

# ❖Sweetland/Swetland Lore #11❖

(Formerly Swetland Lore)

May 1999

## Come to the 1999 Reunion June 11-12 at the St. Elmo Hotel, Chautauqua, NY

**Y**ou still have time to sign up for the 1999 reunion. Send a check for \$27.00 for the meeting and \$26.95 for the cruise per person to Robin Leidhecker, 1380 Radio Club Road, Montoursville, PA 17754. Be sure your letter arrives before June 4th.

Our reunion will be in the St. Elmo Hotel, Chautauqua, NY. To reserve a room at the St. Elmo, phone 1-800-507-5005 and identify yourself as a member of the Sweetland/Swetland reunion. Ask for Patrice or Joreta Speck.

Latest count from Robin was 28 but 6 more names have just come in making it now 34. By the time this goes in the mail, more may have come in. Some are unable to come because school is still in session but, if you can make it, you will be warmly welcomed.

One member has asked if anyone is a member of one of the Mayflower descendant organizations. If you are, please let me know before June 7th so I can take this data to the reunion with me or bring the data with you.

The emphasis in this reunion will be on photography and computers in genealogy.

We will miss you if you don't come. Please don't disappoint us if it is at all possible to be with us at the St. Elmo Hotel. Remember -the cruise is 5:00 PM Friday and the meeting starts at 8:30 AM Saturday.



See article to the right.

## Do You Know This Man?

**H**ave you seen this man on the left before? This is another photo from your editor's hundreds of photos from both sides of his family, the Swetlands and Comptons.

I suspect he is from the Swetland line but believe he is not a Swetland. Who could he be? One of the dearest, sweetest women in my life was LaPette Doud Parks. Jim Parks was her first husband. I have never seen a photo of her husband.

Aunt Pette lost her first husband about 1890. He helped neighbors fight a fire during a cold winter night and caught pneumonia as a result. Just a few days he died from pneumonia.

I will have this 2-3/8" x 4-3/8" photo enlarged and send it to Gladys Swetland, still going strong at 107, to see if she recognizes this man. She may remember who he is. Gladys's 107th birthday was April 18th.

Received today a flyer recommending the use of human growth hormone secretagogues. The flyer suggests that using them may let us live to be 120 to 130 years old. Write me if you want to live this long and wish to know whom to contact.

Since I have been telling you the result of not identifying photos, how many of you have identified all your family pictures? Sad to say I have not done this myself. Soon I must do this as I am the last person alive who can identify some of the pictures. My sisters know some I am not sure of so between the three of us we may be able to identify all the pictures I now have. Wish us the time and good fortune to do the job.

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## This and That

### Belle Sweetland

Lee Swetland of Lincoln, NE has learned of another Sweetland, one unlisted in Doug's book. JoAnn Mayhugh at the bank where Lee has a safe deposit box mentioned to him that her grandmother was Belle Sweetland Nichols. Lee has no more data on Belle so I have written to JoAnn Mayhugh, asking her to send as much data as she can. Many times a mention like this means that the person has little data other than a name. You will learn the results if more data comes in.

### Paul Carman

At the 1995 reunion we believe we met Paul Carman, son of Bob and Lucile Swetland Carman. Paul had grown up in India where his father was a medical missionary doctor.

Last year the Carmans moved to Bloomington, IN and Paul moved also. He had his own apartment. In early August he was missed and nothing more was learned of him until February this year. It was discovered that he had died.

Lucile sent a letter which told the story of the discovery of his body, a story that sounds as though written by a novelist. The letter included a moving poem written by his cousin, Peter J. B. Carman.

Paul will be missed by his family and friends but thankfully the mystery of what happened to him no longer exists. Yes, it is sad to learn of his death but how much better not to wonder forever.

It is hard to read Lucile's letter without having tears come to one's eyes. The SFA is lessened by his passing. Our prayers and sympathy go to Lucile and Bob.

### Surprise! Surprise!

S/S Lore #11 comes a short time after #10, sooner than expected. Since no follow up to the reunion notice is coming, this issue reminds us to come if at all possible. While we don't count the quality of a reunion by the number who come, we look forward to seeing all who come.

Secondly, the minutes of the 1999 reunion will go to all who receive S/S Lore rather than another issue of the newsletter in July.

Your editor has made these decisions. If you feel otherwise, tell him, Mark W. Swetland, 13 Raymond Road, Bluffton, SC 29910-4526, phone 843-705-5661, e-mail 73314.1634@compuserve.com, or fax number 843-705-5662.

If you want a July issue of the newsletter, please send me information for it. As a rule a request for data passes without a reply except for a few people who write to me regularly. It would be great to have more SFA members do the same.

### The Swetland / Sweetland / Sweatland Family in America 1560-1997

Many of you have a copy of Doug Sweetland's book but, if not, you should get one now! This is of tremendous help to me when family members write me.

However, not everything in the book is 100% correct. Some errors I made, some errors others made. To be useful all errors must be corrected. This is where I need the help of everyone who reads this newsletter.

I have offered to make a master copy of the book to collect the errors and additions that are necessary for a future version of the book. Several years will pass before we undertake the update of the book but we must do this, if only to make sure that no errors exist for future generations who use the book.

Already, Irwin Messick, Bob Swetland and Lois Franklin have provided corrections. Please do so also!

### Luke Swetland Book

**E**dward Merrifield's book, *Luke Swetland's Captivity and Rescue from the Indians*, has been reprinted in Lewisburg, PA in 1998. Price is \$8.95 but shipping may be extra. This is well done like a paperback. The front cover has a view of the Wyoming Valley.

Please direct all correspondence and orders to  
WENNAWOODS PUBLISHING  
RR 2 BOX 529C GOODMAN ROAD  
LEWISBURG, PA 17837  
TELEPHONE: 800-796-1702

Marjorie Scott learned of this book from "Borders" in Pittsburgh, PA and bought four copies. Borders is a national seller.

Marjorie has donated one copy to her D.A.R. Chapter's library and the other three copies are for her children. She has also put on a program for the D.A.R. based on this book. If anyone wishes a copy, contact Wennawoods.



## Fanny Sweetland Franklin

Lois Franklin of 3298 N. Valley Drive, Port Clinton, OH 43452 is an ardent and dedicated genealogist.

Her work includes contributions to the books -Zehrbach, Hauenstein and Schifferly Families of Ohio- published by Clerice Fisher of Richland, Washington. She wrote that "Genealogy is very interesting and exciting."

Her letter had several attachments with information on Sweetlands. Her husband, Fred Franklin, is the grandson of Fanny Sweetland and Rufus Franklin.

Lois has written that she has sixteen scrapbooks put together with histories, articles, clippings documents, pictures, etc., all on archival material on both sides of her family, having spent much time with older relatives, in court houses, libraries and cemeteries.

Lois has written biographies on both sides of her parents and has stories about her grandparents and great-grandparents. She was fortunate that her grandparents lived until she was in her 30s.

All her Franklin and Sweetland information is in a book for her son Craig Franklin. You will find Lois on page 361 of Doug's book.

Fanny Sweetland's father, Daniel Sweetland, Jr. was born May 24, 1821. Daniel, and his sons, Andrew, born Jan. 4 1843 and Marlyn, born Dec. 9, 1845 all served in the Union forces during the Civil War.

Lois sent excerpts from Rev. W. A. Keesy's book, *War as Viewed from the Ranks*. Ken Burns, who produced the Civil War series, says that this book is history from the bottom up. The book records both Daniel and Andrew Sweetland as Civil War vet-

erans. Among Lois's papers was data on Marlyn Sweetland. He was enrolled July 4, 1863 and mustered out July 25 1865. His description was age 18 yrs., 5 ft. 6 ins. tall, complex, dark, eyes, grey, hair, brown, born in Huron Co. Ohio and occupation farmer. According to the record he died March 9, 1932. His address at the time was Manchester, Tenn. He was receiving \$75.00 a month pension at that time.

Marlyn seems to have married twice, the first time to Adeline E. Cole, Dec. 28, 1875. They were divorced Nov. 27, 1897. Their children

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were Daniel L., born Sept 22, 1876, Bertha E. born Sept. 7, 1880, George T., born Oct. 6, 1882, Cordelia, born Mar. 9, 1885, Mary A., born Sept 7. 1888 and Emily E., born Feb. 25,

1893.

Marlyn married second Alice Simmons, Dec. 25, 1898. He and Alice had one child born Oct. 28, 1898 which, if true, was before their marriage.

Daniel, Jr.'s pension paper is dated June 4, 1898. On this he listed as his children, Andrew F., Julia L., Marlyn, Ella, and Anna He did no list either Frank or Fanny, twins

Daniel, Jr. was 40 years old when he enrolled Nov. 8, 1861 as a private in Company I. He was promoted to Corporal, Dec. 7, 1861 and to Sergeant, May 10, 1863.

Andrew Sweetland at 18 enrolled Dec. 20, 1861. He was wounded in July 1863 at Gettysburg, PA. On Jan. 10, 1864 he transferred to Company H, Vet Res Corps He was discharged Sep. 20, 1864

Andrew entered a Home Oct. 7, 1902 and died Apr. 24, 1927. His discharge papers were given to Howard J. Smith. His nearest relative was Mrs. L. V. Smith of Ohio.

## Luke and Anne Gilliland Swetland

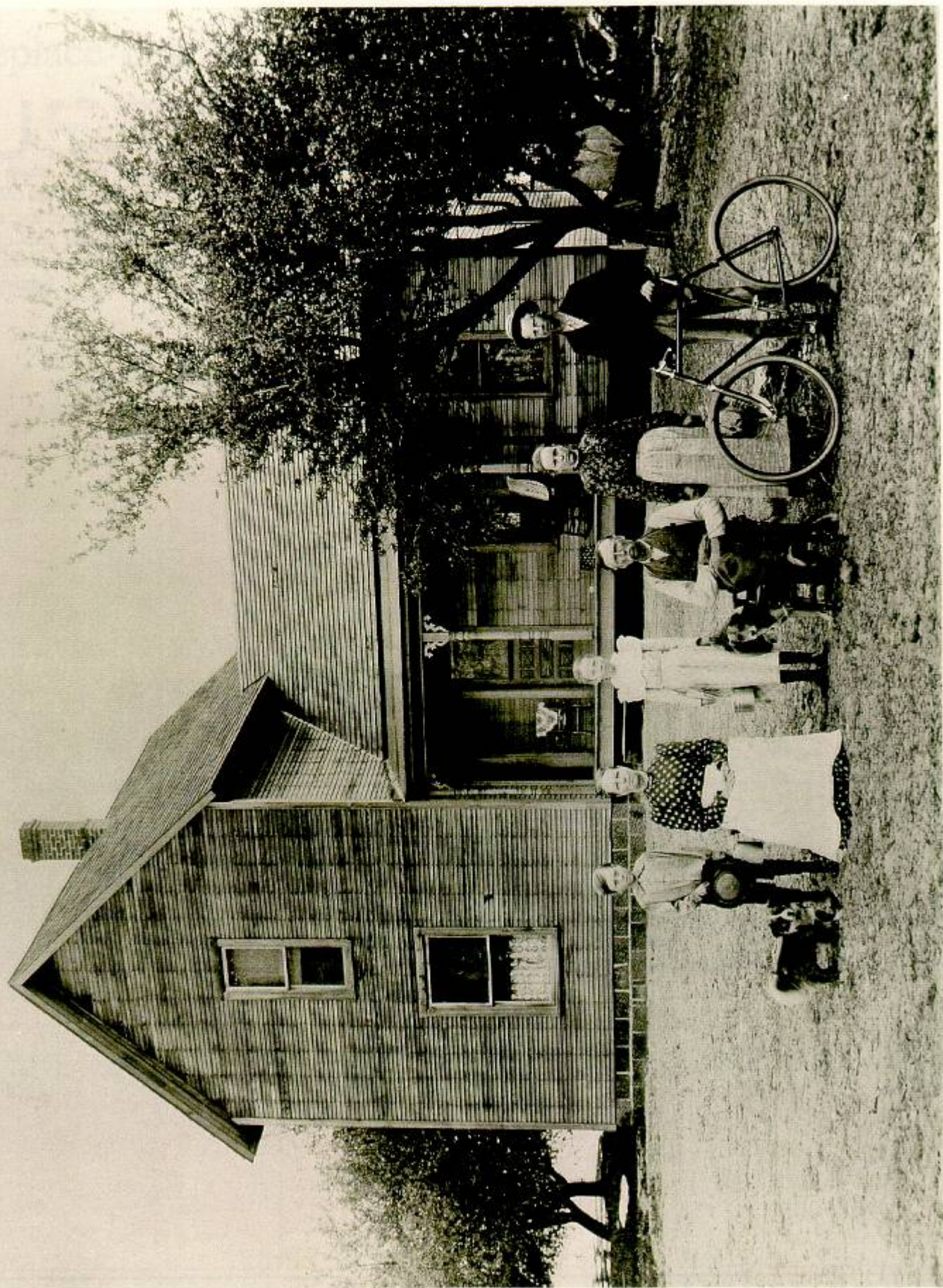
In S/S/ Lore #8 e-mail addresses appear that came from Bill Swetland, son of H. Robert Swetland of Montreal. One address was that of Anne Gilliland Swetland. Lee I. Swetland has since told me that Anne is the wife of his youngest son, Luke.

Luke has contacted me via the Internet and expects to be back in Lincoln, NE in June when he hopes to pick up the genealogy data that Margaret Pearson Swetland, his mother, had collected before her death last year.

Luke has promised to stay in touch and hopes to add to the genealogy work. Lee's children have produced more grandchildren to add to Margaret's data.

Lee's son Mark and his wife Donna Awakuni Swetland have a second son, born December 5, 1998. This young boy has the name Keali'i Takaru Mo'no'kuge. His first name is Hawaiian, an old ruler class name and a popular male hula singer in Hawaii. His second name is Okinawan Japanese and his third name is Omaha Indian in P'kesabe clan. Just another Swetland, you say.





The Rufus Franklin family near New Haven Ohio 1897-1900  
Lloyd, Fanny, (Sweetland), Zulah, Rufus, Arabelle, Fred