



# Sweetland/Swetland Lore #62 Summer 2012

SWEETLAND/SWETLAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

## Don't Miss the SFA Gettysburg Reunion July 20-21 by Jamie Swetland,

We asked. You responded. We have had enough interest in a reunion this year that we will proceed as planned for the 20th and 21st of July. Please see the article below in this newsletter regarding the details and fill out the registration form on p. 5. You may wish to plan some activities several days before or after the reunion in order to enjoy all the things the area has to offer. Walk the paths of history of the Civil War in Gettysburg or enjoy a motorcycle show, if that is your thing, at the Carlisle Bike Fest. A water park and other fun parks are in Chocolate-town USA at Hershey and some great shopping and Amish heritage beckons in the nearby Lancaster area.

For the reunion, plan to bring your cameras, notebook, stories and excitement. This location should aid those who are attempting to research their Civil War ancestry. We are also planning a bus tour of the key sites in the Gettysburg history.

So, please, be sure to fill out and return the attached reunion form immediately and get your hotel reservations made now. And as the days draw closer you can plan your route and pack your bags to visit with your cousins.

### Notes for SFA Gettysburg Reunion Attendees

#### Reunion Deadline:

- **June 22nd** Registration for Bus Tour (Include with SFA Registration)
- **June 22th** Registration with SFA (See form on p. 5 of Newsletter)
- **June 22nd** Hotel Reservations with Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center, Phone (717) 334-8121, Website: [www.eisenhower.com](http://www.eisenhower.com). Tell them you are with the Swetland Family Association.

A map with driving directions will be sent to those signing up.

The welcome packet will be at the hotel from the town of Gettysburg that will contain a map of the area, information of things to see, post cards, etc. One per family will be provided. You may want to allow extra time for your vacation and see all the things that are available.

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## Gettysburg Reunion 2012



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The website to look up information on your ancestors who fought at Gettysburg and other battles is: <http://www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/>. At the top of the page click on "Soldiers." Put down the spelling of the last name where required and Union. Not all of the names that come up will be at Gettysburg, but you will see highlighted the battles they fought in.

Friday night we are to have supper at 5 o'clock at Dunlap's Restaurant and Bakery in the town. They will have a small room for us that will fit 35 people. If we have more people than that, other plans will be made. Their Friday night special is Fish Fry for \$9.99, but other meals are also available at a reasonable price. This way we can show you where you will meet the bus the next morning for your trip.

A bus trip is planned for Saturday morning, followed by lunch and our business meeting at the hotel. We are getting a group rate for the bus trip and the cost to each of you is: Children under 6 are free. Children 6 to 12 are \$15.00 each. Ages 13 through Adult is \$25.00 each. We have to have an **EXACT** count on this because the bus will be filled with others who make reservations. There will be no room for one extra. All reservations for the bus trip **MUST** be made by June 22nd. The bus trip will be 2 hours long with stops along the way and one for rest room use. We will have a guide to help tell you about the battle that took place.

### We Honor Our Veterans



**Lynn LaRue Sweetland Jr.** served in the Air Force during WW II. He flew a B25 and was awarded the "Distinguished Flying Cross." His rank when he left was 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant. He served in the Pacific. He passed away this year at the age of 94. —From Lynne Bradley

**George A. Miller** served in the Air Force for 30 years. He is the fourth child of Amy Swetland Miller and Robert Miller and I am his oldest child. —From Cynthia Miller

### 10 Steps for Finding Your Family Tree Online

From cemetery transcriptions to census records, millions of genealogy resources have been posted online in recent years, making the Internet a popular first stop in researching family roots. And with good reason. These steps are a blueprint for genealogy research on the internet.

- Step 1: Begin with Obituaries
- Step 2: Dig Into Death Indexes
- Step 3: Check Out the Cemetery
- Step 4: Locate Clues in the Census
- Step 5: Go On Location
- Step 6: Visit the Library
- Step 7: Search Message Boards
- Step 8: Ferret Out Family Trees
- Step 9: Search for Specialized Resources
- Step 10: Stop by the Subscription Sites

Read the full article for more details.

Source: "10 Steps for Finding Your Family Tree Online - A Blueprint for Genealogy Research on the Internet",  
By Kimberly Powell, About.com Guide



### Scott Swetland Wins 2012 SFA Scholarship

The Sweetland/Swetland Family Association congratulates this year's scholarship winner, Scott Swetland, pictured at left. His letter of appreciation follows:

Dear David Kryder and The Sw(e)a(t)land Family Association,

First of all, I would like to say thank you, not only for this scholarship, but also for the effort and time put in by Mr. Kryder and the rest of the committee members. You are all doing an amazing job and I really appreciate it. I am very happy and quite frankly honored to be the Swetland Family scholarship winner. I will be sure to put this scholarship to great use. I will use it to help my family afford college and its large expenses. I will be attending Florida State University starting in the summer. I will be pursuing a degree in Health Sciences. I am looking to become a physical therapist in the future. Again thank you so much for this scholarship. I greatly appreciate this and I will use it to appropriately assist in my college education.

—Scott Swetland



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### SWETLAND FAMILY ASSOC. TREASURER REPORT MAY 01, 2012

BALANCE AS OF MAY 01, 2011  
\$1866.69

DONATIONS:  
\$150.00 Scholarship Fund  
\$135.00 Lore Fund  
\$75.00 Reunion Fund

EXPENSES:  
\$142.68 Lore 58, 59, 60, 61  
\$100.00 Eisenhower Hotel & Conference Center  
(Deposit for Reunion in 2012)  
\$300.00 Scott Swetland-2012 Scholarship Winner

BALANCE AS OF MAY 01, 2012  
\$1684.01

\$800.00 Scholarship Fund  
\$ 710.43 Lore Fund  
\$173.00 Reunion Fund

Somewhere along the line I made a mistake and we have 58 cents more than I had figured. The correct balance is \$1684.01, just in case anyone is checking my math.

This is before reunion money is entered that I have received. —Priscilla Swetland, Treasurer

Thanks to all the SFA  
Officers who so Freely  
Donate their Time and  
Energy.

Please send  
comments, photos,  
and  
submissions to  
Lore Editor,  
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### Donation Form (Please make checks out to Swetland Family Association)

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

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

To save on newsletter expenses, you can arrange to have future newsletters  
emailed to you by simply doing the following:

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

#### MAIL TO:

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## Indexing the 1940 Census: You Can Help Too

by Anne Kirby

Each evening I enjoy serving as a volunteer as I index pages from the 1940 Census on my home computer. On recent evenings I've indexed census pages from Alaska, California, Massachusetts, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Indiana and others. As I see people listed as "Eskimo, Negro, White and Indian," I try to picture them and their lives at the time. Many would soon give their lives in WWII.

The photo at right by Hansel Mieth /Time & Life Pictures/Getty Images shows a "test census" in South Bend, Ind., summer of 1939, ahead of the full, national census taken in the spring of 1940.



On April 2, 2012, the National Archives released the digital images of the 1940 United States Federal Census after 72 years. These census images of 132 million people will be uploaded, indexed and made available for free on [Archives.com](http://Archives.com), [FindMyPast.com](http://FindMyPast.com), [The National Archives](http://The National Archives), and [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org).

Censuses provide valuable genealogical information. They pinpoint our ancestors in a particular time and place and show family relationships. In addition, some censuses provide interesting data on occupation, ethnicity, marital status, number of years married, and more. When searching for a person or family, I search for them in the oldest possible census they could have appeared in. Then I search each consecutive census. They were taken every ten years. This shows me changes over time, such as in family members, occupations and location. Some give the street and street number, so you can go and see the actual house they lived in, if it's still standing, or view it on Google Earth. The 1940 Census provides a valuable question: "Where did you live 5 years ago?"

Tens of millions of people living in the United States in 1940 are still living today, making this a record set that connects people with recent family records. The National Archives website reminds us that many of these individuals are part of what has been called the greatest generation. It states:

"These are people who:

- Survived the Great Depression
- Fought in the Second World War
- Innovated technology (TV, Microwave)
- Sacrificed in the name of freedom
- Practiced thrift and compassion
- Understood hard work and industry

"Unlike more recent censuses, the 1940 census was taken entirely by census enumerators going door to door and collecting information. If a person wasn't home when the census taker came, the census taker would make a return visit.

"To help with indexing, log on to the following site:

<https://the1940census.com/?gclid=CJu15-aH7K8CFaEJRQod6TZ60w>. Here you can download the free indexing software and join the other volunteers."

**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 by June 22nd.**

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

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

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

<b>Reunion Meeting &amp; Luncheon (\$25.00)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Number of Children &amp; Adults Attending</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(a) Meeting &amp; Lunch Cost</b>
<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>=</b>	
<b>Bus Tour Adult</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Number of Adults age 13 and above</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(b) Adult Bus Cost</b>
<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>=</b>	
<b>Bus Tour Children (\$15.00)</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Number of Children 6 – 12 years of age</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>(c) Child Bus Cost</b>
<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>=</b>	
<b>Total Amount of Check (Sum of Cost Column, a+b+c) =</b>				

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

3. 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? \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please note that the money you are sending in covers Saturday's luncheon & bus tour ONLY. You will be responsible for your dinner 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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