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SWEETLAND/SWETLAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

President's Message By Jamie Swetland

Hello friends and families. In this issue we have more reader-provided stories. These stories from you, our SFA family, are why we continue to bring you newsletters and reunions. It is the sharing spirit and the love for family, present and past, that keep our organization strong. So please, continue to write to us and send us your stories, pictures and memories to share with everyone.

It is spring time again. As flowers spring up and we plan for the coming summer, once again the gas prices are rising as well. This may be the reason we have not had anyone respond for this year's reunion. In the last newsletter, we provided a reunion registration form. This form is the means by which we can make final arrangements for our reunion venues. Without any forms or responses to our Treasurer, Priscilla Swetland, we are unable to properly prepare.

I fear we may have to postpone a SFA reunion until there is sufficient interest. I would like to see at least 20 attendees for a reunion, although even that number is small. We will send out a letter by the end of April to let everyone know if there will be a reunion at Gettysburg this year or not. In the meantime, please send in your forms or e-mails to our Treasurer letting us know if you are planning to attend. If you do not plan to attend, please send me a note letting me know why or tell me what would encourage you to attend a reunion in the future.

Prayers and Blessings to all,

Jamie Swetland

Sweetland/Swetland Family Association President

The SFA Reunion
May be Postponed
Unless Members
Express Interest
and Register.

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**Do You Have a Relative Who Served or is
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Newspapers Can Yield Surprises About Your Ancestors

Whether to provide important dates and events or to gain insight into the lives and times of ancestors, newspapers offer a lot to family historians, including a few surprises along the way. More and more newspaper archives appear online now than ever before. In the Logan Family History Center Newsletter, Michael John Neill provided the following tip:

“If your ancestor died during a time when there might have been an obituary or a death notice, search every paper that might have published something. For rural areas, consider all nearby newspapers, ones in the county seat, and perhaps ones in the nearest “large” town, which could be 40 or 50 miles away.”

Many states have websites for their historic newspapers, and these are searchable by the ancestor's last name. A newspaper directory featuring small town newspapers is found at <http://www.smalltownpapers.com>. A Colorado newspaper found at the site www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org yielded an 1892 story of my grand-uncle's 17th birthday party in Aspen and provided a clue about his birth date.

Sometimes newspaper clippings surface in boxes of relatives' keepsakes. One recently was found in Carson City by Nancy Sweetland, telling the sad story concerning the first marriage of my grandfather's brother, Edgar Harris Sweetland (1877-1938). The Dec.14, 2003 “Past Pages” column by Bill Dolan quoted an from article published 100 years earlier in 1903.



Edgar Harris Sweetland

"Some time ago Edgar Sweetland, a well known young man of this city, of steady habits, fell in love with an Indian girl, employed by a family in this city, Minnie Rubin, a girl who attracted attention wherever she went due to unusual beauty. Parents objected as did the law. They were married in San Francisco, but she died of a hemorrhage on the way home. It is a sad blow to a man who fought so hard to honor the woman he loved."

Uncle Ed later married Blanche Trottot in 1906, but she died after bearing their first child, Harry Edgar. Blanche's aunt, Cora Eugenia Ward, cared for the newborn baby from his birth. Ed and Cora later married and they gave birth to a daughter whom they named Blanche. Edgar was a well-respected citizen, a Spanish American War Veteran, and an engineer for the Highway Department in Nevada.

Many libraries archive microfilms of the local newspapers. As Dale Z. Kirby researched my grandfather's journals to write Ernest J. Sweetland's biography, he found references to newspaper articles which Ernest had written under a pen name in the *San Francisco Examiner*. A trip to the San Francisco Public Library's newspaper collection on microfilm yielded the long-forgotten articles.

Newspapers can provide just the clue needed to verify a family link. For example, Carolyn Hartman was unsure if Cora Thibault was indeed the wife of Elmer Chubbuck, nephew of our ancestor Louisa Marie Chubbuck Sweetland. Through Ancestry.com, I came upon an article in the Modesto, California Evening News of Feb. 16, 1918. It told of the brother of “Mrs. Elmer Chubbuck”, named

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Theodore Thibault, a soldier in WW I, who had just survived the sinking of the ship Tuscania. This clue verified the widow of Elmer was indeed Cora Thibault Chubbuck. Adding interest to her family history scrapbooks, Carolyn found the history and a picture of the WW I Tuscania on the Internet.

Newspapers, whether found in libraries or on the Internet can provide needed details as well as interesting stories which make the names, dates, and places come to life. —Anne (Sweetland) Kirby

Reader Discovers Swetland-Milton Bradley Connection Bradley's First Wife's Mother was a Swetland by Wayne Friedman

Line of Descent:

Isaac Swetland (1560 England)

John Swetland (1603 England)

William Swetland (1646 Salem, MA)

John Oliver Swetland Sr (1681 Salem, MA)

Joseph Swetland (1710 Lebanon, CT) [Luke Swetland's brother]

Israel Swetland (1736 Lebanon, CT)

Jacob Swetland (1768 Lebanon, CT) [Theophilus Swetland's brother, my wife's ancestry line]

Celinda Swetland (11/6/1793 Springfield, MA - 8/15/1856 Ludlow City, MA), wife of David Eaton (1791 - 1892)

Vilona Larue Eaton (2/8/1838 Ludlow City, MA - 3/13/1867 Springfield, MA)

-youngest child (out of 12) of Celinda and David Eaton

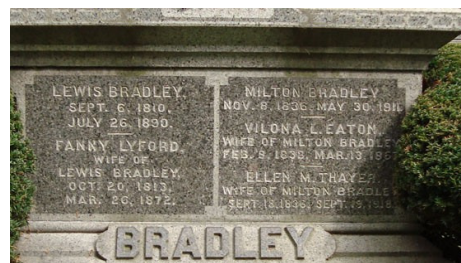
-1st wife **Milton Bradley** (11/18/1836 Vienna, ME - 5/30/1911 Springfield, MA)

-married 11/8/1860 in Boston, MA

-had no children

-Milton Bradley remarried 2 years after Vilona's death, and had 2 daughters - Florence and Lillian Alice

This makes Milton Bradley - the draftsman, lithographer, and eventually manufacturer of toys - the husband of my wife's, Tara's, second cousin thrice removed!



Vilona and Milton Bradley Headstone



Please Add Your Relatives to Our Armed Forces List

The SFA would like to compile an honor list of all those who serve or have served in the armed forces and have any variations of the last name Sweetland/Swetland. Even if you or your relative has been featured in a past issue of *Lore*, please submit him or her. Since past issues of *Lore* are included in the Swetland website, the information you send will be searchable by others online at the website, www.swetland.org. The list will appear in *Lore* and we may seek to have it stored in a permanent repository as well, depending on response.

Please include any of the following that you may know: **Name, Branch of Service, Rank, and Where they Served.** Send to Lore editor, Anne Kirby at 3482 Concomly Rd. South, Salem, OR 97306 or by e-mail to Editor@swetland.org.



Virginia M. Miller

Born in Monson, MA on Mar. 13, 1922

Departed on Jan. 27, 2012 and resided in Monson, MA

Virginia (Ginny) was the daughter of Robert and Amy (Swetland) Miller. She was raised in Monson and had lived in Louisiana for 45 years before returning to Monson in 1985.

Ginny sang in the choir at the Second Baptist Church in Palmer. She was a member of the Red Hats Society, of both the Palmer and Monson Senior Centers and of the Miller Memorial Park Association.

Virginia attended nearly every Swetland reunion, serving as a secretary for the reunions for a time and organizing two of the Massachusetts reunions. SFA Treasurer Priscilla Swetland reminisces, "I loved her dearly and what a great sense of humor she did have."

Virginia was preceded in death by twelve siblings and will be greatly missed.

Reader Response by Polly Swetland Jones

I enjoyed the articles about the Swetland's Candies. Truman was my great grandfather. (David was my father.) I did not know that Truman's wife, Carrie, had anything to do with the candy business, although her involvement doesn't surprise me. From all that I've heard, she was an exceptional woman, and her sons were devoted to her.

My father said that their four boys, Albert, Raymond, Frederick and Clarence, were tired of moving all over the country. When they got to Cleveland and set up Swetland's Candies, they had no intention of moving on. As successful as the store/soda shop was, the boys, now men, decided that it was better to be the landlords than lessees.

So they became land developers, and built the Park Building in 1903, a nine story office and retail space, on the site of the store. The odd thing is, the Swetlands didn't own all the land under the building until the 1990s. They were still paying rent for all those years!

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