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We hope to expand coverage of the Swedish and Florida Weedman families in 2009. But, help is needed to do this.

Happy New Year!

We trust everyone had a great holiday season. Ours was fine and occupied most of our time so this issue is about a week later than we had hoped.

There are only three issues in 2008 since the 2008 National Family Gathering occurred in June which is a month we normally produce one. So, Issue 3 in Volume 41 is the final one for 2008.

Plans for 2009

We are hopeful of adding a periodic update on the Swedish Weedman family history as we move into 2009. We have been in contact with a descendent of **Olaf Weedman** who for years we thought was the sole Weedman immigrant from Sweden only to find that he had two brothers who also came to this country. Our prospective contributor has actually been to the family farm in Sweden and we hope she will be willing to do an article on this line in each issue. Keep your fingers crossed!

It would be wonderful to find someone to do the same on the Florida Weedman family. We know this family came from the area around Mainz, Germany and ended up near St. Augustine, St. Johns County, FL. As far as we can tell, virtually all of the family stayed in Florida and has deep historical roots there. One early family member was killed by Indians and there was once a Fort Weedman where the family lived. Maybe we can find someone to write a periodic article on this family.

What's New on the Weedman Web Site?

Here is a list of new items on the Weedman web site (www.weedman.org).

Biographies – new biographies have been added for **Addison Meriwether Weedman**, **Captain Daniel R. Weedman**, **George Route Weedman**, and **Dr. Charles Benton Weedman**. Most of these come from old county history books that were popular for publication in the late 1800s. In addition, for family members who have written a biography of an ancestor, we have selectively added those. And, when we find an interesting newspaper article, this may be added to the Biographies page.

Photographs of the daughters of **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** including **Fern**, **Fay** and **Lois** are on the site as well as a sister of **Zadock**, **Jennie Weedman Neal**.

We will be adding obituaries over the coming months and a DNA project page.

Any suggestions for additions or for changes to the web site will be given seri-

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ous consideration. Please contact Nick Weedman (see the About the Weedman Newsletter below for the address, etc.).

Indianapolis Speedway 100th Birthday Celebration Sidney Weedman – Executive Committee Member

"If you are a fan of the Speedway, who wouldn't want to come to the 100-year birthday party?" asked track President **Joie Chitwood**.

To make sure the party is a big success, Chitwood enlisted an impressive list of former 500 Festival board chairmen to help plan the festivities as the search for sponsors begins. "We feel like we have a really good group of community activists that are helping us put together a great event," Chitwood said.

That executive committee includes **Mary Clare Broadbent, Cindy Simon Skjodt,**

Marge Tarplee, Betty Stilwell, Robert McConnell, Kenny Hauck, Andre Lacy, Jerry Semler, Tim Worthington, Steve Stifle, Sid Weedman and John Walsh.

The evening will include a cocktail party in the 500 Ballroom, followed by dinner and entertainment in the Sagamore Ballroom. Tickets for the dinner are \$2,000 a table or \$200 per person. Tickets for the cocktail party and dinner are \$3,000 a table or \$300 per person.

Proceeds will benefit the foundation that operates the Hall of Fame Museum on 16th Street. The Indy 500 will celebrate its 100th birthday in 2011.

"We want to have a great birthday party that the community just enjoys," Chitwood said, "but the chance to generate some proceeds for our foundation is as important, so I think we have a really nice win-win."

Source: *IndyStar*, August 26, 2008

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Sidney Weedman has played a number of roles in the positive development of downtown Indianapolis.

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 110.

The *Newsletter* is edited, published and distributed by **Nick Weedman**. All address changes, new subscriptions, etc. should be sent to him.

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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Sidney and Sharon Weedman reside in Indianapolis and are the parents of two daughters. One, **Lauren Weedman** was inducted into the Weedman Hall of Fame at the San Diego Reunion for her success as an author and comedienne.

Weedman DNA Project

The use of DNA analysis in genealogy is a relatively new but rapidly growing feature in this field. We suggested at one of the Reunions that we consider doing a Weedman family DNA project but, until recently, that suggestion went unheeded.

Bill and Thea Weedman recently contacted us and advised they wanted to pursue DNA testing. Here is what they said:

“Thea and I are thinking about taking DNA testing for both the paternal and maternal sides (both for male and only maternal for female). There is an excellent article in the November/December issue of AARP, The magazine. If you do not receive the magazine, you can check out www.aarpmagazine.org. There are several companies listed and we are considering www.familytreedna.com; we recall that you had written something about the Weedman males participating in a project but have not been able to find the information. On the Family Tree DNA web site, there is a one member Weedman DNA participant, I don't know if this is you or some one else.”

That prompted a deeper look into the possibility of DNA testing for genealogical purposes and I am convinced this could be an excellent tool in our pursuit of our ancestry.

Here are some objectives that could be pursued with such a project:

- 1) Determine if the Christian Weedman, Sr. line has any relationship with the Florida Weedman line. We know where the Florida line originated in Germany and if we establish there is a common male ancestor within a reasonable number of generations, we might have a better clue of our origins.
- 2) Determine if the three apparent Swedish Weedman lines do indeed have a common ancestor. We know there were apparently three brothers who came to this country but proof they were siblings has not been established. There may not be male descendants of each of the three brothers but there are from two.
- 3) Determine if the Christian Weedman, Sr. line has a common male ancestor with the Swedish lines.
- 4) Determine if the Widman(n) family and the Christian Weedman, Sr. lines share a common male ancestor. If this proves correct, it may show that the original spelling of our surname was in fact, Widman or Widmann.
- 5) Determine if the Weidman family which has numerous connections in Lancaster County, PA is closely related to the Christian Weedman, Sr. family.

We found there is already one Weedman family member who has completed DNA testing with FamilyTreeDNA and the editor will be the second. This will be a start and we encourage others to do the same to help provide increased confidence in the conclusions that may be reached in the study.

We will need volunteers for this project and the cost will be about \$100 for a Y-DNA12 test. See the Family Tree DNA site for more details.

The use of DNA in genealogy is growing. A successful project could help us find our European roots.

Photographs of the children of Zadock Sinclair Weedman

My daughter, **Amy Weedman**, recently ran across a number of photographs of the children of **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** on eBay. She purchased those and gave them to me as a gift. I have put all on the web site (www.weedman.org/zadock.htm) and will show one in this article.

Zadock S. Weedman was the third son of **George** and **Catherine (Danner) Weedman** and was born 22 November 1862 in Farmer City, IL. He married **Matilda Jane (Jennie) Romine** on 28 February 1887 in Farmer City. They had four children, all of whom were born in Illinois. They were: **Minnie Fern**, born 21 December 1887; **Daisy Fay**, born 12 February 1890; **Georgia Sinclair**, born 16 January 1893; and **Lois B.**, born 18 December 1893.

In the 1900 census, the family was living in McLean Co., IL where **Zadock** (or Dock as he was known) was shown as a grain merchant in West Township where the town of Weedman, IL was located. Some time between that census and 1907, the family moved to Kansas and they appear in the 1910 census living in Holy-



rood, Ellsworth County. **Zadock** was shown as the proprietor of an automobile garage. This is a town near Great Bend, KS.

By 1920, the family had located in South Haven, Sumner Co., Kansas. **Zadock** died 8 August 1925 in South Haven and is buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery there. **Jennie** died in South Haven 28 February 1949 and is also buried in the Rose Hill Cemetery.

The two oldest daughters married brothers. **Fern** married **Maximillian Ebenezer Church** on 16 May 1907 in Kansas City while **Fay** married **Philip Merrick Church** on 21 February 1909.

Georgia never married. **Lois B.** married **Clifford Nelson-Smith** on 10 December 1914.

The families appeared to remain in Sumner County, KS or in Tulsa, OK. A long time supporter and subscriber of the Weedman Newsletter was the eldest child of **Fern** and **Max Church**, **Hila Bernadean Church** who was born 7 December 1907 and died 14 January 2001 in Tulsa, OK.

The photographs we have obtained include:

- **Fern Weedman** in 1888, 1891 and 1899
 - **Fay Weedman** about 1907/08 in Holyrood, KS
 - **Fay** and **Philip Church**
 - **Hila B. Church** with **Lois B. Weedman** in 1910
- Post card photograph of **Minor and Jen (Weedman) Neal** sent from Hot Springs, AR in 1914. She was a sister of **Zadock Weedman**.

Shown on the left is the photograph of **Fay Weedman** which was taken by the **F. A. Wesely's Photo Art Studio** in Holyrood. This could be a high school graduation photo but we are uncertain about this.

We are extremely pleased to have obtained these photographs and are happy to share them on our web site.

It should be noted that **Abraham Lincoln Weedman**, a brother of **Zadock**, and his family also moved from Illinois and settled in Anthony, Kansas which is near South Haven.

*Obituary***Gary Dean Weedman**

Gary Dean Weedman, 65, of Springfield, MN died Wednesday, October 29,



2008 as the result of an automobile accident. He was born on May 25th, 1943, to **Clifford & Noreen (Weber) Weedman** of Sanborn at the

Springfield Community Hospital.

Gary attended Zion Lutheran School in Sanborn until his confirmation in 8th grade. He graduated from Sanborn High School in 1961, and attended Mankato State College where he was a member of the football team. Gary was united in marriage to **Judith Meyer** on April 17, 1965 at Sundown Lutheran Church. The couple resided briefly in Sanborn before moving to Springfield in 1967.

Gary worked for the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Springfield for 22 years. The past 20 years he was an independent financial consultant in the areas of insurance and securities until the time of his death. In his younger days, Gary was very active playing amateur baseball for Mankato, Owatonna, and Springfield, as well as, fast-pitch softball for Lucan and Windom. He served as a member of the Minnesota National Guard, Springfield's City Treasurer, American Legion, School Board, and was a volunteer fireman for 22 years.

Gary was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and especially golfing. If Gary wasn't at home, he could probably be found on the

golf course. He served as a director of the Minnesota Golf Association (MGA) for 9 years. Another passion of his was playing cards, as he was a bridge club member for many years. Gary was currently a member of St. John's Lutheran Church and the Springfield Golf Club.

Gary is survived by his wife, **Judy**, of Springfield - mother, **Noreen Weedman** of Sanborn - children, **Jon (Nicole) Weedman** of Jordan, **Kelly (Brent) Weber** of Sartell, **Koree (Jim) Boyle** of Morgan, **Greg (Miranda) Weedman** of Janesville, and **Kim Weedman** (fiancé **Stetson Shoen**) of Springfield; 10 grandchildren - **Michael** and **Nicklaus Weedman**; **Blake**, **Abby**, **Morgan**, and **Mal-lory Weber**; **Lauren** and **Luke Boyle**; and **Aubrey** and **Gavin Weedman**. He is also survived by his brother, **Dennis (Marilyn) Weedman** of Sanborn, and his sister, **Janice (Stuart) Juhnke** of Sanborn. Gary was preceded in death by his father, **Clifford Weedman**, in 1991. Gary's wife, children, and grandchildren were the loves of his life; he never missed his kids' sporting events, and always looked forward to a visit from his grandkids. He will be deeply missed by all of them. Services were held in Springfield on November 3, 2008 with interment at the Springfield City Cemetery.

The lineage of Gary Weedman is: Gary⁸, Clifford Donald⁷, Loren Bruff⁶, Henry Linas⁵, Asa⁴, John Huhn, Sr.³, George², Christian, Sr.¹

(Editor's note—I never met Gary Weedman in person but did have a number of opportunities to be his bridge partner on the internet. I just happened to see that a Weedman was playing and asked if I could be his partner. He agreed and we played over a period of months. He was a good bridge player and was always seeking suggestions to improve his game! My condolences to his family in the loss of Gary.

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Gary Weedman was very active in his community in Minnesota.

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Pauline Weedman

Pauline Weedman, 77, of Hickory, NC passed away July 27, 2008, at Palliative CareCenter & Hospice of Catawba Valley, NC. Born, Aug. 14, 1930, in Griffithsville, W.Va., she was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Harold Dingess**. Mrs. Weedman was a faithful member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, a homemaker and a wonderful mother and grandmother. In addition to her parents, a son, **Ernest Joe Weedman**, and a great-grandson, **Dillon Weedman**, preceded her in death. Her survivors include four children, **Edgar George Weedman Jr., Elsie Joyce Justice, Michael Frank Weedman** and **Paula Denise Phillips**; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on August 2, 2008.

We do not know the lineage of her husband, **Edgar George Weedman, Senior**.

Obituary

Fredrick Francis Weedman

Fredrick Francis Weedman, 67, of San Jacinto, CA passed away Sunday, July 13, 2008 at his residence. Mr. Weedman was born in Cloquet, Minnesota on November 22, 1940. Fred was a teacher for Oceanview School District for 36 years.

He enjoyed hiking, golf, but most of all riding his motorcycle. He lived in Hemet for 5 years and moved to San Jacinto 3 years ago. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, **Sandra Lea (Arbuckle) Weedman**; loving daughter, **Mary Berger** of Rancho Santa Margari-



rita, California; loving son, **Tad Weedman** of Aliso Viejo, California; two sisters, **Mary Erickson** of Hayward, Wisconsin, **Theresa Miesbauer** of Goleta, California; four grandchildren, **David, Allison, Aubrey, Hunter**. Services were held on July 22, 2008.

The lineage of **Fredrick Francis Weedman**: **Fredrick Francis**⁴, **Roy Francis**³, **Perry**², **Peter**¹
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Paige Marie Weedman

Paige Marie Weedman loving daughter of **Vaughn Weedman** and **Marianne Boechler**, passed away Thursday, October 9, 2008 at home in Redmond. She was 20. A funeral service was held on October 16, 2008.



The lineage of **Paige Marie Weedman** is:

Paige Marie¹⁰, **Vaughn**⁹, **Rueben Delgard**⁸, **Henry Leonard**⁷, **Carey Sylvester**⁶, **Henry Linas**⁵, **Asa**⁴, **John Huhn, Sr.**³, **George**², **Christian, Sr.**¹

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Birdlyn Matteson Weedman

Birdlyn Carol Matteson Weedman died Dec. 29, 2007, after a short illness.



Birdie was born July 5, 1915, in Bryant, S.D. She was delivered on the farm with the help of a neighbor.

The family moved to the Thomas, S.D., area in 1917, where Birdie went to school and graduated in 1933. Her junior and senior years of high school she

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Most of these obituaries were found on the internet. We will publish these and other family events as they are learned.

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spent working for the school principal's family, earning room and board while finishing school.

Birdie traveled west in 1936 by train. She landed in Hillsboro, Ore., where her brother, Paul, and sister, Gladys, were living. Birdie continued working while attending School of Commerce in Portland.

She met **Leon Weedman** in 1942 and married him in Beaverton, Ore., on March 22, 1947. She was immediately blessed with her stepchildren, **Barbara** and **Jerry**.

While Leon was in the service, Birdie became the first woman at the Hillsboro Airport to earn her private pilot's license in 1945.

Birdie was a member of Longview Community Church. She was also a longtime member of the Longview Country Club and, at age 92 years, was still an active member of the ABWA.

She enjoyed many travels and spending time with her nine brothers and sisters. Her backyard brought her much joy and peace and that's where you would often find her on a nice day.

Birdie was preceded in death by her husband, **Leon Gerald Weedman**; her parents, **Edward** and **Mary Matteson**; and eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her children, **Ed (Ruth) Weedman** of Longview, **Jane (Kent) McMullen** of Eltopia, Wash., **Paul Weedman** of Longview, **Barbara (Roy) Bettesworth** of Federal Way and **Jerry (Elaine) Weedman** of Rochester, Wash.; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; and her 96-year-old brother, **Paul Matteson**.

The lineage of Leon Gerald Weedman is: Leon Gerald⁶, Leslie Raphael⁵, Elisha Spurrier⁴, Daniel³, Christian, Jr.², Christian, Sr.¹

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Lorraine Britzius Weedman

A memorial service was held on May 29, 2008, in Montavilla Baptist Church in Portland OR for **Lorraine Weedman**, who died May 22 at age 86.

Lorraine Britzius was born Jan. 28, 1922, in Great Falls, Montana She lived in Coos Bay and Chicago, then moved in 1942 to Portland, where she was a painter in the shipyards during World War II. She was a volunteer advocate for people with disabilities. In 1950, she married **Pete Weedman**.

Survivors include her husband; daughters, **Suzanne Reid** and **Robin J. Wright**; brothers, **Harry Britzius** and **Bob Britzius**; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The lineage of Pete Weedman, husband of Lorraine Britzius Weedman is: Orville William (Pete)⁷, Roy Willis⁶, Homer Willis⁵, Jacob Willis⁴, Daniel³, Christian, Jr.², Christian, Sr.¹

Alabama Newspaper Article

Subscriber **Shirley Spooner** recently sent reference to an article in the 3 May 1878 Vernon AL *Pioneer* newspaper. The article stated: "A reward of \$500 is offered for the arrest of Weedman, who recently murdered **Henry Runn**, at Stevenson". In the 1880 Alabama census, we found a **William Weedman** serving as a convict in a coal mine in Jefferson County. **William** was born about 1853 in Kentucky. We are unable to determine who this might have been. If anyone has a thought on the identity of this **William Weedman**, please let us know.

Help is needed to identify the family member found mentioned in an Alabama newspaper article.

A Portion of the Application for a Pension or Bounty Land Warrant of Col. Gaddis

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Aug 26	Edward Huff Benjamin Brownfield Obadiah Stillwell Isaac Sutton, Senr. Janis M. Hoy Charles Brownfield Jeremiah Goad Conard Walters, Senior Richard Jackson George Srouftman John Drake Arthur M. Coatsy Jeremiah Coon Conard Walters, Junr. Michael Walters Christian Davis Andrew Jackson Thomas Weadey, Sr. James Weadey John Province Joseph Cox John Mason Wm. Paulhearty Peter Barnhill Christopher Capely John Huffman Reubin Waits Estroan Waits	

The item above is a portion of an application for a pension or a bounty land warrant by Revolutionary War Veteran, Colonel Thomas Gaddis, who served in Fayette County, Pennsylvania. The list is the names and dates of citizens who swore an oath of allegiance before Col. Gaddis. We wonder if these were members of a home guard or militia in the Revolutionary War. There are a number of familiar names including Michael DeBolt, several Walters and others who lived in Fayette County. More research is clearly needed on this. **Note Christian Weedman on line 3.**