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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello folks,

Hope this finds you all in good health and getting ready for a great summer.

2004 Reunion – Last Call

The following is a note from **Paul Weedman**, to remind us that the time is ripe for getting our reservations and plans firmed up for the Gathering at San Diego of the Weedman clan. I'm excited about it. We'll have opportunities there to see/buy Everett Smith's book I've been telling you about, and the latest revision of the WEEDMAN genealogy, by Gena Lee Theiss. There will be lots to see and do so don't miss this opportunity.

- If you haven't yet secured your hotel room at the Kings Inn, be sure to do that soon because the rentals have begun. Please see page 14 for hotel/room information.
- For family members who you know are in the "thinking about it" mode, please encourage them to register. We will have a fun weekend especially at the banquet.
- On Friday evening (8/20), we will be running a slide show to music of photos from past reunions and assorted albums. I invite all to include as many photos as possible. You can email, mail or bring them with you. Mail or bring them with you is preferable. I'll have a

scanner at the hotel. If you do send them to me in advance, please provide descriptions with full names of all family members. All hard copy photos will be returned to you before the end of the event. If it's popular (it always is) we'll make the slides available at the Saturday banquet and Sunday breakfast. Already I have a few hundred photos of the 1996, 2000 and 2002 reunions and of the **Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman** family. I will make every effort to burn CD copies for those interested.

- If you have any questions about the event, please respond by email (pweedman@cts.com) or call me at 858-538-2239. I'll do my best to respond ASAP.

Paul Weedman,
Reunion Coordinator

Details for the **2004 Weedman National Family Gathering** are on page 14 of this issue. Reservation forms are on the Weedman Family web site (www.weedman.org) or available by calling Paul at the number shown above.

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The 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering promises to be a very successful event. See this issue for details.

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Elizabeth Weedman is one of two daughters of Christian Weedman, Sr. about whom we know little.

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the Reunion. Remember, they will hold the rooms till 1 August at the special rate that they are giving us. So be sure to get your reservations made before that August 1 deadline. For those of you who haven't access to the Internet, you have the information Paul sent you earlier and it still holds. If you plan to go, but can't find your information, call me collect at 1-253-272-4028. If I am not home at the time you call, leave your telephone number on my answering machine and I'll get back to you with the information you need.

It's "REUNION TIME" again and remember this little song we have sung in the National Weedman Reunion called "BEAT BEAT BEAT YOUR DRUM: Sing to the tune of "Row, row, row your Boat"

Beat beat beat your drum Time has come at last....

To meet our kinfolk of today And learn about the past.

The Weedmans are a happy lot....we smile and have great fun. For no other family can compare....no, not a single one.

So hold your head up high and say "I'm special as can be I have a branch that's all my own Upon the WEEDMAN tree" !

Elizabeth Weedman Murphy

As you know, I've been looking for **Elizabeth Weedman's** family. She was a daughter of **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman Sr.** and married a "**Mr. Murphy**". Well Nick got a note from **Bill Denney**, who is looking for an Elizabeth _____? _____ who married a **Rev. John Murphy** in the area where the early Weedman family lived, Fairfield Co. OHIO. She was his second wife, it would seem, although we're not sure about that. She was described in **John**

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About the Weedman Newsletter

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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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Murphy's abbreviated application for a pension, as "sickly" and that she was 40 years old. This would have her born in 1780, which would be a little late, but not impossible. Murphy may have deliberately picked a younger second wife especially if there were small children to raise. We don't know if there were any children of that second marriage, but Bill has sent to Washington for the pension files. This should shed some light on it. This Murphy was **Rev. John Murphy** and he was living in Fairfield Co. Ohio right where our **Elizabeth Weedman's** family lived. It really looks like **Bill Denney** is on the right track. Bill will share with us.

Newsletter Items

If you have not sent your contribution of \$5.00/year for the *Weedman Newsletter* and you received a yellow reminder slip last issue, please remember to make that payment now. Send it to Weedman Newsletter, c/o Nick Weedman, 130 Berry Creek Drive, Flat Rock, NC 28731-8531.

I have made an index of the contents of the Weedman Newsletters beginning in 1968 and I've gotten as far as December 1976, I've been extremely busy this summer and have not worked on that but I'll try to get to it before 2005. I guess part of the problem is I used several different fonts and forgot to check the font size before I started working on the project each time. I may have to start over, but at least it will be just copying the work I had done in the mixed fonts.

This Newsletter is YOUR Newsletter, and if there is something you care to share with us or a recipe you'd like, or additions, or deaths that have occurred since the last time you shared.....we

would appreciate knowing and let others know also. Births and marriages, too, of course.

Here is a list of subscribers and dear to my heart, that I'd love to hear from. Let it be something that I can share in the Newsletter. We'll all rejoice with your good news, pray for loved ones in some stage of need, or grieve over a loved one who has passed on. **Sharon Bryden, Kathy Fisler, Susan Cameron, Jan Bruner, Jack Hahne, Katherine Cook, Donna Laymon.**

There are more, but I have started with these seven cousins. I truly would love to hear from you. We're all busy, so it'll be a gift on your part, to all of us, and deeply appreciated.

Everett Smith, (STEPHEN's LINE) shares this tid-bit from his past:

"I learned to read in school, of course, but during a paper drive, I came across a continuing story in "The Saturday Evening Post" (Alexander Botts And The Earthworm Tractor) that really got me hooked on reading. I own the book now, with all those old stories in it.... and I think that 's what made me a bulldozer operator".

And this from **Bill and Pat Weedman** of Wilson, NC:

The **LONZO WEEDMAN** family (JOHN's LINE) met in Princeton, Kentucky for a family reunion on the Memorial Day weekend. I'll have more details later on as they plan to have another reunion next year .

Calling **BECKY MIDDLETON**.....
Becky, did you ever find a picture of **James David and Dorcia/Docia (Hazelwood) Weedman** ? If anyone

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*If you haven't yet made your renewal contribution for the **Weedman Newsletter**, please do so soon.*

We are always looking for news about family events to print in the Newsletter. Contact Marianne at the address shown on page 8.

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reading this has a picture, would you care to share a copy of it? We don't have one in our archives. Send the picture to: **Rebecca Middleton**, RR. #1, Box 108 B, Grandview, Indiana, 47615. Thanks.

Andy Weedman, grandson of **Ed Weedman**.....the "Ed" who used to entertain us with his stories of funny things that he remembers concerning his grandma **Sarah**, and family. Well, **Andy** and wife, **Amber (Furgason) Weedman** have had an addition to their family! On March 16, 2004, wee baby boy came into their family circle. He weighed 5 lbs. 4 oz. and was 17 ½ inches long. But oooopppssss you forgot to tell us his name, Andy. I know though, how the excitement of the joy and new arrival can make us forget some detail, so let us know now what his name is. Congratulations, **Andy and Amber!!** **Andy** if from STEPHEN's line.

We're still working on our German Project, of locating those who, along with our ancestor, Christian Weedman Sr., came to Philadelphia on the ship **ANDERSON** in August of 1750. I just found **Johan Jacob Heillman**. He was born in 1689 in Rheinpaltz, Germany. He died in Northampton Co., PA. In 1776, age 87. We don't have any list of the names of the CHILDREN who came with the adults. But we do know that **Johan Jacob** (above) had at least one son; named **Christian**.

Thomas S. Weedman Biographical Sketch

I came across a biographical sketch of **Thomas St. Clair Weedman**, of **GEORGE's** line (Illinois branch). I hadn't seen this before and I thought some of you would like to know about him. He was born January 12, 1839 in Santa Ana Township, DeWitt County, IL. He has lived in that area for his lifetime. In 1888

when the sketch was published, he was Mayor of Farmer City and had held that post for some time. He was the youngest of seven sons and three daughters born to **John and Rachel (Wilson) Weedman** who came to that area in 1830. He joined the Army in 1861 and was assigned to the 2nd Illinois Cavalry, Co. F, **Colonel Noble** commanding. In a skirmish at Holly Springs, MS, his brother, **Isaiah Weedman**, lost his life. **Thomas** was taken prisoner, and actually paroled, before being put behind prison walls. He and five others were exchanged for six Rebs, and so Thomas returned to duty and took part in the Battle of Vicksburg. His name is on the roster at Lemon Post, G.A.R. at Farmer City.

At Framer City in 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss **Mary M. Brownlee**, daughter of **Thomas and Sarah (Buker) Brownlee**. Three children were born to them: a baby who died in infancy, and **Ted G. and Fred J. Weedman**. Thomas Weedman's line was: Thomas St. Clair¹, John Jesse², George³, and Christian, Sr.⁴.

I think there are **Weedman** relatives in the vicinity of Webster City, Hamilton County, Iowa. **John Weedman, Sr.** son of **George Weedman**, moved out into that territory, and had family there. **John** died there and his will is on file at the Hamilton County Court House. It occurs to me I might find more details on this in Gena Lee Theiss book! Well if I seem somewhat forgetful, I can blame it on the heat85 degrees and climbing. Talk about global warming...!

If any of you are wondering about the latest revision of the **Weedman Family Genealogy**, I have order-blanks and will send you one. Perhaps you are interested in a Weedman connection that you'd like more information on.....some family

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that's married into the Weedmans..... let me know. You'll see my e-mail address on the Newsletter, but if you don't have a computer, write me **Marianne Montgomery, Apt. 312, 919 Fawcett Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402**. Send any news, pictures etc. and ask questions pertaining to Weedmans and allied families.

NOTE: Please for the time being, do not write to me at marianne@weedman.org. For some reason I keep getting a daily message from there forwarded to my home e-mail address that has no message....just a lot of scrambled numbers and letters. E-mail me at monty410@juno.com.

2004 Weedman Deaths Social Security Records

Two Weedman deaths in 2004 have been recorded by the Social Security Administration through April. They are:

Cleo P. Weedman, born 4 April 1913, died 25 March 2004 in St. Augustine, FL. We believe she was the widow of **John Marion Weedman**.

Violet M. Weedman, born 16 October 1912, died 1 April 2004 in Riverton, Sangamon Co., IL. She was the widow of **James Henry Weedman** (1915-1986). He was the son of **William Thomas Bell Weedman** and was from the line of **John Weedman** who lived in Grayson Co., KY.

Perry County, IN Web Site

For those with relatives in or from Perry County, IN you may be interested in the web site which features data and, importantly, queries relating to genealogy in that area.

Cliff Weedman happened on the site and reported it has a lot of information on families he is pursuing. The site seems not to have been updated in some time but still remains valuable.

The URL is: <http://www.rootsquest.com/~jmurphy/perry/perry.htm>.

E-Bay Find!

Billie Lou Weedman Bruce recently found a postcard being offered on e-Bay which mentioned the Weedman Yarbrow Custom Gin on the front. She bought it and found it was written by her grandmother, **Martha Lanman Weedman**, to **Linnie Lanman Van Winkle**, the sister of Martha Weedman. It was postmarked 1912 and contained references to **Charlie Weedman** (Billie Lou's grandfather), **May Weedman**, **Clarene Weedman**, and **George Weedman (Weidman)**, aunts and uncles of Billie Lou. What a find!

World War II Enlistment Records and World War I Draft Cards

On pages 12 and 13 of this Newsletter are the Enlistment Records and Draft Cards for a number of our family members. If anyone wants a copy of one of these records and you don't have access to a computer or to Ancestry.com, let Nick Weedman know specifying the person whose record you would like to have. He will look it up and forward a copy. His address is shown on page 8.

That should do it for this issue. Hope to see many of you at the Reunion.

The Social Security Administration lists deaths that are available on a number of web sites. We print Weedman deaths on a quarterly basis.

World War II Enlistment Records

World War II enlistment records for over nine million Army soldiers are now available online at the National Archives and Archives and Records Administration (NARA). The records are in the [World War II Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File](#) available through the Access to Archival Database (AAD) section on NARA's web site (www.archives.gov/aad).

The National Archives scanned War Department microfilmed punch cards on enlistments to support the reconstruction of the military personnel records at its National Personnel Records Center. Because of the age of the microfilm, approximately 1.5 million records could not be scanned. Scanning problems also created some errors in the digital records that present unique searching challenges.

Each record may have the enlistee's serial number and name, state and county of residence, place of enlistment, date of enlistment, grade, branch, term of enlistment, place of birth, year of birth, race, education, civilian occupation, marital status, and component. Because the records are for Army enlistments during World War II, the file does not include records for Army officers, members of other services or enlistments for other time periods. However, it does contain information on more than 130,000 women who served. Here are records for 41 Weedman family members.

Alva J. Weedman	Harroll C. Weedman	Lon E. Weedman
Benjamin B. Weedman	Harvey L. Weedman	Lyle G. Weedman
Charles N. Weedman	Haskel E. Weedman	Marvin J. Weedman
Charles V. Weedman	Heber W. Weedman	Melvin E. Weedman
Charles W. Weedman	Henry W. Weedman	Merritt H. Weedman
Comelia E. Weedman	Hershel R. Weedman	Myron W. Weedman
Curtis L. Weedman	Howard W. Weedman	Robert L. Weedman
Earl E. Weedman	Jack B. Weedman	Robert J. Weedman
Edwin M. Weedman	Jean W. Weedman	Roy L. Weedman
Freeman J. Weedman	Jess E. Weedman	Thomas H. Weedman
Gail H. Weedman	Joe (Jr.) Weedman	Walter W. Weedman
George C. Weedman	John G. Weedman	William C. Weedman
Glen E. Weedman	John R. Weedman	Willis Weedman
Harold V. Weedman	Joseph M. Weedman	Wilmer O. Weedman

In addition, **J. Weedman Duhe** was listed. Examination of his record reveals he was from New Orleans. Here is a sample of the information on the card for **Comelia E. Weedman**:

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| • Residence: | St. John's Co., FL | • Enlistment: | Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, GA |
| • Date: | 27 Apr 1944 | • Grade: | Private |
| • Term: | Duration of war + 6 months | | |
| • Born: | Florida | • Year: | 1925 |
| • Education: | Grade school | • Occupation: | Automobile serviceman |
| • Marital status: | Single | | |

World War I Draft Board Records

(The following information is from the Ancestry.com site and describes the World War I Draft Records. We will list those available for the Weedman surname which contains 21 records.)

Description

In 1917 and 1918, approximately 24 million men living in the United States completed a registration card. This represented approximately 98% of men under the age of 46 covering a huge portion of the population of the U.S. at the time. Total U.S. population in 1917-1918 was about 100 million individuals. In other words, close to 25% of the total population is represented in this record set.

Information on many of the cards may include: birth date, birthplace, and in some cases their father's birthplace and nearest relative. In addition, they show occupation, color of eyes and hair, build, etc. These could be an excellent source of genealogical information.

Source Information: Ancestry.com. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-18 [database online] Provo, UT: Ancestry.com, 2002. National Archives and Records Administration. World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918. M1509, 20,243 rolls. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration.

The following extract is for all available entries for the Weedman surname:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birth date</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Birth- place</u>	<u>Registration Place</u>
James Patrick Weedman	10 Jul 1900	W		Teller, CO
Charles Weedman	28 Mar 1889		FL	St. Johns Co., FL
Willie Weedman	1895	B	GA	Loundes Co., GA
Willie M. Weedman	20 Apr 1897		IN	Hardin Co., IL
James Monroe Weedman	7 Feb 1891	W	IN	Crawford Co., IN
Torrance J. Weedman	11 Apr 1896	W	IN	Crawford Co., IN
Ralph Weedman	11 Nov 1893	W	IN	Daviess Co., IN
James Bailey Weedman	9 Mar 1883	W		Knox Co., IN
Martin Rafley Weedman	28 Sep 1884	W		Indianapolis, IN
Dellis L. Weedman	6 Jan 1893	W	IN	Perry Co., IN
Oscar David Weedman	9 May 1889	W	IN	Perry Co., IN
Sam Weedman	4 Sep 1897		IN	Perry Co., IN
William R. Weedman	22 Nov 1894	W	IN	Perry Co., IN
James Rollin Weedman	15 Oct 1894	W	IN	Posey Co., IN
William Russell Weedman	27 Dec 1896		IN	Posey Co., IN
Denver Weedman	24 Jun 1884	W		Queen Anne Co., MD
Walter Franklin Weedman	14 Jul 1880	W		Carbon Co., MT
Henry Stanley Weedman	29 Apr 1880	W		Wheatland Co., MT
Frank Everett Weedman	27 Nov 1881	W		Westmoreland Co., PA
Claude Henry Weedman	9 Sep 1874	W		Perkins Co., SD
John Jerad Weedman	5 Apr 1886	W		Austin, Travis Co., TX

Some information on the card is interesting. John Jerad Weedman was employed as the Chief Engineer at the Texas Institute for the Blind and lived there. His wife was listed as Rosa Lee Weedman. The James Patrick Weedman could have been a Weidman – card is unclear.

If you want a copy of any of the cards shown above, contact **Nick Weedman** at the address shown on page 8.

REUNION INFORMATION

(A reservation form may be found on the Weedman Family Web Site (www.weedman.org) or by calling Paul Weedman at (858) 538-2239. The form should be completed and mailed to Aida Weedman at the address shown on the form itself).

- Hotel room reservations are not included in the reunion registration so you will need to contact the Kings Inn to do that.
- The **KINGS INN HOTEL** is located at 1333 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. The phone number is (800) 785-4647 and the website is at www.kingsinnsandiego.com
- The hotel has blocked 25 rooms for our event, and the negotiated group rate is \$99 a night (normally \$169).
- For those of you who would like to make your stay in San Diego longer than the reunion weekend, you can take advantage of the group rate from August 17th through 24th 2004.
- **The cutoff date for this group rate is August 1st, 2004.** If you make your reservations after this date provided there still is availability, you will be charged the market rate. Keep in mind that San Diego during August is high season for tourism so hotel rooms will be hard to come by.
- When you call to reserve your room(s), mention that you are with the Weedman Party.
- Check-in time is 4 pm and check-out time is 11:00 am.
- Parking at the hotel during ALL reunion activities is FREE!
- For those of you who will **need shuttle service** to and from the airport, the hotel recommends two services. Call X-PRESS Shuttle Service at (619) 222-5800 or Cloud 9 Shuttle at 1(800) 974-8885.
- The hotel has a pool, Jacuzzi and guest laundry facilities.
- The hotel has a café (The Waffle Spot) which is open from 7 am to 2 pm and a restaurant (The Amigo Spot) which is opened from 4 pm to 10 pm.
- The hotel is within minutes to all attractions, shopping and the San Diego-Lindbergh Field Airport.
- If you want to learn more about the Private Historical Bus Tour we'll be chartering on Saturday the 21st, visit their website at www.historictours.com/sandiego/.