Henry Weedman**, and a sister of the late **George Weedman** of South Dakota. The **Claude Henry Weedman** family used to enjoy many reunions together in SD as a family. Susan spoke of visiting Farmer City in 1933 while in Illinois, attending the Chicago World's Fair. In those days so many of the highways were dirt and dusty. The cars weren't as reliable as trains when it came to long distance travel. We've come a long way since then. Susan is 86 now, and lived in Sunland, CA for 48 years, before moving with her daughter in Burbank. Her husband passed away seven years ago. **Richard Weedman**, her nephew lives in Naples, Florida

where his mother, **Polly Weedman**, is also residing and subscribes to the Newsletter also. Her sister, **Edna Rounthwaite** is the only one beside herself, (Susan) of her siblings to yet be alive. What a joy it would be to see them in 2004. I'm hoping that Susan and Edna.... and Richard and family will be at San Diego's reunion.

We enjoy hearing from you and please keep the letters coming. If I have made a mistake please let me know, as sometimes I misread handwriting.

The summer of 2003 looks to be a busy one for the family of **Bill and Pat Weedman** of Wilson, North Carolina. Their son, **William L. Jr** (or "**Rusty**") will marry **Melanie** on July 4, 2003. more later on this upcoming wedding. Bill and Pat will head for Ohio County, KY in August, for Bill's 49th class reunion of Beaver Dam High. They're looking forward to seeing family and friends in Kentucky and sharing memories with Bill's former classmates.

September will involve another visit to Europe for Bill and Pat (their third in the past three years). As a military retiree, Bill and Pat can travel "space-available" on military aircraft. While there, and if plans work out, they will visit Rotterdam in an attempt to find a copy of the ship *Anderson's* manifest list. Bill and Pat are quite familiar with Germany, and what is available there in the line of research. Bill met Pat in France on his second tour of duty in that country. Bill was a Captain in the Army and Pat taught school at a military base there. But their paths parted and they met again in Mannheim Germany area and were married in Basel, Switzerland in December of 1966. The scenery there must have been lovely... snowy and glistening with winter wonderland beauty. We'll get the details on

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Marianne has received quite a number of letters providing news on different family members.

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their upcoming tripprobably in the WINTER Newsletter, so keep tuned.

Perry County, Indiana Weedman Wills

In Orange County, IN, **Neil Kenyon** found an index of Perry county Wills. I suppose the originals would be in the new courthouse in Tell City, Perry County. We would like a copy of these three wills if anyone would care to get them copied for us. Send them to Marianne or to Nick, and you will be reimbursed for your expense in getting them. Take a note. ...here are the names:

WEEDMAN, Daniel – wife **Nancy** is in Book B. Part 2 page 28, Nov. 1855
Elizabeth Jackson to Nancy Weedman is in Book B Part 2 page 239
George Weedman, will is in book D page 172, April 28 1897.

Both my address and Nick's are on Page 10 of this Newsletter. Thanks for this favor.

Subscriptions Due for Some!

The response to our annual subscription campaign was remarkably successful. To all who contributed for the continuation of the Newsletter, we extend our thanks. There are still some who have not made their donation (we ask \$5.00 per year to help cover the cost of copies and postage), we are inserting a gentle reminder with this issue. If you are due for renewal, you will find a small, yellow slip in this issue that states where you should mail your contribution. We will remove those who do not respond from our mailing list for the next and subsequent issues.

Again, we appreciate the great support and kind words received from so many.

Fayette County, Pennsylvania Tax Lists

(One of the most useful early genealogical tools in many states is a property tax list. Kentucky and Ohio have many that have been published but Pennsylvania also has some early lists. When in Fayette County, Pennsylvania we had the opportunity of looking at early lists. Christian Weedman, Sr. was in this County from about 1765 until 1799. Fayette was formed in 1783 from Westmoreland County and it may be helpful to look at lists in that County just to see what appears. If you want to see variant spellings for the Weedman surname, read on!).

1785	Viedman, Christian
1785	Vidman, Christian (this could be Christian, Jr.)
1786	Viedman, Christian
1788	Weedman, Christian
1789	Weedman, Christopher
1790	Weedman, John
1792	Weedman, Christian
1795	Weidman, Christopher
1796	Weedman, Christian
1797	Weedman, George
1799	Weedman, Christian
	Weedman, Christopher
	Weedman, George
	Weedman, Jacob (removed)
1801	Weedman, Christian, George and Jacob are noted as gone!

All were listed in German Township, Fayette County. The original tax list also shows the number of horses and cattle owned by the resident (Christian had 3 horses and 2 cattle in 1785) but this was not recorded during the visit. It is unclear if the missing years do not have records

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The information from the Fayette Co., PA tax lists have not been researched as far as we know. Variant names are of interest.

We are seeking volunteers to help on researching the hometowns for as many of the passengers on the ship, Anderson, as possible.

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or if these were simply not filmed. **George Weedman** first appears in 1797 (he was born in 1775 so this is the first full year after his 21st birthday although it is unclear if one had to be 21 to be taxed for property or merely own property). Note the removal of **Jacob Weedman** prior to 1799 – he had left for Bullit County, Kentucky! Also, note the many spellings of both the surname and the given name! Also found in the tax lists were **Joseph Murphy** in 1788 and 1789 and a **James Murphy** in 1797. One of the daughters of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** was **Elizabeth**, born circa 1767, who married a Murphy. She is named in the **Christian Weedman, Sr.** will but we have never been able to determine whom she married. Perhaps the tax lists provide a clue.

Simon Overturf

Christian Weedman, Sr. sold his land in 1799 and left Fayette County, PA winding up ultimately in Perry County, OH. On March 13, 1799, he executed two deeds in which he sold 202 acres of New Holland (the name of his homestead) to **Ephraim Walters** for £1,012 and 10shillings. It is known that Walters was in Hampshire County, VA prior to Fayette County, PA and that he was likely the leader of the migration to Fayette County. The deed was recorded on 22 August 1799.

The balance of the land, some 99 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres was sold to **Simon Overturf** with the deed being recorded 6 December 1799. When in Fayette County, we learned something of Overturf that is of potential value. He was born in 1772/73 to **Johannes** and **Elizabeth (Remlp) Overturf**. He married **Mary DeBolt** in Fayette County and they lived there until 1809 when they moved to Licking County, OH. A **John W.** and **Zetta C. DeBolt**

own 91.8 acres of land today on what was the original homestead of **Christian Weedman, Sr.**! It is unclear if it has been in the DeBolt family since 1799 but it would appear that it has. **Ephraim Walters** also married a **Mary DeBolt** who was presumably a cousin to the wife of **Simon Overturf**. **Simon Overturf** died 24 March 1820 in Licking County, OH and is buried in the Old Eden Cemetery north of Kelbourne, OH. **Mary (DeBolt) Overturf** was born 2 February 1778 in German Township, Fayette County, PA and died 29 July 1849 in Brown Township, Delaware County, OH.

The connection of the Weedman, Walters, DeBolt and Overturf families goes back a long way. Perhaps we will never know but one wonders if the location of **Christian Weedman** in Perry and Licking Counties, OH influenced **Simon Overturf** to relocate there.

Ship Anderson Project

We are trying to determine the nativity of **Christian Weedman, Senior**. We *think* he was born in Germany in 1734 or 1735. We *know* he immigrated to the U.S. arriving on the ship, Anderson, in August 1750. Because he was only a teenager and there were no other apparent family members accompanying him, there is a strong likelihood that he arrived with citizens from his place of birth or even relatives with a different surname.

We undertook a project to see if we could find where as many of his fellow passengers originated as possible and asked for volunteers to take several of those passengers to see if we could determine where they lived prior to the journey. Only a few have volunteered... more are needed, so if you are willing to help, send a note to Nick Weedman

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(nick@weedman.org) and advise which of the passengers you are willing to tackle. The full list of passengers is on our web site at www.weedman.org.

We think this may be the only way we have a chance of finding our ancestor's place of origin.

Will you be willing to do just a little genealogical research on those passengers? Use of existing resources on the Internet is probably all that is needed. The Family History Center of the LDS Church, Ancestry.com, RootsWeb are all sources that can be used on this.

Let us know. We need your help.

A Search for our Ancestral Burial Grounds

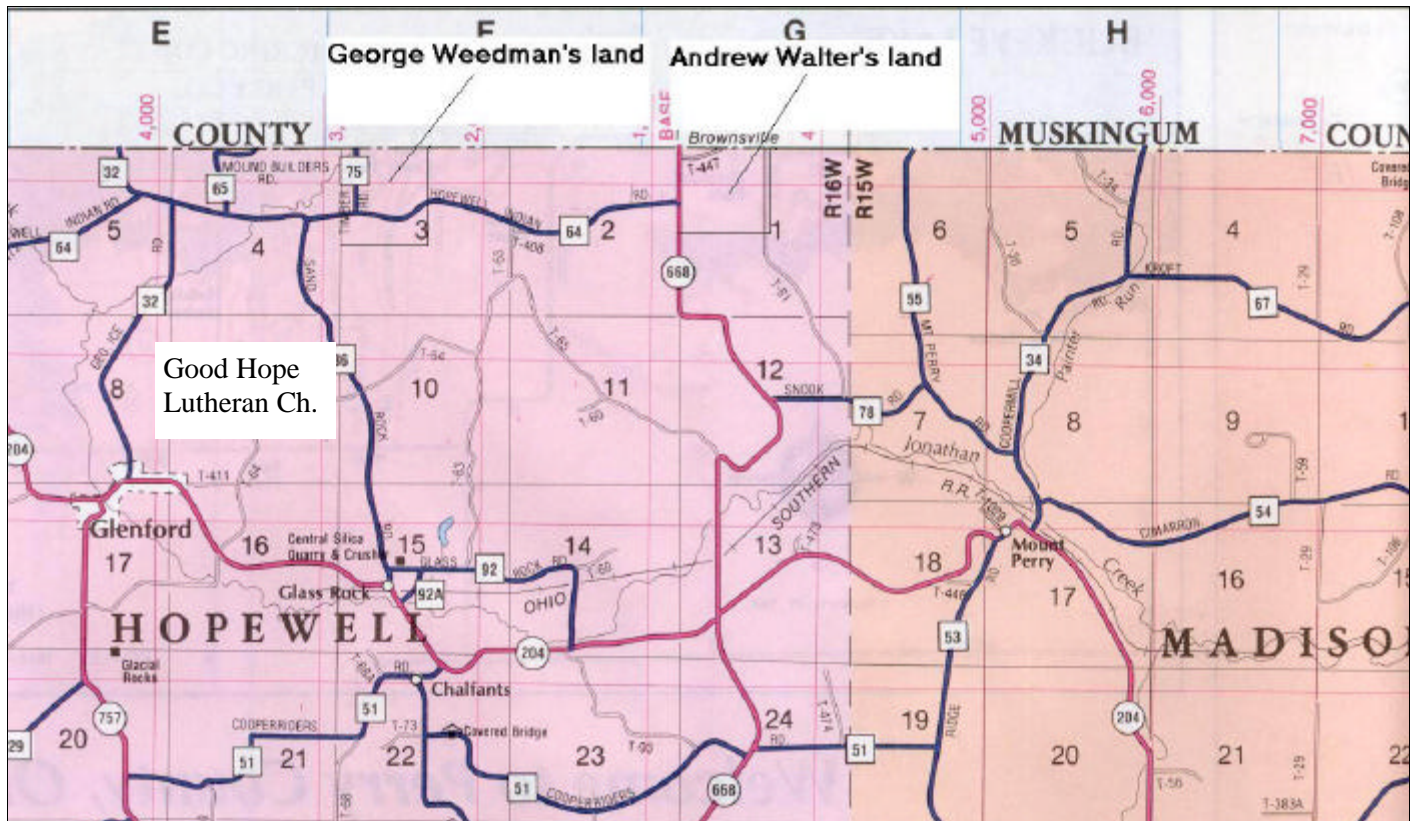
The following is an attempt to document what is believed to be the possible location of the burial site for the earliest of some of our ancestors. News is not good but it is an attempt to document findings so far.

We only know the burial locations for three of the children of Christian Weedman: **George Weedman**, **Catherine Weedman Kefover**, and **Mary Weedman Myers**. The approximate location for the grave of Barbara Weedman Riffle Kerns is known (in downtown Morgantown, WV!).

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Map of Hopewell & Madison Townships, Perry County Ohio

The map shown below has been annotated to show the location of land owned by George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman and Andrew & Sarah (Weedman) Walters. This is in the extreme Northeast part of Perry Co., OH.



Where is the Burial Place for Christian Weedman, Senior?

Christian and Elizabeth Weedman lived in Fayette County, PA from 1765 through 1799. They sold their homestead, New Holland (see related article on page) and ultimately ended up in Perry County, Ohio. They lived in what then was Fairfield County and that is where the will of Christian Weedman, Sr. is found. They also had land in Licking County, Ohio which was sold shortly before the death of Christian. Elizabeth died after 1820.

Other family members residing in the same area were sons, George, John, as well as daughters Sarah Walters and Catherine Kefover.

Although the family only lived in this area from just after 1800 until 1830, there were a number of family members who died during this time. The question is: where were these family members buried?

Andrew and Sarah (Weedman) Walters sold their property (which was part of the Weedman homestead) in 1806 and moved to Perry County, Ohio. Andrew got a land warrant for a quarter section of land in what is now Hopewell Township (legal description was the NW 1/4, Section 1, Range 16, Township 17). Between the time the family arrived and the death of Christian, Sr. in 1811, Sarah had died. She was the first known family member to die in either Pennsylvania or Ohio. Some of the husbands had died such as Nicholas Riffle, husband of Barbara, and John Huhn, Jr., husband of Catherine Weedman both died in Fayette County.

Christian died in 1811 and Elizabeth died after 1820 and probably before 1830.

In the 1800-1820 time frame, there were no cemeteries known to have been organized in the area. The earliest known one is that of the Good Hope Lutheran Church in Hopewell Township. But, it began after this time frame.

In 1830, John Weedman who was a son of Christian and Elizabeth died (a lawsuit over his estate has helped to confirm his siblings and some of their heirs). At a similar time, Jacob, son of George and Charlotte (Huhn) Weedman died probably in this area.

So, where are they all buried?

The most likely place appears to be on the homestead of Andrew Walters. Because his wife was the first of the family to die, it may well be that she was buried on the family farm. Then when Christian died not long after, if he was indeed buried in that family burial plot, others like his wife and son may have been buried there as well.

A second possibility would be on the land owned by George Weedman as shown on the preceding map. This is less likely a location simply due to the earlier deaths than that of George's son, Jacob Weedman.

A third possibility is in an existing cemetery such as the one in Brownsville, OH which is just north of the land owned by the Walters.

A son of Jacob and Catherine Weedman Kefover, Levi, born in 1806 and died in 1832 is buried in the Good Hope Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Now the bad news! The land first owned by the Walters has been turned into a hazardous waste dump and any hope of finding anything there is gone. It may be possible to examine the land first owned by George Weedman but all known cemeteries in Perry County have been catalogued. It is worth a try to see if we can find anything like a family burial plot in these areas but chances of success are minimal.