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Our thanks for getting a tip about some Weedman family photographs being available and to the owner for sharing those with us.

As usual, we are running a week or so behind on getting the Weedman Newsletter to the printer. We hope that your Christmas and New Year holidays were filled with happiness and joy. We wish you a happy, healthy New Year.

The service that we have used to print the Newsletter for several years closed and we are seeking a new high quality printer who is both reasonable and reliable. We are fortunate to have several firms in the mountains of Western North Carolina that fit those criteria so with a little luck, this should be no more than a week or so late. We did start it in late December but finishing it has proven to be more time consuming than usual. At any rate, here we go!

More Zadock S. Weedman Family Photographs Are Available

It has been learned that more photographs of the family of **Zadock Sinclair Weedman** have been purchased from a seller on e-Bay. The buyer, a lady in Denver, Colorado, has an interest in the **Romine** family and has offered to scan those she bought and share with us. Several were received but it was too late to make a major revision to the Newsletter and include them.

Among the family members in the photographs are: **Catherine (Danner) Weedman, Matilda Jane (Romine) Weedman, Minnie Fern Weedman,**

and Hila Bernadean Church. One photograph dated 1908 shows four generations while another is a portrait of **Catherine Weedman.**

The person who provided the lead on the pictures is researching the **Romine** family and has asked that anyone who has an interest in that line, please contact him. Send an e-mail to Nick Weedman to obtain the name and contact details for the researcher.

These pictures will be placed on the **Weedman Family** web site which is at www.weedman.org.

Don Weedman Visit

In October, 2009 my wife and I were fortunate to have been invited to visit the home of the daughter of our friends, **Terry and Christine Hicks**, in her home in Laudun, France. The daughter, **Laura**, studied French in college and went there to work as an au pair to hone her linguistic skills. She met and married a French man and has lived there for almost 25 years. She has several apartments that she rents out during the summer season

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The opportunity to travel to France and meet Don Weedman was truly a highlight of 2009 for us.

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and operates a small winery there as well.

We took advantage of our presence in France to make contact with **Don Weedman** who lives in Montpellier which is about an hour away from Laudun. We had planned to visit a granddaughter of the Hicks who is currently in college near Toulouse so the drive took us through Montpellier. Contact was made with **Don Weedman** and we had a terrific albeit brief visit.

I learned that many of the statements made in prior articles about Don were not quite correct so we want to straighten the record out a bit.

First, a little background for those who may not recall several previous articles. In 2005, **Marianne Montgomery**, the editor of the Newsletter at that time, received a communication indicating that Don Weedman was looking for his American family. Don's father and

mother divorced when he was small when his father, **Robert Russell Gorde Weedman**, left Germany to return to the U.S. There was no response to his inquiry until April, 2009.



Don Weedman and daughter in Montpellier France in October 2009

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About the Weedman Newsletter

The *Weedman Newsletter* is a quarterly family publication with emphasis on the genealogy of the Weedman and allied families. It is distributed to interested family members, selected genealogical societies and libraries. Circulation is 120.

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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In April, we were contacted by **Jamie Weedman Jones** of California who, after scanning the Newsletters on our web site, was certain that she and her brother, **Robert Weedman**, were the family that Don was seeking. After extensive efforts doing research on the internet, we found that Don was married with a family and was living in Montpellier, France. So, we couldn't pass the opportunity to meet him in person!

It turns out that Don's father was employed at one of the U.S. military facilities in Germany and was not in the service as we had imagined. There, **Robert Russell Gorde Weedman**, met a co-worker who was French and not German as we had imagined. They married and Don was born. The marriage was not happy so when **Robert Weedman** returned to the U.S., the marriage was dissolved. Don's mother remained in Germany for some time but then took a job in the U.S. Don went to the U.S. consulate to obtain a visa to accompany his mother to the U.S. but was surprised to learn that he was, in fact, an American citizen and needed no visa. He obtained a U.S. passport and went to the area around Philadelphia where he finished high school. German was his first language and the transition, according to Don, was not an easy one. But he prevailed and ended up trained in photography.

Don married here and has a son who is now 13 years old. The family moved to France about seven years ago and he is employed to oversee a number of photographic installations in Southern Europe. He and his wife recently adopted a daughter who was born in Ethiopia. His wife is a candidate for her PhD degree in clinical psychology from a U. S. University.

I was highly impressed with our newly found cousin. If German is his first lan-

guage you certainly can't tell it from conversations with him! His English is superb. I learned that he and his California family have been in frequent contact both by e-mail and by telephone. They hope to meet fact-to-face but no specific time has been set for this.

We discussed where we think our roots may be (I think we are German) as well as where we might originate if in fact we are Germanic. It turns out that Don lived in or near Wurttemberg and that seems to be where most of the Widman(n) families appear to originate. He has agreed to be our contact in Europe with German language skills if we ever get leads to pursue in that country.

It is heartening to have been able to make the connection between Don Weedman and his extended family. And, we were impressed to find such a fine person who is happy to have made the contact with his family.

Don's lineage: Don Weedman⁷, Harry Raphael Weedman⁶, Leslie Raphael Weedman⁵, Elisha Spurrier Weedman⁴, Daniel Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Irene M. Weedman Another Successful Family Connection

We were recently contacted by **Irene M. Weedman** of Texas who was curious about her lineage. Her parents were divorced and the knowledge she had of the family was limited. It appears that her interest was stimulated both by curiosity as well a desire to know about family medical history. With medical science determining that so many diseases have a genetic component, genealogy can help to provide some useful clues. Irene is employed in the health services industry

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We receive a number of requests each year asking for help in understanding Weedman family connections.

Archives of old newspapers which can be easily searched can be a revealing tool. See the article on a family member show was a murder suspect!

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so her interest is quite logical.

She provided sufficient clues so that we could quite easily trace her lineage. She knew of some of her uncles and aunts but had all but lost contact with the family.

After providing an ancestor print out, a message from Irene was received which started, "...I had to get a cup of coffee to stop my crying! Thank you so very much. I asked my father once, and he told me some, but we only had a short visit so I didn't get much written down..". She recently had contact with an aunt who was able to provide much more information than we could furnish and Irene reported the contact was warm and friendly.

This is the third case where we have been able to re-connect families that had some type of fissure and it appears that two of the three were successful. We still have hopes for the third!

Irene's lineage: Irene Mae Weedman⁹, William Earl Weedman⁸, Melvin Earl Weedman⁷, Roy Henry Addison Weedman⁶, John Cabel Breckinridge Weedman⁵, Addison Meriwether Weedman⁴, Stephen Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

From Newspaper Archives

Weedman Named a Murder Suspect

There are increasing numbers of old newspapers being scanned and made available on-line. Google is said to be digitalizing a number of papers and many universities are doing the same thing. There is a commercial site, www.newspaperarchives.com, making newspapers available for a nominal fee.

Researching Florida records recently we ran across an article that stated **Harvey W. Weedman** of Helena, Arkansas was

the main suspect in the shooting murder of **Pat Dennis** of that same town. Dennis was the city or county jailer and Weedman once worked for him. The shooting apparently took place on July 23, 1895. No other details were available and we can find no further article on this event. We cannot find Harvey W. Weedman in the 1900 or later census records. We tried to see if the Helena, AR paper was available on-line but had no success nor did we have success with the Memphis *Commercial-Appeal* or the *Arkansas Gazette*.

Interestingly, we found Harvey W. Weedman in the 1880 Breckinridge Co., KY census in the household of his father, Francis (Frank) Weedman. The family moved to Phillips County in the 1890s. We are aware of at least three instances in which family members have committed or are suspected of committing a murder.

Weedman Newsletter Archives

In the previous Weedman Newsletter, we stated that we had converted all of the available issues to electronic format and were placing them on-line. The project has not been completed as of late December, 2009.

Ideally, we would like to make all of the issues searchable with a single user initiated action but to date we have not been able to accomplish that goal.

All issues (with two possible exceptions) have been converted to Adobe Acrobat (or .pdf) format and have been uploaded to our web server. The next step is to revise the Newsletter Archive page with a hyperlink that will open the specific issue selected when a user clicks on that particular item.

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We suspect that some or many of the earlier issues may not be as searchable as the later ones. This is due to the fact that available copies are yellow with age and some are tattered making the scanning process problematic. But, virtually all of the early issues have been manually indexed and all of those indices will be present on the web page as well.

It is encouraging to learn that a number of people have made contact with the editor or with other family members because they tediously searched through issues that are available on the site.

We hope to have that page fully functional by the end of January, 2010.

Electronic Delivery of the Weedman Newsletter

In the next issue of the *Weedman Newsletter*, we will be advising those whose subscriptions expire they need to renew if they want to continue to receive the publication by mail.

We have lost the services of the company that printed the publication due to bad economic times. We used a firm called Vocational Solutions in Hendersonville, NC to print and fold the Newsletter. The firm provides employment to vocationally disadvantaged adults and while the printing service provided much needed employment, the volume of work was insufficient to pay for the equipment rental and other items. As a result, beginning with this issue we will be using a new print firm.

We are offering to anyone who has been a subscriber to get the *Weedman Newsletter* via electronic delivery. If you prefer to get your copy in that manner, please advise the editor (Nick Weedman) at nick@weedman.org and we will cease

sending the printed version. Instead, we will offer the option of sending an e-mail when the quarterly issue is available on our web site. We will embed the address of the newsletter so all one has to do is to click on the hyperlink in the message and, in most cases, your browser will open on the Newsletter. A second option is to send a copy of the Newsletter in Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format but due to the size of most issues, this is probably not the best delivery method.

The advantage to electronic delivery is the speed of delivery, cost savings on printing and postage, and the ability to receive your copy in color if there are color pictures or other items in that issue.

Please give it some thought and if you prefer to receive e-mail notification of the availability of the *Weedman Newsletter* on our web site, send an e-mail to us at nick@weedman.org.

Names in the News

Hannah Weedman Named Most Valuable Player In Illinois Basketball Tournament



Hannah Weedman was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2009 Knoxville-Abingdon (Illinois) Tournament in December. In the championship game, the University of Evansville recruit stood tall

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*Subscribers will be asked to consider receiving the **Weedman Newsletter** by electronic means. A paper version will continue to be produced.*

We congratulate Hannah Weedman and Chelsea Weedman on being recipients of athletic scholarships in 2010.

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in the low post with 15 points and 12 rebounds in a 38-26 victory over Abingdon.

“She just carried us defensively and she needs to do that,” said Knoxville coach Matt Gibson. “We have young guards and her help-side defense is incredible.”

“I think she demands the ball more in the post and she’s taking the ball up stronger,” Gibson added.

Weedman’s averaging 15 points, 10 rebounds and a lofty 4.5 blocks per game. Her standout effort has helped lead the No. 5-ranked Blue Bullets to a 16-1 overall record.

Hannah is a Senior at Knoxville, IL high school and is a consistent honor roll student. As mentioned, she has an athletic scholarship to the University of Evansville (Indiana). She is the daughter of Brad and Lisa Weedman of Knoxville.

Names in the News

Chelsea Weedman Accepts Athletic Scholarship To Penn State University



Chelsea Weedman has been named in a number of *Weedman Newsletter* articles as she has excelled in competitive swimming at Cathedral Catholic High School of San

Diego, CA. On her web site dedicated to helping her get her resume noticed by college swimming coaches, she stated, “...I began swimming competitively when I was 7 years old. Over the years I

have competed at national meets in California, Nevada, Texas, Indiana, Minnesota, Colorado, and this summer I will be competing at the Junior Nationals in Federal Way, Washington. Due to my competitiveness and love for the sport it is my goal to swim and study at a highly ranked Division I school...”

We congratulate Chelsea on being awarded a scholarship to such a prestigious school and we will be watching as she competes in swimming on a college level.

She is the daughter of **Paul and Emily Weedman** of San Diego, CA. Paul and Emily were the hosts for our 2002 Weedman National Family Gathering.

Obituaries

Roy Milton Weedman

Roy Milton Weedman, 75, of Charlotte, NC passed away Wednesday, September 16, 2009. A service with Military Honors was held on September 18, 2009 at Evergreen Cemetery.

Mr. Weedman was born September 16, 1934 in Houston, TX, the son of the late **Mearl and Mackie Weedman**. In addition to his parents, his son, **Gregory Milton Weedman**, preceded him in death. Mr. Weedman served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for six years and later served with the South Dakota Air National Guard. He was employed with Retail Credit and Douglas Guardian for over forty years.

Survivors include his beloved wife of fifty-four years, **Sylvia McDaniel Weedman**; daughter, **Lisa Weedman Newell** and her husband, **Michael Scott Newell**; grandchildren, **Lucy and Andy Newell**; brother, **William Weedman** of Algoma, WI; mother-in-law, **Mary 'Polly'**

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McDaniel; and his devoted 'kitties', Molly and Amy. Many loving relatives and friends also survive Mr. Weedman.

In lieu of flowers, please send a gift in Roy's memory to, Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, where he was an active member.

His lineage was: Roy Milton Weedman⁸, Mearl Martin Weedman⁷, Claude Henry Weedman⁶, William Martin Weedman⁵, Jeremiah Weedman⁴, Jacob Weedman³, George Weedman², Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

(Editor's note: Roy and Sylvia made most of the Weedman Family Reunions and have always supported efforts to research the family genealogy. Our sympathies to Sylvia and the family.)

Ernest Weedman

Ernest Weedman, 54, died Friday, Nov. 13, 2009, in Owensboro, KY

He was born March 19, 1955, in Breckinridge County, KY, to the late **Jeff** and **Ethel (Ford) Weedman**.

Surviving are his five sisters, **Nancy Sinclair** of Cannelton, **Dorothy Canary** of Fordsville, KY, **Stella Sims** of Eddyville, KY, **Mary Smith** of Cloverport, KY and **Janie Sanders** of Hancock County, KY and his brothers, **Jim Weedman** of Louisville, KY, **Junior Weedman** of Norris City, Ill. and **Roy Weedman** of Cloverport.

Funeral services were held Nov. 17 in Tell City with burial in New Clover Creek Baptist Cemetery near Cloverport, Kentucky.

His lineage was: Ernest Weedman⁷, Jeff Davidson Owen Weedman⁶, James David Weedman⁵, William Weedman⁴, John Weedman³, Christian Weedman, Jr.² and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹

Michael R. Weedman

Michael R. "Mike" Weedman, age 49, passed away in his sleep on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at his home in Columbus, Wisconsin. He was born on July 15, 1959, in Tracy, Minn. to **Luverne** and **Mary (Jette) Weedman**. Survivors include a daughter, **Samana Weedman**; a son, **Shaun Weedman**; a step-daughter, **Trisha Jenkins** all of Bayview, Mich.; a step-granddaughter, **Isabelle**; his mother, **Mary Weedman** of Columbus; two sisters, **Linda (Bob "Shep") Shepard** and **Mary Beth (John) Nehmer** both of Columbus; four brothers, **Jerry (Katie)** of Wautoma, **Bryan** of Rio, **Jim** of Thiensville, and **Pat** of Columbus; nieces, nephews, other relatives and close friends. He was preceded in death by his father, **Verne** in 2000; and one brother, **Thomas** in 1987. A private family interment was in St. Jerome Cemetery, Columbus.

His lineage: Michael R. Weedman⁸, Luverne Coy Weedman⁷, Earl Elmore Weedman⁶, Henry Linas Weedman⁵, Asa Weedman⁴, John Huhn Weedman, Sr.³, George Weedman², and Christian Weedman, Sr.¹.

Weedman Family DNA Project

There have been no new participants to report in the Weedman Family DNA project. We want to outline some short term objectives and discuss how we might make some progress toward those goals.

Our goals are to:

- build a base of participants among the descendants of Christian Weedman, Sr. to have statistically significant results to permit tracing our ancestral lines in the future.
- obtain one or more participants among descendants of Bernard Wiedeman to be able to prove a relationship with Philip Weedman

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Please advise the Editor if you are aware of a family death. We will publish the obituary if one can be located.

(believed to have been brothers). Philip is the progenitor of what we refer to as the Florida Weedman line.

- obtain participation among the descendants of the three or four Swedish Weedman lines. There are no participants in these family lines.
- try to open a dialogue with those researching the Widman(n) family lines from Germany with the ultimate goal of having participation in DNA testing to determine the relationship that the Weedman family lines may have.

It would be helpful to obtain participation in DNA testing beyond the current descendants of Chistian Weedman, Sr. Currently, we have two tests from the line of Christian Weedman, Jr. and one from Jacob Weedman. We are seeking participants from descendants of George Weedman and of John Weedman; sons of Christian, Jr. Expanding the base of participation will provide greater confidence in our test conclusions.

We have a single participant from the Florida Weedman line and more would build confidence for future use. We will seek a descendant from Bernard Wiedeman and will subsidize a DNA test if a candidate can be found.

Similarly, in order to gain some results from the Swedish lines, we will subsidize DNA testing to obtain a sample from each of the known lines of that family.

Finally, we will seek to use the services of Robert Widmann of New York City and Don Weedman of Montpellier, France to see if we can open a dialogue with German researchers on the Widman(n) families there. We will have a small fund to subsidize some DNA testing and to support dialogue with potential German researchers.

DNA testing is a scientific way to provide clues to relationships and family ancestral lines.

Social Security Death Index Weedman Entries for 2009

<i>Name</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>	<i>Date of Death</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Note</i>
Weedman, Barbara Lou	4 Jul 1945	3 Aug 2009	St. Augustine, St. Johns Co., FL	3
Weedman, Bertha Elizabeth	20 Aug 1914	11 Jan 2009	Red Oak, Ellis Co., TX	1
Weedman, Michael R.	15 Jul 1959	23 Apr 2009	Columbus, WI	4
Weedman, Mervin B.	12 Oct 1932	17 Jul 2009	Melbourne, Brevard Co., FL	3
Weedman, Luetta L.	11 Feb 1916	3 Feb 2009	Madison, Davidson Co., TN	2
Weedman, Roy L.	14 Aug 1916	10 May 2009	Madison, Davidson Co., TN	2
Weedman, Bernice L.	16 Aug 1918	18 Mar 2009	Missoula, Missoula Co., MT	2
Weedman, Dennis Donald	22 Jan 1945	20 Jun 2009	Sanborn, Redwood Co., MN	3
Weedman, Bonnie M.	22 Nov 1917	4 Mar 2009	Washington	2
Weedman, Roy Milton	16 Sep 1934	18 Sep 2009	Charlotte, Mecklenburg Co., NC	4

Note: obituaries were published this year as follows: 1 = Spring 2009; 2 = Summer 2009; 3 = Fall 2009; and 4 = Winter 2009 (this issue).

Unlike most years we have published similar lists, we have been able to identify each of those who passed away. This information is not complete for 2009. The Social Security Administration advises the data is current for that received through December 14, 2009. We know there was at least one other family death in 2009 (see obituaries in this issue). We will update the list in the Spring 2010 issue. Our sympathies are extended to close family members who experienced the losses.