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Response to the expression of interest in the 2008 Weedman Family Gathering has been outstanding.

Holiday Greetings to Everyone

We are late getting this issue out due to holidays and busy work. It is hoped that everyone had an enjoyable holiday.

2008 Weedman National Family Gathering Update

Concurrent with the publication of the last edition of the *Newsletter*, we put a page on the Weedman web site (www.weedman.org) where those interested in participating could express their intent. As a result, we have over 50 people at this point who intend to participate!

The **2008 Weedman Reunion** will be held from June 20 ~ 22, 2008 in Uniontown, PA. This is a little over an hour south and east of Pittsburg.

For any that are interested, we will consider starting a day early at the location in Perry County, OH where **Christian** and **Elizabeth Weedman** lived, died and are buried. We haven't been able to find a grave site but know about where this should be. The youngest daughter, **Catherine Weedman Huhn Keefover** is buried in the Good Hope Lutheran Church in Hopewell Township. But, this will occur only if there is sufficient interest.

On Friday, we will begin activities at the host hotel, currently planned to be the Holiday Inn.

On Saturday morning, those who expressed an interest in visiting the Frank

Lloyd Wright designed home near Uniontown. Others will go to Fort Defiance where living conditions that depict those in existence when our family lived in the area are shown. Either should be highly interesting.

On Saturday afternoon, we will go to "**New Holland**", the site of the homestead taken by Christian Weedman in 1765. This is where the family lived until 1799 when they sold and started their trek to Ohio.

On Saturday night, we will have the Reunion dinner with recognition events and planning for future Reunions.

We are still soliciting interest in the event to help us in the planning process so if you have any intention to attend, go to our web site (www.weedman.org) and follow instructions on completing the Reunion form.

We are seeking nominations for the Weedman Hall of Fame. Nominations are simple and all one has to do is to say why they are nominating the person.

Also being sought is someone to host the

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next Reunion, if the group decides to do one, in 2010.

Maryland Weedman Family The 4th Weedman Line in America

Contributed by Frieda Davison

On the Weedman webpage:

James Wilson Weedman. was born 2 Feb 1908 (place unknown) and died 26 Feb 2001 in Sudlersville, MD. He lived in Maryland all his life. He had two siblings: **Charles Norman Weedman** (12 Jan 1917 - 20 Apr 1990) and **George Carroll Weedman** (10 Mar 1919 - Aug 1969). Both of the brothers lived in Maryland as well. Their parents were: **Denver and Drusilla (Wilson) Weedman.** Can anyone advise how this family fits into the family tree? (We have learned that the parents of **James Wilson Weedman** immigrated from Germany. This makes a 4th line on the Weedman

family in America). I found the following:

1920 Census: Maryland, Queen Anne's Co., Dixon, District 71, dwelling 146, family 147:

Weedman, Denver C., head, 35, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland

Drusilla, wife, 35, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

J. Wilson, son, 11, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Chas. Norman, son, 3 1/12, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

George Carroll, son, 10/12, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Sandler, Joshaway, help, black, 19, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Maddox, Wm., help, black, 31, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in U.S.

Parris, Preston C., brother-in-law, 65, widowed, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

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Our thanks to Frieda Davison for her work on the Maryland Weedman line. We will publish her work on a Colorado Weedman in the next issue.

About the Weedman Newsletter

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Articles for publication in the Newsletter are highly welcomed. They must have some relevance to the family and those with a genealogical flavor are of particular interest.

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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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1910 Census: Maryland, Queen Anne's Co., Dixon, District 61, dwelling 37, family 37

Weedman, Denver C., head, 25, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland, married 2 years, farmer
Drusilla, wife, 25, had had 1 child, 1 living, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland,

James W., son, 2, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland

Bradley, Howard, hired boy, 12, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland, laborer – odd jobs

Rochester, Charles E., black, hired man, 17, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland, laborer – works out

Reason, Rosa, servant, black, 26, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Maryland, cook for private family

1900 Census: Maryland, Queen Anne's Co., Dixon, District 57, dwelling 362, family 383

Weedman, Christopher, head, b. Oct 1847, 52, married 23 years, b. in Germany, both parents in Germany, immigrated in 1874, farmer,

Rebecca, wife, b. Feb 1862, 38, had had 5 children, 5 living, b. in Maryland, both parents b. in Germany

Essie, daughter, b. Jun 1879, 20, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland

Maggie, daughter, b. Feb 1881, 19, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland, at school

Denver, son, b. Jun 1884, 15, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland, farm laborer,

Mary, daughter, b. Aug 1894, 5, b. in Maryland, father b. in Germany, mother b. in Maryland

Margaret, mother, b. Jan 1843, 57, married 38 years, b. in Germany, both parents in Germany, immigrated in 1853

Leonard, father, b. Oct 1823, 76, had had 1 child, 1 living, b. in Germany, both

parents in Germany, immigrated in 1860, naturalized in 1865, farmer,

Who is Searching Which Line of the Family?

At the suggestion of **Sharon Bryden**, long time subscriber, we have added a page to the Weedman Web Site (www.weedman.org) to allow those working on genealogy to list surnames they are currently pursuing. From the main page, simply click on “**Who Is Searching for What Family Member**”. We will be happy to list your lines of interest if you will send us and e-mail with details you want listed. Nick Weedman's e-mail is nick@weedman.org.

New Genealogical Research Web Sites

There are two new web sites that could be of great interest to those working on their genealogy. First, Footnote.com is working with the National Archives to digitalize records there. This is a paid site if you want to get into much detail but the cost is far less than that of Ancestry.com. Recently on this site, I found a reference to a **Christian Weedman** who had Revolutionary War service. This needs to be pursued!

Vicki Kimberlin of Sandusky, OH who is a frequent contributor of information and sources has pointed out one to me that I had not known. FamilySearch.org which is the LDS web site has a new service in a Beta test. Digitalized records are being posted there and they are looking for people to help test the new site and provide feedback.

If anyone is interested, send an e-mail to **Nick Weedman** and I will provide the contact information.

There are a number of new genealogical research sites that are worth examining. Two are cited here.

Family News and Notes

Greggs Celebrate 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to **Helen** and **Bill Gregg** of Evansville, IN who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last August. They are loyal supporters of the *Weedman Newsletter* and have attending most of the Weedman Reunions.

Obituary

Malcolm Weedman

Malcolm Weedman, age 47, died November 27, 2007 in Tampa, FL. He was a son of **Carl L.** and **Helen (Penn) Weedman**. He was survived by his father, **Carl L. Weedman**; a sister, **Angelina Schoner** of Alabama; three brothers **George, Kevin, and Carl Jr.**; and a grandson, **Justin Weedman** of Ohio.

His lineage: Malcom⁸, Carl Levone, Sr.⁷, George Winfred⁶, John Cabel Breckenridge⁵, Addison Meriwether⁴, Stephen³, Christian, Jr.², and Christian, Sr.¹.

Chelsea Weedman California High School Swimmer

Currently a sophomore in high school in San Diego County CA, **Chelsea Weedman** continues to excel in swimming. Last school year, she was the only freshman who was selected to the ALL CIF (All-star) San Diego County high school swim team consisting of 7 other swimmers. It was recently published that she is ranked in the top 1% nationally in high school for her swimming accomplishments. This summer she qualified and competed with success at the Junior Nationals in Indiana. On October 11th by invitation only from the United States Swimming Association, she was the lone athlete from San Diego County to attend a National Camp at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. USSA and the local swimming association is paying the expenses. She has already received four letters from universities, and two of them are from Division I schools.

What a great story! Chelsea is the daughter of **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** who hosted the 2004 Weedman Reunion in San Diego.

Arie Weedman Engagement

Arie Weedman and **Travis Spangler**, both of La Costa, have announced their engagement.

The future bride is the daughter of **Bill** and **Thea Weedman** of Encinitas. She is a 1994 graduate of San Dieguito High School and received her bachelor's degree from Pepperdine University and her juris doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law. She works as an attorney for Kring & Chung, LLP.

The future groom is the son of **Donna French** and **Bruce Hose** of Encinitas and **Gary** and **Lauren Spangler** of Valley Center. He is a 1990 graduate of San Dieguito High School and received his bachelor's degree from San Diego State University. He works for the San Diego County Office of Education and has his own film company.

The wedding was held on December 8, 2007, at the Pow-erhouse in Del Mar. The couple plan to spend their honeymoon in Europe.

This is all chronicled on their web site which is: www.travisandarie.com. This is a much better report than we could print here!

California Wild Fires and How Weedman Families Coped

The California wild fires that struck areas from Malibu to San Diego affected several family members. But we are happy to report that none lost their homes as far as we have been able to learn. **Paul** and **Emily Weedman** had to evacuate as did **Bill** and **Thea Weedman**. The experience had to be frightening but at least there was no loss of life or property.

We attempted to make contact with Hall of Fame winner, **Charles Vern Weedman**, who lives in Malibu but we were unsuccessful. We learned one of his sons lives in Nashville, TN and sent an e-mail to him but there was never a response.

It is gratifying to know that all of our crew came through unscathed.

Swedish Weedman Lines An Update

An inquiry was recently received from someone descended from the Swedish Weedman line asking for help in sorting out their lineage. The first note read:

*“My older half brother is a Weedman. We believe he is from the Swedish roots. He has not seen his father since 4 months of age (many many many moons ago). His fathers name was **J. Willard Weedman**. He was known as Willy. He had two sisters, one was **Mary** and the other was **Maude**. One of the two sisters we know married. Willy’s father was **John** and his wife was **Mattie**. The last we know of Willy we believe is he lived in **Quincy, Ill.** Can you help our family roots search? Thank You Ellen”*

We asked for more information and received the following:

*“I know I have more information around here some where. I will need to dig into things to find what I have. Here is what I have at my finger tips. **John Willard** was born on July 3 1915. He was married to my mother on Nov 22 most likely 1938 in New London, Mo. He went to High school in **Macomb, Ill.** He was a taxi driver around 1938-1939. When he left **Macomb, Ill** he went to **Quincy, Ill** area. I believe his sisters were older than him. I believe his fathers name was **John W. Weedman** born in Sweden in 1856 naturalized in 1880 **Knox Co Ill.** I believe his mothers name was **Mattie L. Warner** born 1881 in **Ill.** Married in **Knox Co. Ill.** in 1904. Somewhere along the line comes a **Johal Weedman** born June 24 1829 in Sweden. And **Jonas Wiman Weedman Hedberg**, born June 24 1829 in Sweden. **Mary** was born in Sweden. Whose mother she was I do not know or how she fits in. I believe **John Willard (Willy)** date of death was July 1983 in **Quincy Ill.** I hope to find out someday how to get a hold of the **Obits** in **Quincy** for that period of time. **Quincy** has 3 cemeteries. Only one lists people buried there on the internet. I hope this helps both of us. Happy hunting. Ellen”*

This triggered research, primarily focused on census records. Since the family originated (or so we thought) with **Olaf** and **Brita (Andersdotter) Weedman** who emigrated in 1855 and settled in Copley Township, Knox County, Illinois the census records should provide an excellent picture of this family and it’s descendents.

But, it became clear that **John W. Weedman** did not originate with **Olaf Weedman!** While far from being an expert on this line, it was believed that all of the Swedish Weedman families in this country were descended from **Olaf** and **Brita Weedman**. Not so!

It appears there were probably three or four brothers who immigrated with **Olaf** being the initial traveler. While we have no proof of relationship, it is highly likely that **Olaf** born in 1821 had the following brothers: **Jonas** or **Janus Weedman**, born 1829 in Sweden, and possibly **Peter Weedman** born May 1834 in Sweden.

Further in our research, we found that one subscriber to the *Newsletter* has done what appears to be extensive research on this line. **Karen Perkins Lovell** of St. Louis MO has put much work on the **Olaf Weedman** line on Ancestry.com. Her research seems to confirm what we have found.

Since we have published some in the past on **Olaf Weedman**, we will show what has been found on the other two apparent brothers.

In the 1900 **Knox Co., IL** census **Peter** and **Mary Weedman** appear. Peter was born in May, 1834 in Sweden and had married **Mrs. Mary Ironberg** on 18 Dec 1899 according to Illinois marriage records. Mary had formerly been mar-

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ried to **Peter Ironberg** and appears to have been divorced from him (this is unproven). **Peter Weedman's** first wife according to **Karen Lovell's** work was **Betsey Weedman**, born 23 Feb 1830 in Sweden and who died 4 Mar 1896. She is buried in Victoria, Knox County, IL. The 1900 census shows that **Peter Weedman** arrived in this country in 1882 and was naturalized. There appear to have been no children from the marriage of **Peter** and **Mary (Ironberg) Weedman**. We were unable to find **Peter** and **Betsey Weedman** in the 1880 census and do not know of descendants from that couple.

The apparent lineage of the person who made the inquiry must come from **Janas** and **Mary Weedman**. They are found in the 1870 Knox County, IL census living adjacent to **Olaf** and **Brita Weedman** and were ages 41 and 36 respectively both born in Sweden. Three children are shown: **Charles** (age 17), **John** (age 14) and **Mary** (age 12). In the 1900 census for Dayton, Webster County, Iowa is found **Janus Weedman** aged 70 (born July 1829 in Sweden) and **Maria** aged 74 (born October 1824 in Sweden). The census reveals the couple had three children all of whom were living. A county land ownership map for 1875 shows that a **C. Weedman** owned a section of land.

Unsuccessful attempts were made to research cemetery records on Webster Co., Iowa for any of this family.

In the 1910 Knox County, IL census, **John** and **Martha Weedman** ages 51 and 29 respectively are listed along with two daughters, **Mary** age 3 and **Maude** 7 months old (the census was taken 16 April 1910). John's occupation was a hardware retail merchant and the family resided in the village of Victoria. This fits with the description provided by the inquirer.

In the 1920 Knox Co. census, **J. W.** and **Mattie Weedman**, ages 62 and 39, are listed with children **Mary E.** (13), **Maude** (10), and **J. Willard** (4). J. W. was a grocery retailer.

No listing for J. W. or Mattie Weedman could be found in 1930 but living in Galesburg was **Chester** and **Mary Woolsey** both 23 years old with **Willard Weedman**, a brother (obviously to Mary), age 14 and attending school. Chester was a dairy route salesman. The couple had been married for 4 years.

We conclude that **John Willard Weedman** was a son of **John** and **Martha or Mattie Weedman**. He was a grandson of **Janus or Jonas** and **Mary Weedman**. It is highly likely but yet unproved that **Olaf Weedman**, **Peter Weedman**, and **John Weedman** were all brothers. The line has been researched in Sweden and lineage can be provided.

One aspect of this is the confusing conventions used in Sweden on surnames. Larson, for example, was a son of Lars whose surname would be totally different from that of his son. Andersdotter would be a daughter of Anders and have a different surname. We are friends with a lady from Sweden who confirmed this naming convention and did not know its origins or when the practice changed. How **Olaf Weedman** who was a son of **Olaf** and **Karin (Larsdotter) Larson** is a mystery to me! We have two subscribers to the *Newsletter* who descend from this line and perhaps they can shed light on the family.

It seems most of the family of **Olaf Weedman** remained in Knox County, IL except for his son, Alfred who moved to McLean Co., IL and **William Lewis Weedman** who moved first to western Iowa, then Nebraska and finally Kansas. We will publish more on this line when materials are available.

John Huhn Weedman, Jr. And his Descendents

*(This is a continuation of an article that appeared in the Fall 2007 issue of the **Weedman Newsletter**. John H. Weedman, Jr. was the most successful family member up until his death. He left a considerable estate and a number of people wondered about the fate of his children and descendents. This article is an attempt to answer those questions.)*

There is one correction to make in the article that was in the Fall 2007 issue. Subsequent research revealed that **John Sherman Weedman** had been married. In the 1900 census for Indianapolis, Marion Co., IN, he is shown as a hotel clerk but his wife does not appear to be residing in the same quarters. No marriage record has been found in either Indiana or Illinois for him. The census shows that he had been married for four years when the census was taken. We know that he died in 1908 after being confined to an institution. The hotel at which he was a clerk was at 232 South Illinois Street in Indianapolis which was downtown near the train station.

The remaining child of **John H.** and **Mary Ann Weedman** was **Harriet Josephine Weedman**.

Josephine Weedman, as she was known, was born 21 December 1857 in McLean Co., IL. We have found reference to her attending college but those details are not known. On 21 December 1881, she married **Charles Raymond Brodix** of Bloomington, IL who was a son of **William T.** and **Mary (Wicks) Brodix**. The Brodix family had lived in Indiana and had moved to Illinois in the 1860s. Both William T. and Charles Raymond Brodix were shown as book agents in the 1880 census.

Charles R. Brodix entered the publishing business and owned publishing companies in Chicago and in Washington, D.C. In the 1890s, advertising can be found in newspapers in many places in the country advertising books by the Brodix Publishing Company. It is unclear whether the publishing company was successful. Reference was found to a judgment against the company in November 1892 in which the company failed to pay a debt for printing that had been done for one of the political parties in Washington, D.C. It appears matters were resolved in due course. Another reference shows that the company published the Brodix Business Directory of Washington D.C. for 1886/87. In an 1890 City Directory for Washington D.C., **Charles R. Brodix** appears as the President of Brodix Publishing Company, 1425 Stoughton N.W., in the District of Columbia.

Charles and Josephine (Weedman) Brodix apparently had five children:

John Weedman Brodix, born 9 Oct 1882 in IL

Charles Raymond Brodix, Jr. born 16 July 1884 in IL

Mercedes Brodix, probably born about 1887 but this is uncertain

Thomas Carter Brodix, born 10 October 1890 in Washington D.C.

Josephine Brodix, born 6 Nov 1894 in Washington D.C.

The family was shown living in New Bloomfield Borough, Perry Co., PA in the 1900 census. All are shown as boarders in this census. **Josephine Brodix** is shown in that census as having borne five children, four of whom were living.

By 1910, the family had moved to Springfield Township, Burlington Co., NJ where it is believed they resided until the parents died. They operated a dairy farm at that location while Charles, the elder is shown as an exporter in foreign trade. It is unknown what happened to the publishing company. The three sons all appeared to have attended

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Columbia University in New York City.

Charles Raymond Brodix, Jr.

Born in 1884 in Illinois, Charles attended law school at Columbia University. He was admitted to the New York bar on 18 May 1915 and appears to have practiced law in New York City. He married **Louise Williams** on 8 Nov 1929 in New York City and they appear in the 1930 census living on 86th Street. There were apparently no children of this marriage. He died in Feb 1971 in New York City according to the Social Security Death Index. Attempts to learn more about him through obituaries, etc. have not been successful.

Thomas Carter Brodix

Born in 1890 in the District of Columbia, it is believed that he attended Columbia University but this has not been confirmed. He was a 2nd Lieutenant in the 26th and 30th Aero Squadron in World War I. He married **Elizabeth C. Connolly** on 2 Jul 1927 in New York City. It is unknown what occupation he pursued although at the time of his death, he was running publishing company for his brother-in-law, **Louis M. Merryman**, in Baltimore. He died 21 Dec 1948 in Baltimore. A nephew recalls taking the ashes of **Thomas C. Brodix** to a cemetery in New Jersey. The cemetery is the Upper Springfield Cemetery in Springfield Township, Burlington Co., N.J. There were apparently no children of this marriage.

Josephine Brodix

Born in 1894 in D.C., she married **Louis McLane Merryman, Sr.** about 1919. The pair apparently eloped and for their early years lived on one of the channel islands between England and France. Merryman descended from an old line Maryland family and was raised on a farm at Sparks, Maryland that has been in the family since the 1700s. **Louis Merryman** served in the Roosevelt administration as head of the Milk Administration. He was a livestock breeder and gentleman farmer. Prominent in Maryland politics, he served in the State Legislature and in Baltimore County governmental positions.

There were apparently five children born to this couple:

1. **Louis McLane Merryman, Jr.**, born 23 Oct 1920 in MD. Died 24 Sept 1953.
2. **John Brodix Merryman**, born 29 Oct 1922 in MD, died 23 Jan 1993 in MD.
3. **Josephine Merryman**, born 27 Feb 1925 in MD, married a Mr. Van Ness, died 9 Dec 1997 in Santa Barbara, CA.
4. **Elizabeth Merryman**, born about 1929 in MD.

There was probably one other child and, if research has proven correct, that person is living so we will forego specifics.

The **Merryman** line of the family has descendents and are the only ones remaining in the line of **John Huhn** and **Mary Ann Weedman**.

But, we have omitted one other son of **Charles R., Sr.** and **Harriet Josephine (Weedman) Brodix**. **John Weedman Brodix** attended Columbia University and achieved a number of leadership positions while in attendance. We will continue with his biography in the Spring 2008 issue. **John Weedman Brodix** married but had no children as far as we know. But, he had an interesting life which was terminated accidentally. Details will be provided in the next issue.