



The S/S Family Association Scholarship Award

Every two years the Sweetland/Swetland family association awards a scholarship to a deserving high school senior or recent graduate. Congratulations to Jessica Anderson, who achieved the award this year. (Please see her note in right sidebar.)

The actual dollar amount of the award may be small but the prestige is large. This year's award was \$250.00. Contributions to the scholarship fund are welcomed and may be made at any time. All donations go directly to the scholarship winner with no expenses involved. That's because volunteers form the Scholarship Committee which identifies family members to receive S/S Family Scholarships.



Dr. R. David Kryder

R. David "Dave" Kryder began to chair the Scholarship Committee in 2003 when Reunion President Roger Swetland sought a volunteer for that position. Dave Kryder graciously offered his services and continues to serve in that capacity.

Dave writes, "Family has always mattered to me. As the fourth among seven males, we 'boys' stuck together; we were **family!**" Those with Doug Sweetland's genealogy book can find Dave's immediate branch on page 310, beginning with him as 12.d in the book.

Following university and marriage, Dave and his wife, Patti, have lived and/or visited six of the seven continents. Their last relocation, to Green Valley Arizona, was their seventeenth move in 45 years!

Staying in contact with his immediate and extended family always ranks as a big priority for Dave Kryder. "That's one reason the work of the S/S Family Association is so important to me," he states.

"Oh? The S/S Scholarship Committee?" he asks. "Who else wants to give away Scholarship money? Yes, we are still seeking new members. Maybe you? Most of our work is done by e-mail and telephone. So if you REALLY DO WANT TO give away scholarship money, contact me at rdk11@cornell.edu or (520) 393-1783."

The Sw(e)e(a)tland Family Scholarship Award Process

- The Scholarship recipient must be a Sw(e)e(a)tland descendent
- Preference will be given to high school seniors or to applicants who are currently enrolled in any post-high school educational program.
- Scholarship Award winners are ineligible to re-apply in subsequent years

*Dear Sweetland Family,
Thank you so much
for awarding me the
honor of the Sweetland
Family Scholarship!
Every bit helps, especially at Cornell . . .*

*—Jessica Anderson
2007 Scholarship Winner*

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It's not too early for you, your child or grandchild to start thinking about a scholarship for 2009 if they are now in high school. So pass the word on!

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Scholarship Award (continued from page 1)

- Applications must include a letter of recommendation from a family member.
- Applications must be filed electronically to: rdk11@cornell.edu with a hard copy to follow by the US Postal Service or by an express mail service to:
R. David Kryder, Chairman, Sw(e)e(a)tlant Family Scholarship Committee
1036 North Paseo Iris
Country Club Estates
Green Valley, AZ 85614
(520) 393-1783
- All application materials must be received by the Committee by 1 March 2009.
- Applicant reunion attendance is not required. However, Applicants and their families are encouraged to attend.
- There is no specific application form. Rather each Applicant is free to submit those materials that they believe will present their achievements and their potential in the best light.
- The Scholarship award decision will be based on the Committee's understanding of each Applicant's scholastic achievements, athletic and related endeavors, interest in family genealogy, and exhibited leadership qualities. Applicants are free to submit whatever indicators they believe will show them best.

SFA President's Message —By Roger Swetland

Summer is gone and we had an enjoyable and successful reunion. We will hold the next one in 2009, probably in or near the New London, CT area. So keep this in the back of your minds—it's never too soon to plan.

Fall has come and with it, children are back to school. We offer a small scholarship to family members. Details may be found in this newsletter (p. 1-2) and may be referred to later on the website www.swetland.org. So set your goal of achievement to qualify for the scholarship. A little planning can go a long way.

As for the www.swetland.org website, it is available for Swetland, Sweatland and Sweetland use. It was set up, and is managed by, Jamie Swetland. Therefore the spelling of "Swetland" was used. I am sure Jamie would be equally pleased to accept and publish information of the other spellings. If we go back far enough we are all cousins.

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For those of you who have genealogy information that you don't know what to do with, the SFA has chosen to use the Allen County Library as a repository for family information. If you contact them, they will inform you what they will accept and how it should be assembled. Please see the article on page 3 for more information. Likewise, if you are looking for information, they have quite a bit on hand already, for your research help.

If you have newsworthy family information to share, send it to our SFA editor, Anne Kirby, so she can use it in the newsletter. Remember, this is YOUR newsletter!

Last of all, I would like to thank those who have sent donations toward the general and scholarship funds. These are appreciated by all and will keep newsletters coming and our future SFA striving for greater achievements.



View This Newsletter,
Past Issues and More at
SFA Website:
www.swetland.org

Wondering What to do With that Family Book or Those Journals?

The Allen County Library Holds Sweetland/Swetland Genealogy and Histories

By Anne Kirby

At the 1986 reunion, the Association members decided on a location to place Sweetland/Swetland family records, journals, books and other items we wished to preserve. Members expressed concern about previous records being destroyed in a flood, so we explored various options. Dr. Norman Bowers spoke on the stellar research collection housed at the Allen County Library in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. The Association members voted to place items there because of its safe location and the library's expertise in preserving the records.

More than 50,000 volumes in the library's Genealogy Center range from brief typescripts to well documented multi-volume works. A quick search of the online library catalog reveals 11 Sweetland holdings and 12 for Swetland. Books and documents from Association members now form part of the collection.

After my husband and I wrote my grandfather's history, we wondered what to do with his meticulous journals. Some had already burned in the Oakland, California firestorm, and the thirteen I had were saved because I was borrowing them from my uncle for writing the book. In addition to keeping these precious documents safe, we wanted all family members for generations to come to have access to my grandfather's writings. Storage in someone's basement or garage did not seem a wise solution. So I was happy to learn about the library at the reunion.

I wrote to the library to see if they were interested in having the journals, and they were. So I mailed them to their Genealogy Center (see address below) and wrote letters to my relatives, telling them where the journals are housed. The books soon appeared in the online card catalog.

My cousin and her husband, Ruthie and Chuck Reed, visited the library's Genealogy Center last fall. She wrote, "It is a huge space on one of the library's floors, with helpful people at the front desk who directed us (with a cart) to the appropriate shelf. Then we brought the journals back to a large room filled with many large library tables and copy machines. We photocopied everything you had sent there. They have devoted an enormous space to genealogy, and provide such a grand space to research and look through the materials. The facility is very devoted to the subject of family research, making it easy to do so, and they keep materials neat and orderly. I personally think you chose a great facility for The Sweetland Journals, and I was pleased to be able to make copies!"

Allen County Library Genealogy Center
900 Library Plaza
Ft. Wayne, IN 46802

www.acpl.lib.in.us/index.html

So if you wonder what to do with your family journals or books and wish to preserve them, know they would be in good company and in safe hands at the Allen County Library.

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Allen County Library Records To Be Digitized

Early this year the library made its splash on the genealogy scene when it announced a partnership to digitize records at the National Archives and Records Administration.

It also has agreements with the PA state archives, FamilySearch and other repositories. The library staff is currently deciding which records to start digitizing, so it will be some time before the images appear online. They will be available free at the library and for a fee on Footnote.com.

DISCOVERING FAMILY HISTORY

- **Old Letter Tells of William Harris Sweetland as Child Laborer in Marblehead, MA, in 1851**

“Your father said he was put to work in the shop [shoe factory] at six years of age making wax ends. Then at the age of 8 years he made a whole case of shoes, 72 pairs, and said he got \$2.00 for it and went home and gave it to his mother. Of course the uppers were all made, he only had to put the soles on; they were baby shoes. I tell you the children in those days did not have the snap they have now. I know that by my own experience.

“I had to get up at 5:00 in the morning. Grandpa and I worked in the same place. He would go to the barn, feed and curry the horse and harness her. I would put up our lunches and milk the cow, then we would eat breakfast, have to ride 3 1/2 miles to work and be on time promptly to go to work at 7 a.m., work until 6:00 p.m. A forelady walking back and forth to see we kept busy, we did not dare to talk to each other. Guess there were 40 or 50 girls working when I first started, and got \$3.50 per week for those long hours, including Saturday. The boss raised my wages until I got up to \$5.50 per week, sometimes we worked 3 hours overtime. We thought we got big pay, 10 cents an hour. What would they think now to have to work like that. Well, I am glad they do not have to” (L.M. [Chubbuck] Sweetland, 1924).

- **Searching Sideways**

Does your ancestor have a common name like George Washington? Searching for a common or famous name will result in thousands of “hits” that can take weeks or months to sift through. Instead try searching sideways. Searching for an in-law or spouse can cut down the time and provide leads where a brick wall lies. So the next time you’re stuck, try searching sideways (Terrie Washington-Routh, *Ancestry Weekly News*, 19 Mar 2007).

“The world is full of abundance and opportunity, but far too many people come to the fountain of life with a sieve instead of a tank car, . . . A tea-spoon instead of a steam shovel. They expect little and as a result they get little.”—

Ben Sweetland
(1888-1963)



Correction: In the September issue the caption names on p. 4 were reversed due to the editor’s error. It should read, “Michelle O’Quinn, left, and her mother, Sue Chadwick display quilt made by Sue’s great-grandmother . . .”

Please help Doug’s book’s accuracy and completeness by sending your family’s updates and new findings to:



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Matriarchal, as well as patriarchal, lines are welcomed.

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For scholarship fund for _____

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and ask to be placed on the S/S Lore email list.