

Sweetland/Swetland Lore #42

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SFA President's Message

Hi! We arrived home from Florida on May 1, 2007. Things have been hectic since we have gotten home. We've had three church meetings, and I attended the church men's breakfast. I worked the election board. I am mowing my yard, the church yard and my mother's 3 acres around the pond. We've had to work with the family to get my mother into a nursing home, catch up on mail, attend a funeral of a friend, make reservations for my sister's wedding in June, get the cabin ready for Memorial Day, along with all the other things like groceries, laundry and trying to see the

grandchildren (they had to come to see us) and Priscilla has been following up on some reunion issues. We still have a financial advisor and dentist appointments and must mow the lawns again by the end of the month.

As for the reunion, we have only 10 to 12 reservations so far. If you plan to attend, I urge you to get your reservations in and set up your room reservations to get the discount. Mention the Swetland Family Reunion to get the discount.

Priscilla has contacted the lady who owns Dr. Benjamin's Swetland home and it is

okay with her for us to stop by to get pictures of it and walk up to the house to inspect the stones. She has contacted the man who works the American Legion and will need to have a member count for Friday's meal. She also sent a reply to the speakers and is waiting for answers.

We would like to have your reservations in as soon as possible so that we know it is feasible to have a reunion this year. If not, we must contact the hotel and get a refund as well as contact the other parties to let them know where we stand.

Roger E. Swetland

Final Issue of Sweetland/Swetland Lore?

No one would have predicted in 1986 that I would be writing or even living in June 2007. I passed my 85th birthday last August 15th. It is now time for another SFA member to produce S/S Lore in future years.

Please realize that if no one steps forward to be the editor, you are reading the final issue of S/S Lore. I have produced 60 issues since the first in early 1987. Are you willing to see this newsletter disappear?

If only I had the energy and health to produce S/S Lore a few years more! Regrettably I recognize that I cannot continue as editor. If you take over, you will be the glue that holds us together.

Another Swetland Earns a Patent

SFA Treasurer's Report

It may come as no surprise to many of you that Sw(e)e(a)tlands are industrious folk. And once a Sw(e)e(a)tland gets his or her mind set on something, it is hard to deter them from it. So it is that several Sw(e)e(a)tlands have made their mark on the world and possibly on your life as well.

In 1923 Ernest John Sweetland patented the first replaceable automobile oil filter. He had set his mind to find a better and easier way to filter the oil in the new automobiles that were emerging. He recognized the need for the filtration of the oil from all the dust and dirt they kicked up. Remember they did not have asphalt roads then. His wife would ask him to separate himself from his work and go on a picnic with the family. However, whilst driving to a nice location for a picnic, Ernest would be thinking about his oil, even to the point of changing the oil and inspecting it while his family frolicked at the picnic. He did discover what he found to be an easier and better solution. He nicknamed it Purolator, from the words "Pure-oil-later." Ernst licensed his patent to the Motor Improvements Company in NY which later renamed the company to Purolator Products Inc. These filters quickly became standard on all automobiles built by Chrysler, and later on by a variety of other auto and tractor manufacturers as well. See more at <http://www.pureoil.com/> and then click on Company Info and then History.

In 1999 Byron Swetland and his wife Melody patented a bubble solution that glows under UV or "black light." The intent of these bubbles is for entertainment and decoration. Byron and his wife experimented at home trying to come up with the right solution. Byron is not a chemist and never went to

college. But once he had the idea in his head, he stayed hot on the course. His bubble solution is so unique that several large industrial chemical companies applauded him for his discovering the right solution when they and their chemists could not. See this product and more about it at <http://www.teknobubbles.com/>

Now one more has laid claim to a US patent, Jamie R. Swetland. His patent is for a Vertical Justification System for mail handling automation. As always, there is more than one way to solve a problem. Some are more complex and some are more simple. Jamie's patent takes the simple approach. The general problem is in automation equipment designed to separate, transport and sort flat articles such as letter mail, magazine mail, and more, these can become skewed or ride high in the transport. This makes it difficult to impossible for other systems of the machinery to detect, read, barcode, or even sort these mail pieces in this orientation. Jamie's solution employs a soft rubber wheel mounted at a slight downward angle. When articles pass by the wheel, it gives a downward nudge thereby leveling or correcting the orientation of the mail piece. You may never see this device but it could have an impact on how soon and in what condition you receive your mail. Jamie has recently submitted two more patent inventions for patent review. It takes several years for the whole patent process to be complete but you may be seeing more patents with Jamie's name associated with them and a potential impact on your life. A basic description of this patent is available online at <http://www.freepatentsonline.com/7201369.html>. For more data on Sw(e)e(a)tland inventors do a web search next time you are online.

2006 through May 2007

2006 beginning balance	\$1274.07
Donations to General Fund	\$10.00
Expenses—Lores #37-40	\$242.77
New checks	\$12.80
Total Expenses	\$255.57
Scholarship Fund	\$455.00
General Fund	\$573.50

2007 Beginning balance	\$1028.50
Donations	
Scholarship Fund	\$145.00
Expenses	
Mailing Scholarship Letter and Rules	\$62.00
Scholarship Award	\$250.00
Reunion Deposit to Days Inn	\$200.00
Envelopes & labels	\$28.64
Lore #41 costs	\$100.11
Total Expenses	\$640.75

Balance as of May 2007	\$532.75
Scholarship Fund	\$350.00
General fund	\$182.75

This report is before checks deposited for those attending the 2007 reunion.

Luke & Hannah Descendant

Gayle Thorp Baar is a descendant of Luke and Hannah Swetland. He is also researching

Colonial America: Backus, Baker, Bridge, Culver, Davis, Easton, Evans, Fairbanks, Fisher, Gay, Hall, Holbridge, Hopkins, Hughes, Lee, Payne (Paine), Pettebone (Pettibone), Read, Sabin, Shaw, Snow, Stephens, Swetland, Tiffany, Watson, Whitaker, Woodruff

England: Gibbons, Morrell, Thorpe
Ireland: Ladburner, Hutton, Ignew, Miller, Starkey

Scotland: Anderson, Arnott, Mackie, Watson

Wales: Davies, Evans, and others

2007 Sweetland/Swetland Family Association Reunion and A Letter From the Past

S/S Lore #40 and #41 gave information on the 2007 reunion. You can still let them know if you will speak at our reunion or if you will take photos. We want to have everyone's picture taken or family group photo along with the names of all. This is to preserve history for the generations to come.

The 2007 reunion meets on July 20th and 21st in Brocton, NY. Most will be staying at the Days Inn in Dunkirk, NY. Phone at (716) 673-1351. Rates are \$80.75 per night with 11% tax. They are holding a block of 10 non-smoking standard double rooms for us. Be sure to tell them you are with the Swetland Family. They have a fantastic continental breakfast there. You can make your own waffles with all the great toppings to go with it, along with an assortment of cereals, fruits, pastries, etc.

Friday we will drive by the house that Dr. B. S. Swetland built. We have permission from the present owner to take pictures of the house. We will visit the cemetery in Portland where several Swetlands are buried, both the old part and a newer part. From there we will go to the American Legion for supper. All are within a few miles of each other. The motel is about 8 miles away.

Sue Chadwick, daughter of Ray Swetland whose grave we will see, knows the area and is an excellent person to tell us about Brocton and Dunkirk.

Saturday our meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. A speaker is coming to talk to us about Brocton, Dr. B. S. Swetland and the history of the area. Raymond Miller has also agreed to talk.

After lunch we will hold election of officers for the next two years. If you will serve as an officer, please speak up. We need volunteers to plan the 2009 reunion. We have new people coming who are anxious to meet you. Please bring all the family data you have and share this with them.

This summarizes the plans to date. Roger and Priscilla will issue to all an update with the latest news for the reunion. Contact Roger E. Swetland, President, phone (570) 934-2187. E-mail: rpswetland@epix.net.

How We Began

While sorting through old papers, the letter that Bob Wright wrote me on July 10, 1985 brought back memories. We had exchanged letters through Gladys Swetland. The Wright and Dildine families had come down to Mills to see Gladys regularly during the summers. Bob wrote, "Here is the information about the branch of our family as complete as we have it. Unfortunately we have lost track of Uncle Harmie's daughter. I believe he lived all of his life in Michigan. I do not recall ever seeing him. I remember his wife but not his daughter. One of my sisters had an address for her in Michigan. I wrote her but the letter was returned. I then called the city, Lincoln Park, but the company has no listing for them. I know they have children and, possibly, when they were grown, they moved to a retirement area.

I do not know the date of birth and death of my grandmother and not even the birth or death of my grandfather. Guess I

became interested in this sort of thing a little too late. Being the youngest of six with 16 years between Crystal and me meant those who knew these things are long gone.

We're quite close with Helen DeWolfe who is very close with Gladys Swetland in Mills. On Saturday the 20th Helen and some of my family are going to Mills for a picnic at Gladys's home. We've done this several times and always enjoy seeing her. She's 93 now and her brother Bob is 95. Your great aunt Kitt was 100 when she died so we have some hardy members in the family.

I'm wondering if you know anything about Mulford Swetland. Uncle Muff my mother used to call him. I believe he had one son but no one seems to know where he went.

I'm sorry our paths never crossed. I don't believe I ever saw your grandfather but my sister Crystal tells of the many Christmases when a box of dolls and toys came from him and "Aunt" Carrie. Your Aunt Ruth visited my parents several times, so I remember her but the rest of "Uncle" Roger's branch is a mystery to me. We should organize a Swetland reunion to get to know each other.

Sincerely,
Bob"

Bob's idea of a reunion matched mine. You know the result. Our first reunion was held in 1986. Looks like I will miss this year's reunion, the first I have not attended. As I tell everyone, "Don't get old." I am blessed that Jean remains much younger than I do so one of us is still fine.

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A New Editor Needed:
We need a volunteer to learn everything to take over as editor. Since I did, everyone can. Your present editor will help you learn if you don't wait too long.



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Emma Winter Harrison - Obituary

.WEBSTER: Tuesday, November 21, 2006, at age 90. Predeceased by her husband William W Harrison and son David W. Harrison. She is survived by her son, James H. (Shari) Harrison, daughter Trudy Harrison, grandchildren, Mark W. (Judy) Harrison, Robin (Corey) Ha, Ken (Kim) Stewart, great-grandson, Zachary W. Ha; sister, Gladys (Donald) Stein; brothers-in-law, D. Gordon Hollinger and Gene Kulp; nieces and nephews. Friends may call Friday, 4-7 PM, at the funeral chapel (1031 Ridge Road, Webster). Interment will be held privately in Mills, PA. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be directed to the Webster Arboretum Association, Inc., PO Box 782, Webster, NY 14580. Anthony Funeral & Cremation Chapels, 1031 Ridge Road, Webster 872-6380.

Future S/S Lore

Page I says that this is the last issue of S/S Lore. The newsletter is the main, and perhaps only, contact between our members and a primary reason we have been able to continue our reunions. Without the newsletter I suspect that we will also discontinue our reunions. As the end of page I says, the editor is the glue that holds the group together. More than anyone else, the editor knows who the members are and where they live. He is the one who receives stories of their families. You as the editor will have more contact with other members than anyone else. I assure you the job is rewarding. I have enjoyed the contacts with other family members. You are wonderful people. Let's pray that someone keeps S/S Lore going!

Fundraising Trip to Africa

Mark Harrison has told me about a trip that Carroll Wilcox, a co-worker of his, plans to take next year. Carroll has already made a commitment to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro at the end of February 2008. Each climber, in addition to the base cost, is to raise \$2500 in donations for the American Cancer Society. With the climb at the end of February 2008 they have less than a year now to raise the funds.

The goal is to raise \$100,000 by the entire group. In addition to individual fundraising efforts, the ACS hopes to have one minor and one major fundraising event each month for the remainder of the year for which they will sell tickets or something depending on the nature of the event.

When Carroll wrote, they al-

ready had 25 people including Carroll who have signed up to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro. In addition another 12 interested people are not yet signed up. You can read about it at <http://www.journeysofinspiration.com/>. They plan to get 40 climbers who have been affected by cancer. Carroll's picture is already on the website under Meet Those Who Are Involved.

Carroll adds that any amount short of his obligation of \$2500 has to come out of his pocket so he is understandably motivated to lessen that number. Donations should be sent to him made out to the American Cancer Society with "Carroll" and "Kili" in the memo line. Mail donations to Carroll at 140 Maple Ave., Rochester, NY 14609. ACS will acknowledge your donation.

Old Correspondence

Since 1985 I have saved and filed all genealogy correspondence and genealogy information that came my way, filed by name. The result is two full file drawers, one of each type. Jean has asked me for years why I keep all these papers. Now it is time to discard some of it.

During the past week I have reviewed the genealogy correspondence files. I have kept all letters dated after December 31, 2004, all genealogy data and all photographs. Anything not of these descriptions is now gone. That full file drawer is now only half full.

I am impressed by how much genealogy data you have sent me. Now I must decide where to file this data as my house continues to run out of space for papers. Have you a suggestion to pass on to me?