



# SWEETLAND/SWETLAND LORE #48

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SWEETLAND/SWETLAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

### From Your SFA President, Roger Swetland

As the holiday season approaches and winter comes upon us, I think back to Luke Swetland, who volunteered at the age of 47 years to fight for our freedom. He fought with General George Washington at Trenton and Brandywine Battles and was part of the crossing of the Delaware River. The hardship and suffering that year was great.

Meanwhile his family was back at Forty-Fort, PA struggling with their neighbors to deter the Tories and Indians, which led to "The Battle of Wyoming." We can be thankful for his service and that of our other forefathers who have served. What they gave us should always be remembered and appreciated.

For anyone who is a direct descendant of Luke and may be interested in joining the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) or the SAR (Sons of the American Revolution), I have Mary Alice Swetland Crawford's and Marjorie Swetland Scott's application copies. They may be useful in documenting your lineage for application.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Joyous New Year.

### The Great File Purge

A new year often brings a yearning to organize and throw away old papers. Sharon DeBartolo Carmack shared helpful tips in *Family Tree Magazine*, January 2008.

When you're having trouble figuring out what papers to keep and what to toss, ask yourself these questions:

1. Could this item be a historical document in the future?
2. Will a future genealogist find this valuable to our family history?
3. Will it be hard to get another copy of this document if I should need it again after throwing away my copy?
4. Is the information in this document up-to-date?

If you answer yes to these questions, keep the paper.

If all no's, toss it or donate to a repository.



Crossing the Delaware River

#### Special points of interest

- ANCESTRAL SACRIFICES INSPIRE GRATITUDE
- WHAT PAPERS TO TOSS
- COLONISTS DIDN'T HAVE MICROWAVES
- TRY FAMILY RECIPES
- "MAX" NOYES OBITUARY
- REUNION'S COMING

#### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 1ST, 2009. SEE APPLICATION RULES IN THE SEPTEMBER 2008 ISSUE OF THIS NEWSLETTER, FOUND AT [www.swetland.org](http://www.swetland.org)**

#### Changing Addresses?

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## SFA Reunion 2009

By Jamie Swetland, Reunion Chairman

The plans for the 2009 SFA Reunion are firming up. You should start making your plans now to attend and mark those dates on your new 2009 calendars. The primary dates to mark are Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> of July and Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> of July. The location is New London, Connecticut.

Since most people tend to travel on Sundays to return to work on Mondays, we have, for the past several reunions, planned a few activities for the Friday afternoon. That said, and given the abundance of sites and activities in the area, you may wish to plan for the whole week before or after the reunion for your own personal vacation and family trip.

What can you expect from the coming family reunion? Well, of course, meeting and greeting your near and/or distant relations first and foremost. Additionally, you should expect to learn more about the Swe(e)/(a)tlands and other colonialist in the Connecticut area in the early days of America. Since New London was one of the first well-established seaports for trade, whaling, and privateering, and we have maritime ancestors, I'm trying to work in some discussions, presentations, and/or a maritime tour.

Here's our current agenda plan, which is subject to change slightly as details are firmied:

<b>Friday, 17 July</b>		<b>Saturday, 18 July</b>	
	Safe Travels and Journeys from your home location.	9:00A M	Meet and Greet in Conference Room (Radisson Inn – New London)
	Check-in and Settle-in at your accommodations.	9:15A M	Meeting comes to order and formal introductions made.
2:30 PM	Congregate at the lobby of the Radisson Inn, New London, CT	9:30 AM	Morning Discussion and Presentations (Volunteers Wanted)
3:00 PM	Visit to the Public Library of New London and Presentation on Genealogical Research	10:45 AM	Presentation of Scholarship Award
5:00 PM	Walk by the Joshua Hempstead house. A capitalizing entrepreneur of sorts, diarist, and a neighbor to Benjamin Swetland.	11:00 PM	Luncheon served in Conference Room
6:00 PM	Dine together at a local establishment (\$)	12:00 PM	Business Meeting & Election of Officers
7:30 PM	Stretch the legs after dinner for a walk through Ye Antientist Burial Ground to find Swe(e)/(a)tland headstones.	2:00 PM	Meeting adjourns and depart for possible maritime tour—details still being worked on. (?\$?)

We are working with the library to accommodate a tour of the library and a how-to presentation on performing genealogical studies from old manuscripts, records, newspapers, etc. Also, we may have a volunteer that will do some Swetland, Sweetland, Sweatland research and present what they have found.

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### SCENES FROM THE 2007 REUNION

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To register  
for the  
reunion, see  
form on the  
last page

Additionally, we are working with the local historical society on a tour or presentation on maritime life in the colonial and revolutionary times and how New London and its people contributed to and were affected by this flourishing seaport. We have research that reveals that a William Sweetland was the captain of the ship “James” and possibly more Sweetlands were nautical in nature. Were they only merchants or privateers? Privateer, you may ask? Think, handsomely paid and “legal” PIRATES !!! Argh !

Regarding the Joshua Hempstead House, Joshua was quite the early settler of New London. His roles varied from farmer to surveyor, carpenter, gravestone carver, trader, petty attorney, public official, and diarist; author of *Diary of Joshua Hempstead of New London, Connecticut* (see Wikipedia – Joshua Hempstead). He was also a neighbor to Benjamin Sweetland and wrote about him in his diary. We are trying to coordinate times for a tour or at least a walk by his home, which is the only remaining home to survive time and the fires lit by Benedict Arnold after Benedict had rejoined with England.

Ye Antientist Burial Ground is in the same general area and is the oldest Connecticut cemetery and home for several of our ancestors. We are working with the library and historical society to get records and possible locations of our ancestors.

The hotel we have chosen for our 2009 Reunion is the Radisson Inn in, New London, CT. It is the location where we will have our meeting and luncheon. We are still working on the menu for the luncheon but it should be a modest amount of food at, for today’s rates anyway, a reasonable price. If you have any special menu needs, please be sure to note that on your reunion form so we can make the hotel aware of your needs. You will see the rate for this year is \$26 per person for the reunion. This is to cover expenses for the meeting room, catering, taxes and gratuities, and is only \$1.00 more than the 2007 reunion.

Please mark you calendars, fill out your forms and send t in with appropriate payments, make your vacation plans, and make your hotel reservations. If you plan to stay at the Radisson Inn, be sure to tell them that you are with the Sweetland Family Association to receive our group discount. We want to make this the best reunion yet. So bring a friend or family member that may not come by themselves. We’d love to see as many new faces at this reunion as we have seen friendly favorites from past reunions.

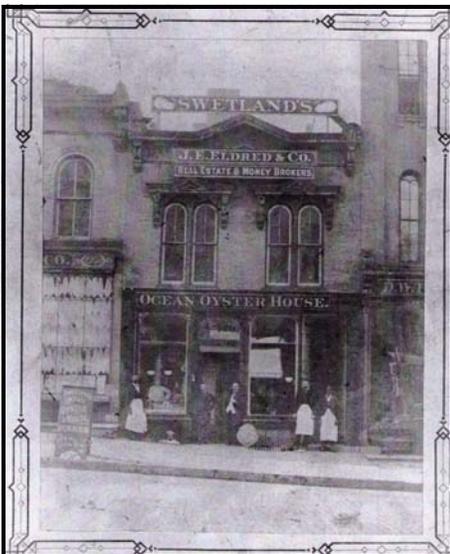
## Will You Be in the Picture for Reunion 2009 the Third Week in July?



A group photo of the first Swetland family reunion at Brocton, New York, likely arranged by Horace M. Swetland, a leading industrial publisher in New York, and presided over by Truman M. Swetland, a leading candy maker in Cleveland, Ohio. T.M. Swetland and wife, Carrie, are in the center of the first row.

In 2007, David Wightman Swetland, the grandson of Truman Monroe Swetland, pictured above, completed and published his autobiography entitled *Life and Times of David W. Swetland*. A talented writer and photographer, he describes his heritage, his interests, work and family in prose and pictures, including the above reunion photograph taken in September of 1896.

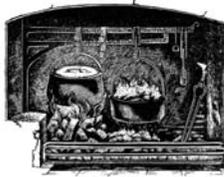
Another photo (at left) from Swetland's book shows the Ocean Oyster House, a restaurant owned by his grandfather, Truman Swetland in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Author David Swetland writes, "Oysters shipped from new York city, the oyster capital of that world at that time, were in great demand." Swetland explained that after moving many times, Truman and his wife finally traveled east to Cleveland in 1889, where "grandmother put her foot down and declared 'no more moves.'"



## Cooking in the Colonies

Holiday meals can be a good time to reflect on our heritage and help others to appreciate their ancestors. Families often prepare foods from recipes handed down from one generation to the next. Children gain a sense of continuity as people from their past come to life in their eyes (and palates) as they eat these favorites. Generations connect as families tell the stories of the people who developed the recipes, display old family photos on the table, or tell how these forbears prepared their meals.

People in the mid 1600's in the American Colonies cooked their meals over and in front of the open fire. The book, *Every Day Life in the Massachusetts Bay Colony* by George Francis Dow provides insights on Colonial meal preparation. Kettles hung from pot hooks on a crane over the fire. Meat roasted on an iron rod called a spit, and was evenly cooked by turning the meat over suspended over the fire by a line. Usually a child stayed at



Colonists wrapped potatoes and eggs in wet leaves or paper, and then covered them with hot coals to cook for a half hour or so until done. Bean porridge was a popular dish, often made in large quantities and considered to grow better with age, bringing about the old nursery rhyme about Bean or Pease Porridge “nine days old.”

At first, bread and other foods baked in a Dutch oven, a shallow cast-iron kettle with long legs and a cover with a raised edge. The cover was filled with live coals and the oven was suspended from a pot hook or stood in the hot coals. It was used for both baking and frying. Indian bannock, made from corn meal mixed with water and spread about an inch thick on a board was baked before the fire by setting it on an incline against a skillet, and when baked this was served as milk toast. Colonists planted corn three times a year to have enough.

Later, every well-built house contained a brick oven in the chimney. After heating the oven and then removing the coals and ashes with a broom of boughs, they put the food in: brown bread made from rye and Indian meal, drop cakes made with milk, eggs and wheat flour, beans, meat, potatoes, pies, and many other dishes. Several cooked together in the oven.

Baked pumpkin and milk was a favorite. After cutting a hole in the top and removing the seeds, they replaced the “lid” and baked the pumpkin. Then the colonists filled it with milk and ate it with a spoon. When emptied, they often used the shells as containers for balls of yarn, remnants of cloth and other small articles. They were good cooks as well as recyclers!

—Anne Kirby, editor



(For related recipes, see p. 6)



### Donation Form (Please make checks out to Swetland Family Association)

My name is \_\_\_\_\_  
Enclosed is my donation for the scholarship fund for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Send an e-mail to Mark Harrison at [mark@genesistems.com](mailto:mark@genesistems.com) and ask to be placed on the S/S Lore email list.

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## A Family Recipe from SFA Treasurer, Priscilla Swetland

In England, Yorkshire Pudding is a “must” with roast beef, and our English ancestors brought this recipe with them to New England where it is still a favorite. It isn’t really a pudding; it’s a bread. Before sending the recipe along, Priscilla made this for her family, to their delight.

### Yorkshire Pudding

1 cup flour  
1 cup milk  
dash of salt

2 eggs  
2 tablespoons meat drippings or Canola oil

Beat all ingredients until mixed well and pour in greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 375 for 45 minutes or 350 for 1 hour. Priscilla tells how to know when it’s done: “It will puff up with hills and valleys. When it turns light brown, it’s done. It will be dry.” Serve with gravy.



### The Editor’s Apple Dumplings

Colonists called these Pennsylvania Dutch Apples

1 C white flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
3½ Tablespoons solid shortening  
½ C milk  
4 small tart apples, such as Grannie Smith, cored and peeled, or 2 large apples cut in half  
1 Tablespoon sugar  
½ teaspoon cinnamon  
1 Tablespoon butter  
raisins, optional  
1 ¼ C water  
¾ C sugar  
1 teaspoon cinnamon

Mix together flour, baking powder and salt. Cut in shortening. Make a well in the center and pour in milk. Gently stir in milk until just mixed together. Form into ball, roll flat and cut into four squares.

Place 1 prepared apple on each square of dough.

Mix together the sugar, cinnamon, butter and raisins, if desired. Pour into hole of each apple where the core was. Bring together corners of dough at top of apple, sealing all seams together with a little water.

Boil together water, sugar and cinnamon. Pour over dumplings and bake about 1 hour in 350 degree oven, basting several times.



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#### Obituary

**Maxine (Max) Swetland Noyes**  
**March 1, 1919-July 31, 2008**  
**State College, Pennsylvania**

Born in New York to H. Ross and Jessie Miller Swetland, she married William G. Noyes, who survives, as well as daughter Debra Ann Noyes. She was an educator, ending her career at Penn State where she worked for the Athletic Department. In addition to enjoying golf and bridge, Max volunteered for many community organizations.

SFA treasurer Priscilla Swetland writes, “We are all going to miss Maxine. I believe the last reunion she was able to attend was in 1995 and she was such a delight to talk to. Whenever health would allow Bill and Max to attend our reunions, they came. Bill donated to the SFA scholarship fund in his wife’s memory.”

# Sweetland/Swetland Family Association 2009 Reunion

## Attendance Form

**My payment of \$26.00 per person for the luncheon and meeting is included, made payable to Swetland Family Association.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Total People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$26.00 = Total Money Sending in: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My name and the names of the other people attending with me are listed below.

\* Please print clearly the names(s) as you would like them to appear on name tags.

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### Additional Information to help us size our Reunion needs.

1. I/We would like to take photos at the reunion and share with the SFA for publication on the website and/or newsletters and/or memory albums.

Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Digital/Film \_\_\_\_\_

2. I/We will arrive on Friday in time to go to the events. Yes /No \_\_\_\_\_

3. I/We will be attending the Friday night meal and gathering.

Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

4. I/We will be interested in a guided maritime tour Saturday afternoon.

Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

5. I/We would like to be on the agenda to speak on Swe(e)/(a)tland ancestors or topics.

Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_ Person Presenting: \_\_\_\_\_

Person(s) or topic you will be speaking about? \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Suggestion: \_\_\_\_\_

\* A reunion map will be mailed to the person who fills out and sends in the form.

\* Please note that the money you are sending in covers Saturday's lunch ONLY.

\* You will be responsible for your supper on Friday night and IF we decide to attend a guided tour, then that may be an additional cost.

### *Please return form with appropriate payment to:*

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