

President's Message by Jamie Swetland

The holiday season is upon us once more and with that we think of our families and get-togethers with one another. For this same reason it's time to mark your calendars for our next Swetland Family Association Reunion. July 20th and 21st 2012 are the dates to keep in mind. July 20th is planned to be an evening social event. So if you are planning to arrive during the day, unwind with your other SFA members at a relaxing dinner. Saturday, July 21st will be our official meeting. Bring your genealogical records, pictures, stories, etc. to share during the morning and learn interesting things from our guest speakers. After a nice luncheon, we will conduct our business meeting and announce this year's scholarship winner! If you or someone you know is going to college in 2012, or planning to, remember to apply for the SFA scholarship to help with the college expenses.

So, we know the date, but where will we be? Gettysburg, Pennsylvania! A block of rooms have been reserved under the name 'Sweetland' at the Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center (www.eisenhower.com) there. You may call to reserve you room at 717-334-8121. On Saturday we will use one of the conference rooms at the Eisenhower for our meeting so staying at the Eisenhower is convenient. If you prefer, there are a wide variety of other hotels in the area that you may wish to look into as well.

With this in mind I hope you enjoy the "sweet" articles in this newsletter and may they inspire you to become more interested in our history, family and country. Through the hustle and bustle of the holiday season may you enjoy all those who come to your door. And after things have calmed down, mark you calendar, make your reservations and prepare for your trip to the 2012 SFA Reunion. (Please see Reunion Attendance Form, p. 5.)

Swetlands with a Sweet Tooth Owned Candy and Ice Cream Shops

By Wayne Friedman

My wife's great-great uncle, Edwin Payson Swetland, son of Eli and Sophia (McGregory) Swetland, was born April 9, 1842 in Springfield, Mass. Eli was the son of Theopolis Swetland of Somers, Connecticut, who later moved to East Longmeadow, MA. Theopolis had 2 wives and 18 children. Edwin was one of 11 children of Eli's, and an older brother of Truman Monroe Swetland,

The Popular Sweet Shop



Shopping and After Theatre Luncheons

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273 Morrison St., Portland, Ore.

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who presided over the very first annual Swetland Family Reunion in 1896. Truman's wife, Carrie Raymond (Hamilton) Swetland, born & raised in Rochester, was a confectioner who opened and managed the Swetland Candies store in Cleveland, Ohio in the 1900's. Truman's grandson, David Wightman Swetland, chronicled the lives of Truman, his four sons, as well as himself in an autobiography called *Life and Times of David W. Swetland*, published in 2007 and highlighted previously by S/S Lore. However, not much was mentioned in the book about Truman's many siblings.

Edwin was raised both in Stark, NY, and Springfield, MA. At the age of 21, he married Laurestine (Laura) Huldah Quimby of Lyndon, Vermont. Laura's family was native to Vermont and of Scottish ancestry. Their two daughters, Lottie and Mamie F., died in childhood of scarlet fever and diphtheria in the 1860's. They also raised two sons – Louis E. Swetland (b. 9/17/1867) and Lot Quimby Swetland (b. 3/14/1870). Soon after Lot Q. was born, they traveled west to Rochester, NY, following many of Edwin's siblings – Truman, Ellen (Crowell), Norris, George, and Warren. Both Edwin and Laura were listed in the Rochester City Directory of 1872 as confectioners, along with Norris and Ellen (and her husband Henry), while Truman, Warren, and George registered as clerks. This penchant for business ownership and a sweet tooth carried on well beyond the New England area. Even though Norris B. Swetland (1837-1883) stayed and died in Rochester, NY (my wife's great-grandfather), the other siblings resided in Rochester for only three or four years.



Swetland's Sweet Shop in Portland, OR



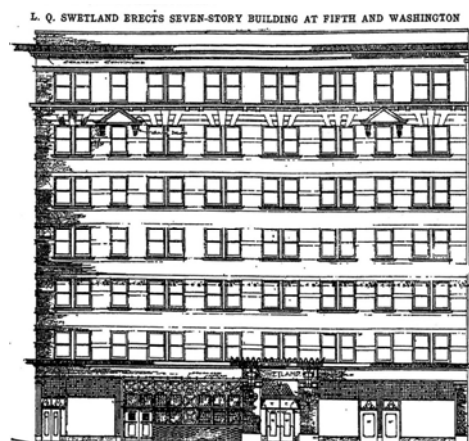
Sweet Shop Interior

In 1888, Edwin's family moved west, settling in Portland, Oregon. By 1890, the business of "Swetland and Son" was established with Edwin and his sons Louis and Lot Q. listed as a clerk at the same address, according to the Portland City Directory. Also known as "Swetland's, The Popular Sweet Shop," the business was well-established as an oft frequented downtown eatery by the turn of the century. In addition to his work with Swetland & Son, Lot Q. bought the Perkins Hotel in 1906, located at the corner of SW Fifth and Washington Street, just prior to the World's Fair arriving in Portland.

Lot Q. Swetland then built the 7-story Swetland Building adjacent to the hotel, the tallest "skyscraper" in Portland at that time. The Swetland's shop at 292 ½ Washington St. (originally at 273 Morrison St.) appears to have been located eventually in the new Swetland Building, which is still referred to as such. After it underwent a major renovation in 2005-2007, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in Oregon.

Many of the renovation photos correlate well with historic photographs and the architectural drawing shown at right. .

Edwin died prior to the 1920 U.S. Census, followed by Laura Q. in 1921. The Swetland & Son candy shop was owned by non-family members by 1927, and subsequently closed in 1928.



The L.Q. Swetland Building 5 Aug. 1906

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Luke Swetland's Revolutionary War Pension Records

War pension records provide fascinating reading. Luke Swetland's file encompasses 45 pages. Luke (1729-1823) is legendary among SFA members because of his harrowing experience of capture and imprisonment by the Indians for over a year during the Revolutionary War. A picture of his homestead in Forty Fort, PA, appears on the Homestead page of SFA website, www.swetland.org, which states the home "resides on the lands once owned by Luke Swetland, a Connecticut settler to the new Connecticut lands in Penn's Woods, Revolutionary War soldier and Indian captive."

The Revolutionary War Record itself gives vital information about Luke:

"Luke Swetland or Sweatland: Served under Captain Robert Durkee, Colonel John Durkee in Connecticut. On Sept 17, 1776, was captured by Indians and imprisoned from Aug. 1778 to Sept. 1779 when he escaped, joined an expedition against the Indians, under General Sullivan and served to end of War.

"Residence at enlistment: Enlisted in the Wyoming Valley, PA

Date of application for pension: April 27, 1818

Residence at date of application: Kingston, Luzerne Co, PA

Age at date of application: 88 yrs. and 11 mos.

Remarks: He died Jan 30, 1823.

In 1821, he referred to a grandson, name not stated. There is no further data relative to family."



Pension Application summarizes his service and states his need for assistance: Luke applied for his pension a month after the Revolutionary Claim Act went into effect on 18th March, 1818:

"State of Pennsylvania, Luzerne County

"On this twenty seventh day of April AD 1818, before me ... appears Luke Sweatland aged eighty eight years and eleven months resident in Kingston in the County of Luzerne ... That the said Luke Sweatland enlisted in the Wyoming Valley in the state of PA in the fall of 1776 in the company commanded by Captain Robert Durkhee of Col. John Durkee of the Connecticut line that he was taken prisoner by the Indians and succeeds his escape when Gen'l Sullivan entered the Indian Country, and joined his expedition and done duty therein till the close of the War and was discharged which discharge is now lost and that he received his lands from the United States for his service, that he was not in any battles ... And that he is in reduced circumstances and is in need of the Assistance of his Country for support—and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said services ... He acted as a pilot for the American army on that [Sullivan's] expedition."

Application for Continuance of the Pension Roll Lists Meager Possessions: In 1821 the government required a "schedule of his property" submitted to court. See page 4 for a copy of the handwritten list made in 1821 as found in the file. He stated, "Personal estate, the following articles to wit: 1 large Bible \$4.00; 1 small ditto \$1.00; 1 Testament; 1 Salme [Psalm] & Hymn Book \$.50; a number of other small Books \$5.00; 1 old Chest \$3.00; 1 pail \$.40; 6 Kitchen Chairs \$3.00; 1 old Silver Watch \$10.00; 1 pr. Hand Irons \$2.00; 1 pr. Tongs \$1.00; a few old Castings \$4.00; 10 Dollars money. Total \$44.00. I am by Occupation a Farmer and am Ninety one Years of age- I have no family and reside with my Grandson-Luke Swetland 31st day of March A.D. 1821. (Original, next page)

The 1821 Handwritten List of Luke Swetland's Possessions
from War Record (see page 3 for transcription)

Real Estate None
Personal Estate, the following Articles, to wit

1 large Bible	\$4.00
1 small ditto	1.00
1 Testament	1.40
1 Salmon & Gumbo Book	1.50
a number of other small Books	5.00
1 Old Chest	3.00
1 pair	1.40
6 Kitchen Chairs	3.00
1 Old Silver Watch	10.00
1 p ^r hand Irons	2.00
1 p ^r Tongs	1.00
a few Old Castings	4.00
10 Dollars money	10.00
	Total \$44.30

I am by Occupation a Farmer
and am Ninety one Years of age - I have no
family and reside with my Grand Son -
Luke Swetland.

Sworn, declared & Subscribed
before me this 31st day of
March A. D. 1821.
David Scott



Ernestine Ester Swetland
May 31, 1930-Oct. 31, 2011

Ernestine, 81, wife of the late Stuart M. Swetland, and born in Tunkhannock, PA, died in Gettysburg, PA. She was a much loved wife, mother, grandmother and educator (Wyoming Co. Examiner).

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**Other Sweetlands/Swetlands
in Revolutionary War File:**

Ebenezer L. of Conn.

Aarron of Conn.

Arates of R.I.

Benjamins (2) of MA

John of Vermont

Nathan of MA

Stephen of Maine

William of MA

Ambrose of NY

Daniel of MA

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Enclosed is my donation for the newsletter fund \$ _____,
the general (reunion) fund \$ _____ and the scholarship fund \$ _____.

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Send an e-mail to Mark Harrison at Publisher@swetland.org
and ask to be placed on the S/S Lore email list.

MAIL TO:

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Sweetland/Swetland Family Association 2012 Reunion Attendance Form

My payment of \$25.00 per person for the luncheon and meeting is included, made payable to **Swetland Family Association**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Total People Attending: _____ X \$25.00 = 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.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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 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 Suggestions: _____

* 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 that may be an additional cost.

Please return form with appropriate payment to:

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