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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello Cousins,

We want to start with an assessment of the future of the *Newsletter*.

The Future of The Weedman Newsletter

Consideration is being given to ceasing the publication of *The Weedman Newsletter* at the end of 2005.

Marianne Montgomery has edited the *Newsletter* since its inception some 38 years ago. She has for a number of years sought a replacement without success.

Interest in the *Newsletter*, while still reasonably high seems to be declining. It has become increasingly difficult to obtain the annual subscription rate of \$5.00 which is the only rate that has ever been charged.

So, unless things change, this will likely be the final year for the publication.

What could change? First, a replacement for Marianne must be identified and either take over directly or work with her for a short period of time with the intent of becoming the new editor. Second, we will reduce the subscriber list significantly from the current level of 160 to include only those who continue to support the publication financially.

The publication of the Newsletter could

continue as at present and we could put increased emphasis on the web site.

So, if you have interest in becoming the Editor of the *Weedman Newsletter*, drop Marianne a note. Her e-mail and snail mail addresses appear on page 10 of this edition.

Letters from Readers

We do have a lot of news to report, some of which is good and some not so good.

Hope you're enjoying your summer days, and all the joys that summer can bring. Here in Washington State we have had a rainy spring and summer is just now bringing forth the vegetables and fruits from local sources.

Blackberries are ripe now and this is one crop that is native to Washington state among other states, of course. You'll see people picking at roadside or in any park or picnic area. No matter how people cut back the berry branches you'd never know it the next year. Seems the berries come up as many as ever!

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Please contact Marianne Montgomery if you have a potential interest in editing the Weedman Newsletter.

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Ed Shillingburg has been doing family research in the Hampshire Co., WV area and his interest is detailed here.

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We received a most interesting e-mail from **Edward** and **Pat Shillingburg** who happened to find the Weedman web page. He was tracing his **Shillingburg** roots and with others in the family made the trip to West Virginia. The 16 page detailed description of their trip was very interesting. They happened to be researching in the same area that we have been searching for Christian, Sr., and some of the members of that first family group of ours. The article was very interesting, and Ed Shillingburg surely is an excellent writer, describing the areas they visited and one could almost picture the area even though not having been there.

He found the Weedman web site and noticed that we are interested in the same part of Virginia (now W. Virginia) that we have been researching in. His mother was Arlene Weedman, but he didn't know about the Weedmans in that area until he found the Weedman Family web site (www.weedman.org). He and Nick are corresponding and hopefully we may

find some clues about FORT TOWN, Virginia where a settlement in that area may be where our **Christian Sr.** and **Elizabeth Weedman** lived while having sojourned for several years (we think) .

Arlene Weedman was a daughter of **Ona Harrison** and **Lelia (Evans) Weedman** of Farmer City, IL. They are of GEORGE's line (Illinois Weedman branch). They can be found on p. 328 in the red 1989 edition of the Weedman Family history book.

You all have read about my search for the "**Mr. Murphy**" who married **Elizabeth Weedman**, a daughter of **Christian Sr.** I have always felt that she married one of the Murphy's in Hampshire Co. WVA or one of the adjoining counties. I see a **Hugh Murphy** mentioned in Ed Shillingburg's write-up. This search is like reading a mystery novel. You never know what's coming next!

A letter from **Muriel Ann Scheid**

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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 160.

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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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Laughlin wrote about her research for the family background of her maternal grandmother, **Helen (Nellie) Weedman Marshall** descendant of DANIEL Weedman's line. She now has the information she needs as this line of Daniel's is in the last two editions of the Weedman Family book, "**Christian Weedman and His Descendants**". If any of you need more of this book to give to relatives, contact Gena Lee Theiss, the author, at 8417 Burlingame Rd., Louisville, KY 40219, KY

Bill and Thea Weedman (STEPHEN's line) went to New York City in April which is the best time to go. They surely did their "homework" on what to see and do in the City because they didn't waste a minute in finding the places they planned to see. They own a timeshare there, and were able to relax and 'dine' in their own space. They had a wonderful time.

Jan Bruner, of Evansville, IN. has really been busy this year. She went to two reunions, ABBOTT and BRUNER, It was great to hear from her. She's from STEPHEN's line.

Speaking of reunions, I must repeat, for the benefit of new subscribers, the famous peach cobbler recipe ...from the kitchen of **Jannelle Forcum** is repeated:

- 5-6 fresh peaches peeled and sliced.
- Put in a buttered cake pan.
- Mix together 1 stick butter, melted, 1 cup sugar, 2 TBS. flour, 1 beaten egg. Set aside
- Take 5-6 slices of white bread and remove crust. Cut each into three strips and lay over the peaches.
- Pour batter mixture over bread.
- Bake at 350 oven for 35-45 minutes.

The secret optional ingredient is BBQ

sauce added with each serving sparingly. With or without the BBQ sauce, this cobbler is a winner.

Bill Weedman (I call him "Carolina Bill") of Wilson, NC sure has a sense of humor. He and wife **Pat** have sold their insurance business and he's now joined the "Honey Dew" (spelled DO) club. Bill says "don't expect me to live very long, as Pat is working me harder than when we were in business." Well retirement does have some drawbacks, but those drawbacks keep us in shape...think about it. Using our muscles, legs, arms to do those things around the premises that need to be done may be painful at first... and I do mean **painful**, but after our muscles get used to all that strenuous push and pull, lift and bend, we look at what has been accomplished and say "WHEW...but it was worth all that work, much of it odds and ends; jobs that Honey herself found for her ever lovin' hubby to DO. They sold out in April, so by now Bill can brag about his ever-growing muscles.

Roy and Sylvia Weedman of Charlotte, NC.....I call them "Carolina Roy and Sylvia" making two wonderful Weedman families distinguished by their Carolina homes.....as we have the **Roy Weedman** from Oregon and another **Roy Weedman** from Tennessee.....Are there any more out there???

Roy (Carolina) pointed out an error in the last Newsletter. Thanks, Roy. He reports that on page 4, under the Weedman Civil War pension list, that **Claude H. Weedman**, (Nebraska) Roy's grandfather was listed. **Claude H. Weedman** served in the Spanish American War, not the Civil War. He wouldn't have been of an age to serve in the Civil War. We appreciate Roy's pointing this out, and we encourage anyone finding an error in the

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A number of readers have provided Marianne with family updates. We appreciate your keeping all informed.

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Newsletter, to inform either Nick or myself so that we may set the record straight.

50th Anniversary and Birth of Twin Grand Children

Roy and Sylvia Ann (McDaniel) Weedman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16. Congratulations to you both. Then Roy goes on to say that daughter, **Lisa** and hubby **Michael Scott Newell**, are the proud parents of twins!! They were born on July 8th, 2005. The twins are named **Lucy Renee Weedman Newell** and **Andrew Gregory Weedman Newell**. Lucy weighed in at 6 lbs. 3 oz and 19 1/2 " long while Andrew weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19" long. That's good size for twins. We congratulate Lisa for bringing forth twinsand the weight for them is perfect for being that weight, they wouldn't have to remain in the hospital till they gained enough weight to be released from an incubator. We're all happy for you Lisa and Mike!

When Lisa and Mike were wed, Lisa kept her maiden name, Weedman. A year and a half ago she added Newell as her official last name. They added Weedman as a second middle name to each of the twins. What an honor to the Weedman name. May these darling twins enjoy life as a wonderful sojourn and may they know the history of their second middle name. OK...so yes...we're proud of the name Weedman. And that reminds me, **Roy Weedman** (Tennessee Roy,) wrote a poem about the name Weedman. As long as he was able to attend the Weedman reunions, Roy would read it at the banquets. We hope to see Lucy and Andrew at some future Weedman reunion. Roy's line goes back to **George**, son of **Christian Weedman Sr.**

In September, Roy (Carolina Roy) will be attending the 50th anniversary of his Air Force pilot class. Whew...you'll have a great summer, Roy.

Princeton Graduate Takes New Position

More news. In May, 2005, **Jonathan Ryan Kershner**, (**Marianne & Paul Montgomery's** grandson) graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary at Princeton, NJ with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He has already received a pulpit...guess where -- in Tacoma WA. He and his wife, **Jessica**, are happy to be back in the Northwest. They enjoyed their 4+ years at Princeton, and the history of the area was thrilling to both of them. **Jessica** has a position as an English teacher beginning in September of a school in Seattle, which is a short distance from Tacoma.

Overseas Contacts

We are getting e-mails from several Weedman families or relatives, and one in particular who now lives in South Africa, but was originally from England. Having the Website makes it sort of like a "net" spread out to catch some Weedmans (fish) and hopefully if we all stay tuned, we'll eventually cover more territory and find the hometown of Christian Weedman, Sr.

Brian Travis was browsing on the Internet and found our site. He states that he found his great grandparents, **William Simpson and Inez (Hooper) Weedman!** Their daughter, **Jewel Weedman**, married **Oren Clifford Travis**, grandparents of Brian. Brian says he's going to go through information that may be found of interest to his Weedman connections. His great grandmother, Inez died when their

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We have been contacted by Weedmans from South Africa, Australia, England, and Canada.

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daughter, **Jewel Weedman**, was a young girl. And she and her sister, and possibly her brother, **Charles Shelby Weedman**, were placed in an orphan home because **William Simpson Weedman** couldn't be home caring for them and working, too. My own grand dad did the same thing, and for the same reason. It's sad when the mother dies when the children are young. This happened more often back years ago, than now, or so it seems. Life was tougher then. We hope to see Travis at a future reunion, too, and his family. There will be more about this family in the FALL Newsletter.

Got word from **Cathy Stone**. You'll remember her at the reunions we had at Evansville, IN. She is keeping busy renovating her apartment. This will go on for another couple of months, but we hope to hear more from Cathy when she has her apartment like she wants it.

Marriage

Crystal Dawn Weedman

Mr. and Mrs. **William E. Weedman** of Floyd Knob, IN announce the wedding of their daughter **Crystal Dawn** to **Joseph Yazvac III** son of **Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Yazvac, Jr.** took place on 6 August 2005 at the Colgate Baptist Church in Clarks-ville, IN.

We extend our congratulations to the bride and groom on this wonderful occasion.

William E. Weedman is the son of and **Hazel Weedman** and the late **James Edward Weedman** of Louisville, KY. Ed was a major contributor to the on going genealogical efforts of the Weedman family with particular emphasis on his line through **Stephen Weedman**, son of

Christian, Jr. and Mary (Marshall) Weedman.

In a note, he told us that **Crystal** had graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Computer Integrated Manufacturing Technology. **Joe**, his son, has begun to work on his PhD degree in psychology at Indiana State University at Terre Haute, IN.

Thanks for the update and great family news!

We are sorry to bring the news of several Weedman cousins most of you know and some you may not.

Obituaries

Elizabeth Weedman Snodgrass

Elizabeth Janet Weedman Snodgrass, 86, of New Palestine, Indiana, died on June 9, 2005. She was born February 4, 1919 in Mt Comfort, IN. Elizabeth was a homemaker and a member of Friendly Neighbors Home Economics Club; Oak-leaf Literary Club, and attended the New Palestine United Church. Her husband, **Noble Nathan Snodgrass**, and her brother, **Thomas H. Weedman**, preceded her in death. She is survived by her sons: **Bill (Pat) Snodgrass**, New Palestine, **Wayne Snodgrass**, Houston, TX; **Joe (Anita) Snodgrass**, New Palestine; daughter, **Kathy (Bob) Dearing**, Indianapolis, and brother **Sidney H. (Sharon) Weedman**. She also had many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A service was held on June 13 at Hendryx Mortuary, New Palestine Chapel. The burial was at New Palestine cemetery. Elizabeth will be remembered for her faithful appearance at nearly every

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We have a large number of family deaths to report. The Internet provides some excellent information for us to use on reporting deaths in particular.

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Weedman reunion since its first in 1984. She will be sadly missed.

Her lineage: Elizabeth Weedman Snodgrass⁷, Ralph Weedman⁶, George Perry Weedman⁵, Green Berry Weedman⁴, William Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Donald Ray Weedman

DONALD R. WEEDMAN, 67, of Louisville, KY passed away Thursday, June 23, 2005. He was preceded in death by his wife, **Goldie**, his brother **Ernest**, and his parents. He is survived by three sisters: **Alma Terry**, **Wilma Nix** of Depauw, IN, and **Joy Blake** of Anderson, IN; a brother **Jerry Weedman** of Franklin NC, seven nephews, a niece and his many friends at Mt Holly Nursing Center. A memorial service was held on July 3, 2005.

His lineage: Donald Ray Weedman⁷, Louis Cornelius Weedman⁶, Samuel Elisha Weedman⁵, George Glasscock Weedman⁴, Daniel Spurrier Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Marilyn Weedman McGauhy

Marilyn Weedman McGauhy, 60, of Independence, LA died on 17 January 2005 in Hammond, LA. She was the daughter of **Marion DeCamp** and **Azalea (Whiddon) Weedman, Sr.** Survivors include her brother, **Marion DeCamp Weedman, Jr.**, and two daughters, **April McGauhy** and **Edna Russell** both of Independence and eight grandchildren. Services were on 20 January with burial in the Lighthouse Baptist Church Cemetery in Independence.

Her lineage: Marilyn Weedman⁸, Marion DeCamp Weedman⁷, Claude Henry Weedman⁶, William Martin Weedman⁵, Jeremiah Weedman⁴, Jacob Weedman³, George Weedman², and Christian Sr.¹.

Dorothy (Cash) Weedman

Dorothy (Cash) Weedman, 84, of Louisville, KY died on July 21, 2005 at the Caritas Medical Center in Louisville. She was the widow of **Curtis Louis Weedman, Sr.** She is survived by sons **Curtis L. Weedman, Jr.** and **Maury (John Maurice) Weedman** and by her daughter, **Donna Griffin**. She was buried in Louisville Memorial Gardens West in Louisville.

Mr. Weedman's lineage was Curtis Louis Weedman, Sr.¹, William Deward Weedman², Amos George Weedman³, Stephen Weedman⁴, Christian Weedman, Jr.⁵, and Christian Weedman, Sr.⁶. His mother was Belva Weedman whose lineage was Belva Weedman¹, John Cabel Breckenridge Weedman², Addison Merriwether Weedman³, Stephen Weedman⁴, Christian Weedman, Jr.⁵, and Christian Weedman, Sr.⁶.

Ethel Weedman Ozbirn

Ethel (Weedman) Ozbirn of San Diego, CA died on 4 April 2005. She was a daughter of **Andrew Garfield** and **Eva (Avery) Weedman**. She was born 20 August 1908 in Eckerty, Crawford Co., IN. She leaves a number of relatives in the San Diego area.

Her lineage: Ethel Weedman Ozbirn⁶, Andrew Garfield Weedman⁵, Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman⁴, David Weedman³, Jacob Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Opal F. Weedman

Opal F. Weedman, 81 of Groveland, FL passed away on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. She was the daughter of the late **Emmitt** and **Arizona (Sellars) Jackson**. **Opal** was a proprietor with her real estate holdings. She is predeceased by husband **Ralph D. Weedman**; brothers **Truby Jackson** and **Nobel Jackson**, and sister **Hazel Jackson**. Survived by her sons

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Ethel Weedman Ozbirn was recognized at the most recent Weedman National Family Gathering in San Diego. She had just celebrated a birthday.

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Johnny Michael Weedman and **Thomas Allen Weedman**, both of Groveland; stepson **George Perry Weedman** and his wife **Mary Weedman**; step-daughter **Judy Jenkins** and her husband **Ellis**, brother **Bill** and his wife, **Bobby Jackson**. Funeral services were held at Groveland Chapel on May 7th with burial at Mascotte Cemetery, in Mascotte, FL.

George Perry Weedman and his daughters have been active in many of our Reunions. Our condolences are extended to his family in their loss.

The lineage of her husband: Ralph D. Weedman⁷, Lloyd Weedman⁶, George Perry Weedman⁵, Green Berry Weedman⁴, William Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Alan G. Weedman

Alan G. Weedman of Daytona Beach, FL died on 6 March 2005. He was born on 20 April 1928 in Wolverhampton, England. His wife, **Helene**, and son, **Alan, Jr.** of San Francisco survive him as does a brother, **Fred Weedman**, of Overton, Wrexham, Wales, United Kingdom.

His Weedman lineage is not known at this time.

Ronald H. Boulier

Ronald H. Boulier, former Puyallup, WA resident for 28 yrs., left this world to be with the Lord on Saturday 25th of September 2004. He was a disabled Vietnam Veteran who served 20 years in the U.S. Army and retired in 1974 at Ft. Lewis. He was an accomplished Marksman and won many medals when he was on the 6th Army rifle Team at Fort Irwin, CA. He also was a member of the Tacoma Chiefs Motorcycle Club for many

years. He worked for the Puyallup, School Dist. as their Locksmith. In the 70's, he owned and operated the Center Locksmith Shop on Canyon Rd., in the Tacoma-Puyallup area for 8 years. He then worked for the state military dept. at Camp Murray, WA until he retired in 1997. In 1999 he moved to his RV and traveled around the country for a year and settled in Odessa, MO for almost another year; using it as a home base, to come back to from traveling. His disability brought him back to WA. In 2001, he bought a home at Lake Limerick, Shelton, WA. He was preceded in death by his parents, **Raleigh** and **Lorean**. Ronald was born in St. Paul, MN, April 30, 1937 and lived most of his youth in MN. He moved to Goodland, KS with his family in the 50's. He married **Jeanne Weedman** in Goodland, KS, September 25, 1960. To this union, they brought forth 2 children: Ronald H. Boulier Jr., of Anchorage, AK and Jacqueline Payton, of Tacoma, WA. He has 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He is also survived by 2 sisters and step-father **John H. Stewart**, of Goodland, KS. Committal was at Mt. Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA with full Military Honors.

John Thomas Weedman

John Thomas Weedman died 23 May 2005 in Sennfeld, Germany. He was born 6 March 1968 and spent his school years in Durham, NC. He was a son of **Michael** and **Mary E. Weedman** of Northridge, CA.

Nancy Sue Weedman

Nancy Sue **Weedman**, 54, of Grain Valley, Missouri, passed away on Friday, April 1, 2005, at her home. Funeral services were held on April 4, 2005 at Royer Funeral Home, Grain Valley with

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We are unable to identify Alan G., Catherine, or John Thomas Weedman. Help from readers to identify these family members is appreciated.

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burial in Valley Memorial Gardens, Grain Valley.

Nancy was born February 9, 1951, in Appleton City, Mo, the daughter of **Lloyd D.** and **Carol A (Ash) Kelly**. She worked as a hairdresser at Design Team in Grain Valley. She was a Methodist. Nancy was a very loving wife, mother and grandmother. Nothing made her happier than spending time with her grandchildren.

Her survivors include: her husband **Richard Weedman** of the home; her daughter **Lisa** and her husband **Jeff Mattson**, of Blue Springs, MO; three grandchildren **Tucker, Abby** and **Libby Mattson**, of Blue Springs, Mo; her mother **Carol Kelly** of Oak Grove, MO, her sister, **Barbara Hedger** of Buckner, MO; her brother **Larry Kelly** of Appleton City and four nephews.

Our condolences go out to the survivors of these four Weedman cousins, and their many friends and acquaintances left to mourn their passing.

Weedman Deaths From Social Security Death Index

This is an update on Weedman family deaths as reported by the Social Security Administration.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Birth</i>	<i>Death</i>
Weedman, Alan G.	20 Apr 1928	6 Mar 2005
Weedman, Catherine	17 May 1943	10 Mar 2005
Weedman, Edith	17 Jan 1925	2 Jan 2005
Weedman, Flora H.	7 Jul 1928	7 Feb 2005
Weedman, Kenneth V.	25 Aug 1960	19 Jan 2005
Weedman, Nancy Sue	9 Feb 1951	1 Apr 2005
Weedman, Opal F.	4 Apr 1924	3 May 2005

Obituaries for most have appeared in the Weedman Newsletter. In this issue you will find **Alan G., Nancy Sue,** and **Opal F. Weedman** obituaries while in the Spring, 2005 issue articles for **Edith, Flora Highland,** and **Kenneth V. Weedman** are shown.

Old Tax Lists Facilitate Research

We have found that old tax lists can be very revealing relative to genealogical research. Marianne recently ran across tax lists for Nelson Co., KY and found that ap-

parently **Christian Weedman, Jr.** was there as early as 1785 prior to his being in Mercer Co., KY in 1787 when he married.

I had opportunity to do some research in the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort (a beautiful facility) and had hoped to find Christian Weedman, Jr. in Mercer Co. tax lists but the earliest available one was 1789 (indexed by first name!) with later ones being unreadable. No Christian there .

I also searched Meade Co., KY tax lists for Weedman from 1824 until 1842. Surprisingly, no Weedmans there even though we thought **Stephen Weedman** lived there at some point during that time frame.

A search was made in the Hancock Co., KY tax lists from 1829 through 1851. **William Weedman** is there from 1829 and his taxable holdings are listed (cattle, horses, land, etc.). He apparently had no land until 1838 when he had a town lot in Hawesville. Then, in 1840, he suddenly has 150 acres of land on Indian Creek in Hancock Co.

The tax list also tells the number of males over 21 and, in some, the number of children between 7 and 17. In 1840 he had 6 children in that age bracket while in 1842, there were 7. By 1844 only 4 children in that age bracket were in the family.

In 1846, he had no land so we assume he was preparing for his move to Perry Co., IN. In 1847, he is gone but in a following year, son **James Weedman**, appears.

By following the tax lists, we can learn almost as much as we can from the census records which are generally available on 10 year intervals from 1790—1930 (1890 burned and is not available). We can also learn more clearly where our ancestors lived and what possessions they had (meager as they may have been!).

We need to do more research on tax lists with emphasis on Jacob Weedman in Bullitt Co., KY and on the Breckinridge Co. lists.

We have researched tax lists in Fayette Co., PA and have reported on those in earlier *Newsletters*.

Reported by Nick Weedman

*Marianne Montgomery and
Nick Weedman*