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Marianne Montgomery's Memo

Hi Everybody,

We hope your Christmas was a joyous occasion whether you spent it with family, friends or alone. Add to that our wishes that you all will have a happy and prosperous 2003. Thanks for the cards and well wishes we received from so many of you.

The Search for the Origins Of Christian Weedman

We are still continuing our search for OUR **Christian Weedman**. His name was spelled "Widman" on the original manifest list of the ship *Anderson* on which Christian sailed in the summer of 1750, docking in Philadelphia, PA. Upon close investigation of German records, concentrated in Weurtemberg we find more than one **Christian Widman (n)**, which indicates that the name combination was commonly used in that area. Since then we learn that in Bavaria there are families of that name, which we plan to investigate.

We intend to make a major effort in 2003 to see if we can find if Christian was on the Anderson with friends, relatives or associates. It is possible or even likely that Christian did not travel alone. We have been in contact with one researcher whose relative, **Johanes Engel Gonderman**, arrived on the Anderson in 1750. The ship is believed to have transported Palatine immigrants and it may well be that most on the ship came from

the same area. If so, this could give researchers leads to pursue geographically.

Anderson sailed from Rotterdam, stopped in Cowes, England and landed at Philadelphia August 21, 1750. There were 236 passengers including 50 Catholics. **Captain Hugh Campbell** was the ship master. To be listed on the passenger list, one had to be 16 years of age or older. Once the ship landed, they had to swear allegiance to the King of England and sign their oath. This is the first known signature of **Christian Weedman** or **Christian Widmann** as his signature appears.

We will probably put a page on our web site (www.weedman.org) about the Anderson and list all of the families on board. There were 236 passengers but only about 85 or so heads of families listed. Their origins and where they went when they landed could help us in our searching. We have already located a few of the passengers through Internet research and will be comparing notes with researchers on those families. Stay tuned!

The months of November and December are for many of us, the two "busiest" months of the year, and this was true this

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The search for the origin of our Christian Weedman, Senior continues and will be a special project in 2003.

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year in my case. I'm looking for January when things are usually quieter and less hectic, in which I plan to continue researching in Germany. Nick and Cliff are watching for sites that may produce results, too.

Weedman Genealogy Now for Sale

The final revision of the **CHRISTIAN WEEDMAN AND HIS DESCENDANTS** now is in print and ready for those of you who want this treasure. No more revisions are planned, so now is your final chance to own a copy. There are over 800 pages and blank pages in the back of the book so that you will be able to add as years go by. Especially, you who have added quite a bit to the last revision will want to see your families in this latest revision. Write **Gena Lee Theiss** 8417 Burlingame Road, Louisville KY 40219. The price of the book is \$60 postage paid. For those of you who have

computers, Gena can be reached at trees4gena@aol.com.

Corrections to the Fall 2002 Newsletter: page 18, second column, fourth paragraph, last line ... "Christian and Elizabeth Weedman worshipped as well **as**.... Change as to **at** and continued top of page 19, readingthe Friendship Brethren Church. Page 20: second column, should be "**...uncle** of Jean Huffty.

Weedman Deaths

We checked the Social Security Death Index through the end of November and note that we have lost 13 relatives who had the Weedman surname. A number of obituaries have been published earlier but here are five Weedman deaths we were unaware of previously. They are:

Mark Dominic Weedman, born 11 Jan. 1927 died 29 Aug 2002 in Paris. Lamar

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The latest update on the Christian Weedman Family Genealogy is now available. Gena Theiss has done an outstanding job on this major project.

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 150.

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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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County, TX.. He was of DANIEL's line through **Elisha Spurrier Weedman**

E. G. Weedman born 6 Sep 1923; died 12 Jul 2002 in Brandenburg, Meade Co., KY.

Lee Weedman born 28 Dec 1937, died 31 Aug 2002 in North Platte, Lincoln Co. NE. We believe he is the son of James Hubert Weedman but need confirmation.

Joseph S. Weedman, born 11 Dec 1919, died 30 Apr 2002 in Asheboro, NC.

Thelma J. Weedman, born 13 Feb 1909, died 1 Sep 2002 in Florida.

Help is asked to identify these family members.

Obituary

RUSSELL R. WEEDMAN

Russell R. Weedman, 85, longtime resident of Cashmere, and recently of Wenatchee, Washington, died peacefully Monday morning, September 30, 2002, in Central Washington Hospital. He was born July 10, 1917 in Walnut Grove, MN, to **Cary Seth** and **Maude May Weedman**. On Feb. 6, 1940, **Russell** married **Marcella Schnelling (Maudie May)** in Esterville, Iowa. They moved to Washington State in 1942. He served his country faithfully for four years, after which they lived in Dryden, Peshactin, and finally Cashmere, all in Washington State. **Russell** held many positions in various locations in Washington. He loved the woods.

Surviving are sons, **Thomas**, and **Donald Weedman**; daughters **Teresa Burns**, of E. Wenatchee; **Gloria Bailey** of Chelan, WA, **Sharon Rankin** of North Bend, WA; and **Sandra Nelson** of Douglas, WA. He will be greatly missed also by

16 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife, a daughter, four brothers and one sister.

We extend our sympathy to these four men and their families.

It's time to get the Newsletter out, and I lost nearly three pages telling the highlights of **Jack and Diane Hall's** trip to Germany and **Everett Smith's** introduction to his soon to be released book "GENERATIONS". I had them in the computer but the battery ran out and I lost some data that was in my WORKS program. Actually I lost everything in WORKS that I had saved there. This was due to an error that somehow occurred in that program, and when we found and deleted the error we lost the items stored there, so I will write them and they will definitely appear in the Spring Newsletter.

Crawford Co., Indiana Notes and Update

Neil Kenyon has been doing some newspaper research in Crawford County, Indiana to see if we can learn more of the Weedman (Weidman) families who lived there. Here are two articles he located.

Jesse Hamilton Stewart Weedman – “**Jesse Weidman**, a farmer living near Eckerty, died last Wednesday from a relapse of the measles. He was about 55 years old and leaves a family.” Source: Crawford County, IN *Democrat*, February 20, 1908. Note: his date of death was 13 February 1908.

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Readers are asked for help in identifying family members who have passed away in 2002.

Jacob F. and Squire W. Weedman were early residents of Denver. We would like to contact relatives of the brothers.

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“**Lucinda Jane Weidman**, wife of **Philip Weidman**, died at their home, near **Wickliffe**, on New Year’s Day, at the age of 53 years. She is survived by a husband and eight children. Funeral was conducted in the United Brethren Church at **Wickliffe** by the Rev. J.E. Rowe, where Mrs. Weidman had been an active member for 35 years.” Source: *English News*, January 7, 1900.

During the Weedman National Family Gathering in Jasper, IN in July, we stated we wanted to determine the burial site for **Jesse H.S. and Mary E. (Taylor) Weedman**. Following the last Newsletter, we received an e-mail from **Mrs. Jesse Weedman** of Joshua Tree, California which stated:

This is **Mrs. Jesse Weedman** letting you know some news. After reading the *Weedman Newsletter* Jesse remarked that his grandparents **Jesse Hamilton Stewart** and **Mary (Taylor) Weedman** were buried at the old homestead. This old homestead is now in the borders of the Nat'l Forest. It was 40 acres handed down from grandparents to son **James Monroe Weedman** (Jesse’s father) then to the boys, **Junior** and **Jesse Weedman**. Because of hardwood tree poachers they agreed to sell it to the Nat'l Forest. On this 40 acres, on a hill, lays the old family cemetery. Several years ago **Junior** & wife **Olive June**, Jesse and I and our granddaughter and daughter went there. It is overgrown with knee high brush and full of copperheads. We could see nothing remaining of old homestead or cemetery. Perhaps the Nat'l Forest service may still have records of transaction.

So, we will continue to look and hopefully find the cemetery. **Mary E. (Taylor) Weedman** died on 20 October 1910 on the family farm near Birdseye, IN. Neil Kenyon continues to dig for clues and family connections in Southern Indiana and will no doubt locate the family cemetery.

Birth

Grant Stoll Weedman

Grant Stoll Weedman was born on 13 Jun 2002 in St. Louis Park, MN to **Brian** and **Susan Ann (Stoll) Weedman**. A healthy 7-½ pound boy according to his parents! Congratulations to the proud parents. **Brian** is a brother to **Adam Weedman** who provides space for our Weedman Family Web site and to **Jeff Weedman** of Kansas City. Grant is a 10th generation Weedman whose line is: **Grant**¹⁰, **Brian**⁹, **James**⁸, **Maynard**⁷, **John William**⁶, **Henry Linas**⁵, **Asa**⁴, **John Jesse, Sr.**³, **George**², and **Christian, Sr.**¹.

Web Site Update

If you haven’t visited the Weedman web site (<http://www.weedman.org>), you may want to take a look. It has been updated and we have added the capability of downloading the Newsletter if you have Adobe Acrobat reader installed on your computer. We will be adding other download files in the future including news about the 2004 Weedman National Family Gathering. **Paul Weedman**, our host, will be putting items on the site to advise participants of happenings planned for the San Diego event.

Jacob F. & Squire W. Weedman Denver, CO Pioneers

Jacob F. Weedman and **Squire William Weedman** were sons of **George** and **Catherine (Danner) Weedman** of Farmer City, IL. They left DeWitt Co., IL at an early age and, after a stint in Kansas, settled in Denver, CO. Last year, while on a visit to that City, we found where the two lived and discovered both

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were in what is now downtown Denver!

Their line was: **Jacob F.⁵, George⁴, John Jesse, Sr.³, George², and Christian, Sr.¹.**

Jacob F. Weedman served in Company I, 39th Illinois Infantry. He suffered a gunshot wound to the left side on 13 October 1864 near Richmond, VA and was discharged from Camp Lee, Virginia on 28 May 1865. Military service: enlisted 11 February 1864, discharged 28 May 1865. *(Source: military records, National Archives, Washington, DC).*

A "Declaration for Original Invalid Pension" was dated 20 January 1879 and was prepared in Denver, Arapahoe County, Colorado. Jacob was 32 years old at this time. He was described at the time of his enlistment as 18 years of age, five feet eight inches tall, light complexion, light hair, and hazel eyes. He was serving at Darby Town Road near Richmond on 13 October 1864 when he was wounded by receiving a gun shot wound that entered the left side near the lower rib. He was discharged as a result of the wound for "not being able to get about". Jacob resided in DeWitt Co., IL until 1 April 1872 when he moved to Denver.

A pension application was made dated July 18th, 1879 and show an application for Pension Number 265,678 which gave the following information: **Jacob F. Weedman** enrolled on 11 Feb 1864 at Bloomington, IL in Co. I, 39th Regiment of the Illinois Volunteers to serve 3 years; mustered in as a Private on 18 February 1864 at Chicago, IL. He was on the muster roll of Co. I, of that regiment for the months of January – April 1864 and was present on April 30th, 1865. Company was active before Richmond, VA 13 October 1864.

A letter dated 14 December 1898 to **Mr. Jacob F. Weedman**, c/o Central Busi-

ness College, Denver, CO asked him a number of questions. He gave his marriage to **Almeda Slick** and stated there was only one living child, **Thornton Weedman**, born 3 January 1870. The reply was dated December 26, 1898.

On June 12, 1901 **Almeda Weedman**, aged 55 years, filed for a widow's pension based on the service of **Jacob F. Weedman**. It states he died 16 May 1901 and that he and **Almeda Slick** had married on 24 January 1867 in Farmer City, IL by **George B. Wolfe**. There were no children under the age of 16. **Jacob** had filed and received a pension (pension number 170,211). **Almeda** was living at the corner of Jewell and Benton Streets in Denver. **Thornton Weedman** and **Mrs. W. W. Lawrence** witnessed the application. (It may have been that **Thornton Weedman** was associated with the Central Business College in Denver).

On 19 June 1901, **S. W. Weedman** (**Squire William** presumably), aged 53 years, a Denver resident residing at 1737 Champa Street, Denver and **Barbara L. Burford**, aged 52, residing at 715 Seventeenth Street, Denver gave a General Affidavit. In it they stated they knew of his service, knew **Almeda Weedman**, that there was no prior marriage by either, that **Almeda** had no stocks, bonds or other investments and was without any means of support, etc. (**Barbara L. Burford** was **Barbara Lucinda Weedman**, daughter of **Asa Weedman**, and wife of **Cary Seth Burford**).

On October 5, 1901, **T.S. Woodard** and **Maud Weedman** filed a General Affidavit stating they were personally acquainted with the claimant (**Almeda Weedman**). **Maud Weedman** was 27 years old and lived at the corner of Jewell and Benton Streets in Denver. It

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The claims for military service often provide some excellent family information. This is true in the case of a pension application by Jacob Weedman

Sally Brown was a subscriber to the Weedman Newsletter for many years and was very interested in our genealogy.

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stated **Jacob Weedman** died 16 May 1901.

According to a list of Civil War graves in Colorado found on the Internet, **Jacob F. Weedman** was buried at the Riverside Cemetery, Brighton and York Streets in Denver. Contact was made with the Cemetery Sexton at (303) 399-0692 who stated no record existed of a grave for him in that cemetery. The Sexton did state there were two Weedman burials there: **Leslie I. Weedman**, 59 y/o, Lot 36, Ward C, born 16 April 1904, died 6 July 1963 (burial by Stevens Mortuary) and an infant child of **S. & A. Weedman (Squire and Anna Chapman Weedman)**, Lot 28, Ward D, who died 13 July 1889, burial by Roger's Mortuary. Colorado Military Burials state **Jacob F. Weedman** had a date of birth of 14 August 1841.

Squire W. Weedman – 1880 Census

The 1880 census for DeWitt Co., Ill shows **Squire Weedman** living there. The record:

Squire W. Weedman	Self
M W 33	IL
Anna Weedman	Wife
F W 27	IN
Effa K. Weedman	Dau
F W 6	KS
George N. Weedman	Son
M W 4	KS
Eliza E. Williams	Aunt
F W 46	IL

(The census shows the name, relationship to head of the household, sex, race, age, and place of birth). From this, we can see that the family was living in Kansas from 1874 or before through 1876 and possibly later. We do not know where in Kansas the family was located but other siblings lived in Eastern Kansas and South

Central Kansas but they appear to have been there in the 1890s.

We have had contact with family of **George N. Weedman** but none of the rest of the family. We do know Thornton Weedman worked for a rail company in Denver and had one son, **Thornton W. Weedman**, born in 1899. We know nothing more of the family but will be searching to fill out this line of the family.

Obituary

Sarah Baird Stroud Brown

Sally Brown (Sarah Baird Stroud Brown) of Little Rock, born October 19, 1909, in Dyersburg, Tenn., died October 31, 2001, following in death her parents **Melinda Emily** (nee **Finley**) and James H. **Stroud** of Finley, Tenn., and brothers **Harold J. Stroud** and **Raymond Stroud**. Born **Sarah Baird Stroud**, Sally spent much of her childhood in Wilson, Ark. At school, Sally excelled in academic pursuits as well as basketball. Her talent caught the eye of a local benefactor, who sponsored her enrollment in Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway. In college, Sally's scholastic accomplishments in English and physical education prepared her well for teaching these subjects. She was a cheerleader and captain of the women's basketball team; in 1930 she was voted Homecoming Queen. At college, Sally met her future husband, **Dee Brown**, and after graduation she taught at Blytheville, Ark. Sally and Dee met up again in Washington, D. C., where they had both moved during the Depression to work for the U.S. government. They married in 1936. For several years Sally wrote film reviews for the *Washington Post*, and during WWII she was the personal secretary to **General Ulysses S. Grant III** in the department of civilian defense. Sally was a meticulous grammarian and an expert edi-

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tor, and she assisted several authors in the preparation of manuscripts. Sally was a voracious reader and letter-writer, and corresponded with many people, some of them celebrities such as Joan Crawford, John Ford and war correspondent Ernie Pyle. She has been honored in several book dedications. In 1974, Sally and Dee returned to Arkansas to retire.

Sally is survived by her husband Dee Brown; children, Lt. Colonel J. Mitchell Brown of Sacramento, Calif., and Linda L. Brown, artist and writer, of Charlotte, N.C.; and grandson Dr. Nicolas W. Proctor of Des Moines, Iowa.

Obituary

Dee Alexander Brown

*Dee Alexander Brown was a member of the **Weedman Family Hall of Fame** into which he was inducted in 2000. His wife was a Weedman descendent through Christian Weedman, Sr. and Jr., William Weedman and his son John Weedman. The following article was published on him in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. On December 17, 2002, he was the subject of an editorial in that newspaper. The editorial was a great tribute to a well respected Arkansas citizen.*

Dee Brown, an Arkansas native, commonly referred to as the "foremost historian on the American West" died early Thursday morning. He was 94 years old. He wrote 29 books, including the 1971 international bestseller ***Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee***, a historical account of the doctrine of Manifest Destiny from the American Indian perspective.

Although his literary career loomed large, friends remember a shy, quiet man, with a quick wit and dry sense of humor who shunned the limelight. "He never did walk out on the stage," said Jerry Russell, a local political consultant and longtime friend of **Brown's**. "He was

just not in anyway a showoff. He was very unpretentious. He worked at being unpretentious."

Charlie West met **Brown** shortly after the author returned to Little Rock from Illinois in 1972, where **Brown** had worked as a librarian. "It's such a loss," West said. "I don't know who will replace him as a writer." Russell and West, the retired chief executive of the National Pharmacists Association, periodically had lunch with **Brown** at Trios restaurant until a few months ago. "[The restaurant's owner] would come over and stand around and talk to him, and then we would tease him about all the women, that when you get to be in your 90s you're a magnet for babes," Russell said. "He would just kind of grin and duck his head." **Brown** was a hospice patient suffering from heart disease, according to the Pulaski County coroner. He died around 4 a.m.

Dee Brown was born in Bienville Parish, La., in 1908. When he was five years old, his family moved back to Arkansas, their home state. He spent his grade school and junior-high years in Ouachita County. Then the family moved to Little Rock. He graduated from what is now Little Rock Central High School. He had studied printing in high school and got a job at the Harrison Times, printing Christmas cards and selling ads. Later, he became a reporter. **Brown** attended Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway, which is now the University of Central Arkansas, where he graduated in 1927. **Brown** worked as librarian at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Beltsville Research Center in Maryland and the University of Illinois. He retired in 1972. In the years that followed, his writing career thrived. **Brown** wrote 29 books. At the time of his death, he was considered a leading historian on American Indians, westward expansion and the

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***Dee Brown** was a renowned historian and author whose best known work was "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee". He was a member of the Weedman Family Hall of Fame.*

We have had several contacts with descendents of Gus Clinton Weedman and hopefully have helped to acquaint branches with each other.

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railroad. In September 2000, the Central Arkansas Library System's board of trustees voted to name its new library in southwest Little Rock after **Brown**. The library opened in March of this year on Base Line Road. *Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee* — by far **Brown's** best-known work — sold more than 1 million copies in the United States. It remains essential reading for students of the Western frontier and American Indians. The book has been translated into 20 languages.

Camai!

This is an Eskimo greeting which we received from **Eleanor (Weedman) Roehl** who lives in Alaska. She is a daughter of **Richard T. and Golina (Wassily) Weedman**. Her sisters, **Helen Johnson** and **Natalia Etwiler**, subscribe to the Newsletter. Eleanor wanted to know about family origins. About the same time, we heard from **Vicki Taylor** of Sandusky, OH whose mother, **Rose Marie Weedman Taylor** was a sister of Richard. So, we put the cousins in contact with each other. Eleanor has promised us pictures and we will be happy to receive them. This line: **Richard Thomas Weedman**⁶, **Gus Clinton**⁵, **Harvey Shinn**⁴, **Asa**³, **John Jesse, Sr.**² and **Christian Senior**¹.

Eliza Weedman Gilbert

We have reported on the family of **Dr. George W. and Sophronia (Richards) Weedman** who practiced medicine in Nova, Ashland County, OH from the 1860s until 1890. The couple had two children who were **Dr. Charles Benton Weedman**, a physician, and his sister, **Eliza Weedman**.

It was learned that **Eliza Weedman** lived

in Ashland, OH and married **George Gilbert**. We made contact with a relative of **Eliza, Roger Simmons** of Ashland. We learned that **George and Eliza** were married May 16, 1912 and together operated a funeral home and furniture company. The furniture company, **Gilbert Furniture**, still is in business today and is operated by **Roger Simmons**. There were no children born to this couple. We highly appreciate the fine information and pictures furnished by **Roger Simmons**.

From the line of **Dr. George W. Weedman**, there are no known living descendents. His son, **Dr. Charles B. Weedman**, had one daughter **Elizabeth** who married **Ezra Kelly**. They had a son, **Dr. Charles Kelley** who died in Harwich, MA in 1983. We have no information on the family of **Dr. Kelley**.

That will wrap it up for 2002. We wish all of you a great holiday season and may 2003 bring peace, prosperity, and good health to everyone. Please stay in touch and keep the family news coming.

*Marianne Montgomery
and Nick Weedman*

