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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hello, Cousins,

First of all we want to thank all who wrote / phoned about the FALL Newsletter. Everyone enjoyed it, which always makes us feel good.

We promised to give you the names of the attendees at the Reunion in June. Here they are:

George and Gena Lee Theiss, George Perry Weedman, Elizabeth Snodgrass, Keith and Melissa Coots, Jimmie and Alma Weedman, Earl and Eleanor Munch, Marianne Montgomery, Ken and Sue Weedman, Cynthia, Joshua and Elana Levy; Beryl Poteat, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Probus, Sharon Herke, Bill and Helen Gregg, William L. Weedman, Mr. & Mrs. Ward Weedman, Melanie Weedman, Candace Weedman, Jon Austin, Joyce Newman, Nick and Merrie Carol Weedman, Melissa and Chris, Achtien, and children, Lauren, Chris, Katy and Evan., Larry Weedman, Maude Weedman, Kenneth Weedman, Aillie Faye Weedman, Kenneth Weedman, Jr, Nathan Weedman, Olivia Weedman, Anne Weedman-Smith, Meg Smith, Billie Lou and Jimmie Bruce, Audrey Chapline, Kathy Sharples, Mary Ann Weedman, Betty Yahn, Jeanie Martz, Paul Weedman, Eleanor Deom, Cindy Ruzak, Amy E. Weedman, Sue Trommer, Lauren Trommer and Jackie Trommer, Margaurite and Louis Richardt. I hope I didn't leave anyone out.

It was a wonderful and unforgettable time for us all, and a Special occasion

because it was our 250th Anniversary of CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN's arrival in America!

Gena Lee Theiss Named in Who's Who in America

We want to extend our congratulations to **Gena Lee Theiss** for being named in the current Who's Who in America. This is truly a prestigious award and we feel it is a great honor for a family member to receive such great recognition. Here is the article as it appears in Who's Who (the method used by the publisher is somewhat abbreviated!):

THEISS, GENA LEE, genealogist, researcher: b. Caneyville, KY May 16, 1925, d. of Clarence Harbon Johnson and Gracie Higdon; m. Robert Maple Hunt, Nov. 9, 1946; 1 child, Nancy Jane; m. George Rhea Theiss, July 15, 1949; children, Patricia Sue, Donna Lee, Martha Rhea. Grad. h.s., Caneyville, Ky, 9143. Bookkeeper, Lincoln Bank & Trust Co., Louisville, 1946-47, Citizen's Nat. Bank, Louisville, 1948-56, First Nat. Bank, Louisville, 1957-84. Author, editor: Christian Weedman and his Descendants, 1735-1986,

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We congratulate Gena Lee Theiss on the occasion of being named to Who's Who in America. She was also named to the Weedman Hall of Fame at the 2000 Reunion.

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1986, revised edit. 1989; *Descendants of John Higdon and Millicent, 1998. Active Hillview Cumberland Presbyn. Ch. Mem. Ky Hist. Soc., DAR, Ea. Star Chpt 154, Republican. Avocations: genealogy, quilting, Photography, stamp collecting, traveling. Home: 8417 Burlingame Road, Louisville, KY 40219-5205.*

Family Additions

Christian Holland Weedman was born 10 November 1998. His parents are Mr. & Mrs. **Jeffrey James Weedman**. **Jeffrey** is from GEORGE Weedman's line (*Illinois Weedman Branch*). We wish little Christian a healthy and happy life. Jeffrey didn't think about how well HOLLAND matches Christian, because when **Christian Weedman Sr.** came to Fayette County, PA, he named his property "New Holland". Christian Sr. sailed from Holland to America, as did hundreds of Germans who were discontent with the political situation in Germany during that mid-eighteenth century.

David Robert Nickel was born 14 November 2000, son of **Michael** and **Katherine Kay Herke Nickel**. In Evansville, Indiana. Grandparents: **Bob** and **Sharon (Seitz) Herke** (*John's line*).

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Effie Evans is a granddaughter of John Weedman who was born ca 1792! She celebrated her 100th birthday on February 11.

Family Member Celebrates Her 100th Birthday!

Effie (Pruitt) Evans celebrated her 100th birthday on February 11, 2000. Effie was born 11 February 1900 in Grayson Co., KY to **Allen Payton** and **Alice Henrietta (Weedman) Pruitt** (*John's line*). She married **Daymon Frank Evans** on 16 October 1919 and there were three children born to this union. An obituary for her eldest child, **Vanna Lee Evans Woosley**, appears later in this issue.

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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Mark and M. C. (Mariclaret)

Weedman have adopted two darling little boys, and have given them the names **Justin James Weedman** born 2 Sept. 1995, and **Taylor Jonathon Weedman**, born Sept 29, 1996. The boys have been living in this happy Weedman family since January 2000, Justin started kindergarten, and Taylor is attending preschool part time. Adoption became final October 6th, 2000. Aren't they lucky... ALL of them? What a wonderful opportunity they had to have this privilege of creating a truly loving family. Keep us posted, Mark and Mariclaret. Mark is a son of **Herschel Raymond** and **Aida Weedman** (*Jacob's line*).

We congratulate each one of the lucky parents and wish the children a wonderful life!

Marriages

Lisa Ann Weedman marries Scott Newell in North Carolina

We recently received news from North Carolina, that **Lisa Ann**, daughter of **Roy** and **Sylvia (McDonald) Weedman**, married **Michael Scott Newell** (known as **Scott**) in Matthews, NC, and a suburb of Charlotte. The marriage took place on April 29, 2000 in a garden wedding setting at a lovely Victorian home. Lisa wore her mothers wedding dress. Can you picture the lovely Spring day, and beautiful setting? Lisa is keeping her maiden name, as many women do these days. Roy's barbershop quartet sang at the wedding. Many relatives and friends were there for the glad occasion. (*George's line*)

Obituaries

We sadly report on the loss of several family members recently.

Vanna Woosley

Vanna (Evans) Woosley, age 80 passed away at her home in Caneyville, KY November 28th, 2000. She was born November 27th 1920, in Caneyville, the daughter of **Damon** and **Effie (Pruitt) Evans**. She is survived by husband **James R. Woosley**, of the home, and daughter, **Rita Ferguson** of Harvard, AL, one son, **Jimmy Woosley** of Louisville, her mother, **Effie Evans** of Louisville, and brother **Wilmoth D. (Tommy) Evans** of Louisville. Funeral services were held Nov. 30 at the Caneyville Christian Church, with Rev. David Brown officiating. Burial was in Layman Memorial Cemetery, Caneyville. Memorials to The Gideon's International, or the Caneyville Christian Church building fund. (*John's line*)

Helen Weedman Kelley

Helen Frances (Weedman) Kelley of Farmer City, IL died November 11, 2000 at her residence. She was born 24 April 1914 in Farmer City to **Ted** and **Louise (Fank) Weedman** and married **Clifford Kelley** on August 29, 1936. He died in 1989. Survivors include sons: **Donald, Ted, Larry, Tom** and **Richard Kelley**; two daughters, **Barbara Henderson** and **Donna Kelley**; five grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. She was a member of the United Methodist Church and was a 1933 graduate of the Moore Township High School in Farmer City. (*George's line*)

Tony Anthony

Anton Anthony, 88, died Tuesday, November 21st at his home in Las Vegas. Anton ("Tony") was born October 27th, 1912, in Omaha, Nebraska. He was an Army Veteran and owner of a retail sales

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Please keep us informed regarding changes in family situations for publication in the Weedman Newsletter

Joyce Windisch Anthony has researched her line for many years. She descends from the George Weedman line.

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and service business; a 14 yr. Resident of Las Vegas, NV, and a member of the Spanish Trail Country Club. Surviving are his loving wife, **Joyce**, (nee **Windisch**) **Anthony** of Las Vegas, son **Ronald**, of Burbank, CA; a daughter, **Carmen Neidig** of South Lake Tahoe, CA; sisters, **Ida Carey** of Anaheim, CA and **Marie McPartland** of South Lake Tahoe, CA; brother **Joe Agliolo**, of Burlingame, CA; one grandchild and one great-grandchild. A celebration of his life was held in Burlingame, CA on December 10, 2000. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to: Nathan Addelson Hospice, 3391 N. Buffalo, Las Vegas, NV 89129. **Joyce Windisch** is a descendent of **George** and **Charlotte (Hume) Weedman's** daughter **Mary Ann Weedman** who married **Jacob Bishop**. (*George's line*). Source: *Las Vegas Review Journal*, 11/23/00

Jimmie Birch Weedman

Jimmie Birch Weedman, 68, died on December 6, 2000 at Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville, KY after a 6 year illness. He retired from Dupont after a 36-year career and was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Kenwood Church of Christ in Louisville.

Jimmie was born 2 April 1932 at Renfro in Ohio Co., KY to Claude and Lorene (Davis) Weedman. He married **Alma Tarrence** and they had two children, **Sondra K. (Weedman) Harbison** and **Jeffrey Neil Weedman**, and three grandchildren. In addition, two brothers, **Wilmer Weedman** of Foley, Alabama and **Carroll Weedman** of Louisville, and a sister, **Dorothy Geary** of Shepherdsville, KY, survive him.

Jimmie and Alma were the hosts and organizers of the 1996 Weedman Family Reunion held in Bardstown, KY and

have participated in every Reunion! They were deeply interested in the Weedman family and were very supportive of all efforts on the family history. We will miss Jimmie but hope to continue to see Alma at future events.

To these who have lost loved ones, we offer our deepest sympathy. Who among us cannot empathize with the grief they are experiencing at this time?

Family News and Updates

We have some updates and news from here and there to add to the Newsletter this time.

Joyce Windisch Anthony has been a faithful contributor to the Newsletter research department for GEORGE's line. Many of our new subscribers are of this line, and we welcome your additions, corrections, and invite you to send us your news.

Joyce would like to go further back on the BISHOP lines of **Jacob Bishop Jr.**, born 25 June 1797, son of **Jacob Bishop** and **Hannah (Cooper) Bishop**.

Jacob Sr. was born in Maryland, to the best of our knowledge, and died in Randolph Twp., McLean Co., IL. The name may have been **BISCHOFF** when or if Jacob came from Germany, which many believe. The name was changed to the English spelling of the name. **Jacob Jr.** married **Mary Ann Weedman**. It is possible that they met in Fayette Co., PA, or in Perry or Licking Co., OH. **Catherine Bishop** who married **Jacob Weedman** was a sister of **Jacob Bishop Jr.** and the **Neil Munch** (*George's line*) is descended from her. If anyone has gone back on the Bishop line further than

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Jacob Bishop, Sr. please let us know. Neil and Joyce would be cousins.... a bit "distant" but they are both working on the same line of Bishop let us know. We'll get you in contact with Neil and Joyce AND Roy Weedman. (See below)

Roy Weedman, whose daughter Lisa was recently married (see marriage above) is a son of **Mearl M. and Georgia (Abendroth) Weedman**. Mearl was a son of **Claude Henry and Mary O. DeCamp Weedman**, son of **William Martin and Catherine (Hildreth) Weedman**, son of **Jeremiah and Aleria (Payne) Weedman**. **Jeremiah** was a son of **Jacob Weedman** (above) who married **Catherine Bishop**.

The descendants of **Jacob Bishop** and **Hannah Cooper** want to know: was Jacob the name of this Bishop who married Hannah, or was his name **John Jacob Bishop**? Or was **he Johan Jakob Bischoff**? The man is the same; only the birth name needs to be clarified. His descendants are well known in Ohio and Illinois and their reputations and good deeds are passed on from generation to generation. **Roy Weedman** is one of them.

Roy was attending South Dakota State College during the Korean War and first joined the S.D. National Guard, and from there, he went on to be accepted by the Aviation Cadet Program, and then the Air Force Academy, from where he received his wings and Commission on June 15, 1955. By this time the war was over, but Roy continued in Military Service with assignments at Hondo, Texas where he met and married his lovely bride, **Sylvia Ann McDaniel**, and they were married in the Chapel of Laredo Air Force Base, TX. Roy and Sylvia were back in S. Dakota by December of 1955, where Roy again was active in the National Guard. He flew fighter interceptors

for 3 1/2 years. This was all connected to his Air Force assignment. Roy was stationed at Nellis AFB in advanced gunnery school training. Roy knows well that our nation needs prepared men for duty in whatever missions the US becomes involved in. We are all proud of you, Roy, for having prepared yourself for any future need you might have been called to.

Roy and Sylvia celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary June 16, 2000.

New Subscribers

We welcome the following as new subscribers to the *Weedman Newsletter*:

**Ethel Ozbirn
Kimberly Weedman-Ventimiglia**

Both are Californians and are from the Jacob Weedman line through Andrew Garfield Weedman.

Searching

Joe C. Weedman of Arizona is searching for family members who descend from Felix Green Weedman (*Daniel's line*). His grandfather, Cyrill Clyde Weedman, moved to Arizona and where many family members now reside.

Billie Lenchner of Florida is searching for information on her line. Her great grandfather was William Thomas Bell Weedman (*John's line*).

Merry Christmas

Nick and I want to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a very healthy, prosperous 2001.

*Marianne Montgomery
Nick Weedman*

We are pleased to have new subscribers as well as family members now trying to compile information on their Weedman lines.

James Edwin Weedman

*Much of his information was collected during a visit in early 1994 with **Steve Fairfield** of Hemet, California. Steve's grandfather was **James Edwin Weedman** and remembers him well. Steve was kind enough to allow us to visit and answer many questions about the family.*

As with all families, there were good times and bad times. Steve shared much of memories of both with us and while this is intended to document the visit, it will be edited to the extent which Mr. Fairfield desires.

James Edwin Weedman

James Edwin Weedman was born 21 July 1852 in Meade County, Kentucky and was the oldest child of **Addison Meriwether** and **Louisa (Brown) Weedman**. According to family tradition and to the biographical sketch printed in the Meade County history, James left Kentucky in 1876 to seek his fortunes in California.

According to Steve Fairfield, James claimed he was not actually a Weedman but rather an adopted child and was born a Richardson. A check of court records in Meade County may provide a clue as to the validity of this. But James and his son, Charles, both stated he was not a Weedman.

A portion of a biographical sketch on **Addison M. Weedman** from a history of Meade County, Kentucky is quoted in part:

"...A. M. Weedman was born October 2, 1526 in Breckinridge County between Stephensport and Holt's Bottom on the river, where, and in Perry County, Indiana, he resided until about 1848, when he moved to Meade County and located

on the same farm where he now resides. His father, Stephen Weedman was born near Leitchfield, Grayson County, in 1806October 18, 1851, Mr. Weedman married Miss Louisa, daughter of William and Nancy (Lasley) Brown of Nelson County. To them have been born James E., who emigrated to California in 1876, . and in 1882 married Mrs. Rowena Ball of Humboldt County..."

While not actual proof, the sketch does indicate that James E was a natural, born child of **Addison** and **Louisa Brown Weedman**.

Steve thinks that there is a tradition about a family taking in James during his trek to California and maybe this was the Richardson family in question. He can also remember James going back east (maybe to Indiana) to try to collect an inheritance but he was ruled out. Could this have been the connection? It is not known.

James married **Rowena Crank Toll**, the widow of **W. R. Toll** on 6 August 1882 in Humboldt County, California. Rowena was born 12 February 1859 in Scio, Linn County, Oregon and was the daughter of **Joseph Wesley** and **Minerva (Prevett) Crank**.

Toll was a photographer and died young of tuberculosis. There was one child of the marriage of **W. R. and Rowena Crank Toll** but no information is available on that off-spring. (It is believed that records gathered from the LDS archives gives more information on the Crank family and possibly the child in question).

Rowena Crank Weedman died 10 September 1891 and in the nine years of marriage had four children:

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James Edwin Weedman was an early resident of California where many family members now live.

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- Lillian**. Born May 1884 and married **Mr. Fairfield**. Steve's mother.
- Patrick**. Born 1887 and died prior to 1900 (per Steve Fairfield)
- Charles E.** Born 12 January 1882 in Humboldt Co.
- Pearl**. Born 1889, in Humboldt Co.

After the death of Rowena, James was unable to keep the family together. As evidenced by the 1900 census, each of the children was in the home of another person although Patrick cannot be located in that census. It is likely that he died in that year or 1899.

According to Mr. Fairfield, James was a person who was always seeking a fortune. He owned land in Hemet but spent time in different places in California. He seemed to know the best places to live. We recently found that James obtained two land grants in Humboldt and Mendocino Counties according to California land records.

These grants were as follows:

1 Oct 1879, Humboldt County, Cash Sale, T004S R003E S35 (legal description of the land with T being township, R being range, and S being section number).

18 Oct 1889, Mendocino County, Cash sale, T005S R003E S34

18 Oct 1889, Mendocino County, Cash sale, T005S R003E S34

4 Aug 1890, Mendocino County, Homestead, T005S R003E S34

It is unclear how much land was involved in each of these.

Although James was the grandfather of Steve, the relationship was not terribly friendly. James came to live with the family which was in the Hemet area on a farm in the early 1930s. Times were

tough and it was difficult to make a living. Grandfather Weedman seemed to be demanding and it told on the health of his oldest daughter, Lillian Fairfield. This obviously caused ill feelings.

James died in Riverside County about 1934 and is buried there in an unmarked grave. His death occurred in a home for the elderly in that county.

Patrick Weedman

Patrick Weedman was born after the 1880 census and had died prior to the 1900 census. According to Mr. Fairfield, Patrick went to live and work on a dairy farm near Humboldt and died when he was 12-14 years old. He could have been poorly cared for and the neglect may have contributed to his death. Steve says Patrick is probably buried in the Garberville Cemetery in Garberville, Humboldt Co., California.

Pearl Weedman

Pearl Weedman married more than once and lived in Portland Oregon. She prospered and had a fire rating business in that city. One husband was **Earl Goodman**. There were no natural born children born to Pearl. Nothing further was discussed about Pearl.

Lillian Weedman

Lillian Weedman married a Mr. Fairfield. It was revealed that Mr. Fairfield worked on farms in the Hemet area and had a small ranch at one time. There were two children of this marriage: **Stephen Francis**, born in 1918, and **Jean Marie**, born in 1927.

Stephen married **Helen G. Sowers** in 1947 and they had two children: Donna

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It would be interesting to have a picture of the monitor built by Charles E. Weedman which is now a California Historical Monument.

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Jean born in 1949 and **Peggy Ann** born in 1953. Donna married **Patrick Moore** and they have two children who live in Hilo, Hawaii. Peggy Ann married **Dennis Henner** and they have one child, a son, born in 1989. The family lives in Kapaau, Hawaii.

Stephen founded Steve's Auto Parts in 1947 and his business grew to a four store chain before he sold out in 1968. He then went into the book business operating Hungry Eye Books which sold new and used books as well as publishing of local history books. He closed the book store in 1986 but remains in the antiquarian book business.

Jean Marie Fairfield married **Chester M. Roistacher** and they live in Riverside, CA. She is a retired school principal and Chester is a retired citrus scientist. They have five children: **Marc, Leslie, Robin, Sandy,** and **Dawn.**

Charles E. Weedman

Charles E. Weedman was born January 12, 1882 in Humboldt County, California. After the death of Rowena, Charles became an apprentice to a blacksmith.

Charles never married but was romantic with a daughter of **John Vance** on whose ranch Charles lived and managed.

In his life, he was a partner with a **Colonel Maxwell** in a firm which built buses in Ferndale, California. The buses ran from Garberville to Eureka and beyond. Charles owned most of the stock in the bus company but Colonel Maxwell was the "front man". Charles was well adept at the mechanical side of things and was happy with the arrangement. The firm prospered to the point they were bought out by Pickwick Motor Stages, a bus firm which had routes on the West Coast from Canada to Mexico. In addition, they had hotels at the major stops and were seen to be a successful company.

But, the Depression came and Pickwick was in too much debt. The stock with **Charles Weedman** took for his share of the bus company he helped to found was soon worthless. The remains of the company was purchased by Greyhound and Charles remained as a shop foreman there for many years in Eureka.

Prior to the bus business, Charles was the operating engineer at La Grange mine in Weaverville, CA. In this business he built a giant monitor which washed the mountains to expose minerals and that monitor was all his handiwork except for the base which was cast by a foundry. This monitor sits along the highway going into Weaverville and is a California State Historical Monument.

Charles died 19 November 1972 at Carlotta, Humboldt County, CA. On his death certificate was the name of Steve Fairfield whom we contacted to obtain information on the family.

With the death of Charles who died without any offspring, the Weedman name from this line (Charles, James Edwin, Addison M., Stephen, Christian Jr., Christian Sr.) ended.

We are indebted to Mr. Fairfield for sharing information on this line of the Weedman family and for providing pictures of James E. Weedman, pictures of buses built by Charles E. Weedman's firm and other memorabilia.

A separate paper which contains a picture of James Edwin Weedman, pictures of the buses built by Charles E. Weedman, and a stock certificate owned by Charles Weedman has been prepared and is available on request. We did not attempt to duplicate those here because pictures do not copy well with the printing systems we use.

We promised some time ago to print the story of James Edwin Weedman and his family and apologize for taking so long to finally get the job done.