



Sweetland/Swetland Lore #69 Spring 2014

SWEETLAND/SWETLAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Don't Forget! The 2014 Reunion will be July 18 & 19 In Cortland and Freetown Corners, N.Y.

The Freetown Corners area of Cortland, New York is where Reunion Chair Nancy Graczyk's ancestors lived, including Aaron Swetland (1753-1819) born in Hebron CT, who enlisted as a Revolutionary War soldier. He eventually moved to Freetown, NY between 1803 and 1818 where he later died and is buried.

Lodging:

July 18 and 19, 2014 Cortland Ramada, 2 River Street, Cortland NY 13045 Call 607-756-4431 to reserve a room at the Cortland Ramada under the Swetland Reunion Block. **Rates** are \$109 for one night double occupancy OR \$119 for one night double occupancy AND breakfast buffet includes breakfast for two. Rooms must be reserved by June 18, 2014. There are also several other motels in the area.

Agenda:

Friday July 18, 2014

2:30 PM meet at the Ramada lobby to carpool to Freetown Corners to find out from Nancy Graczyk (4th great granddaughter of Aaron Swetland) where Aaron Swetland lived, find his grave at the Freetown Corners Cemetery, and learn about his family.

5:00PM return to Ramada.

6:00 PM meet for evening gathering and meal at Perkin's Restaurant in Cortland.

Saturday July 19, 2014

The meeting room (off the lobby) will be open early. Displays can be set up at any time.

9:00 AM in the meeting room, Nancy Graczyk will talk about Aaron Swetland and his role in the American Revolution. We will also reenact how Aaron Swetland came to Freetown. There will be other speakers.

Noon, the buffet lunch will be ready in the meeting room. Following lunch, the Swetland Family Association meeting will be held. See registration form on p. 2.

Scholarship Deadline March 15, 2014!

At our July 18 – 19, 2014 Family Reunion the Association will announce the **2014 SW(E)E(A)TLAND Family Scholarship Award** Recipient. Applicants are encouraged to attend the reunion in Cortland, NY, but are not required to attend. The SFA Scholarship Committee has extended the scholarship application deadline to March 15th in order for this reminder in Lore to go out before the deadline. The recipient of the \$300 scholarship will be notified on April 1st. If you know someone who qualifies, urge them to apply right away! The Scholarship is awarded to a Sw(e)e(a)tland descendant and each application requires a **letter of recommendation** from a family member.

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RENUNIONS:

“YOU MAY COME AS A STRANGER, BUT YOU WILL LEAVE AS A FRIEND.”
CAROL GREGOIRE,
SFA PRESIDENT

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Applicants must be enrolled in a post-high school educational program. No specific application form is required. Each applicant can submit materials to show themselves in the best light, such as evidence of outstanding scholastic achievement, athletic and other non-academic activities, genuine interest in our Family, and overall leadership traits. These characteristics can be shown by participation or leadership in home, church, community, and school activities.

Applications (file electronically; hard copy following) will be received until March 15, 2014.

Email to david.kryder@gmail.com and hard copy to Chairman R. David Kryder , Sw(e)e(a)tland Family Scholarship Committee, 1036 N. Paseo Iris, Green Valley, AZ 85614.

Questions for R. David Kryder: (520) 393-1783 .



Reunion Registration Form— Please Clip and Mail

My payment of \$27.00 per person for luncheon and renting the meeting room is included, made payable to Sweetland Family Association.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Total people attending X \$27.00 = total money sending in \$ _____

My name and the names of the other people attending with me are listed below. Please print clearly the name(s) as you would like them to appear on name tag.

Additional information to help us size our reunion needs:

1. I/We will be joining the carpool from the Cortland Ramada to Freetown Corners Friday afternoon.

yes/no _____ number attending _____

I will drive my car as part of the car pool. yes/no _____

E mail address or phone number _____

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

yes/no _____ number attending _____

3. I/We would like to be on the agenda to speak on Sweetland/Swetland ancestors or topics.

yes/no _____ person(s) of topic you will be speaking about _____

audio visual equipment needed _____

Please note that the money you are sending in covers Saturday's lunch and conference room rental only. You will be responsible for your supper on Friday evening as well as for making your room reservations.

Please return form with appropriate payment (Payable to Sweetland Family Association) to :

Priscilla Sweetland

Phone: 570-934-2187 (May through Nov)

4819 State Route 367

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First SFA Reunion, 1896

SFA President Carol Gregoire's Invitation to 2014 Reunion Will You Be in the Picture?

This summer our reunion will be in Cortland, NY on July 18-19. We hope to see many of you who haven't attended a reunion. For those of you who have, please tell your family members and invite them. I am so thankful my Aunt Tessie Dvorchak invited me as well as her sisters. The times I attended it was enjoyable to meet many of you and to spend time with my aunts. It was also very interesting to learn the history of the Sweetland/Swetlands and the stories of their lives.

Nancy Graczyk has planned a wonderful agenda and presentation. We are thankful to her for all the preparations she has made for lodging and meals. She is asking any of you to bring pictures, information or stories, including those related to the Sweetland/Swetlands in the Cortland/Freetown Corners, NY area.

I urge you to send the registration form as soon as possible to pay the cost of our Saturday meal and the meeting room. Hopefully you will join us on Friday for the excursion and the evening meal. Please answer the questions on your form. Friday will be an informal time to become acquainted with everyone and get to know "cousins." (Please see registration form on page 2.)

Remember, the Cortland Ramada has a deadline of June 18th for reservations, or you could stay at other motels in the area. In 2012 it was nice to be all together at the same motel and spend time with aunts and cousins. My daughter, Wendy, and I shared a room and so did my aunts and cousins. If you want to give a wonderful gift, you could pay the expenses for a family member. So I seriously encourage you to attend the reunion. You'll thoroughly enjoy everything.

To quote Mark Swetland again, "One thing we learn from reunions is that we come as strangers who are, perhaps, cousins but we leave as friends. At future reunions we come back to rejoin friends we have made, who may be related to us." So come join us this summer. You will come as a stranger and leave as a friend.

SWEETLAND/SWEETLAND FAMILY ASSOCIATION TREASURY REPORT FOR 2014

This report is bringing everyone up to date before the reunion. There has not been much activity since the last report after the last reunion, the reason for not doing it sooner. Plus in August 2013 I changed checking accounts within the same bank. We had decided to apply for a tax free account when I found out that it was in my name as "DBA" (doing business as). This means that if something happened to me the account would have gone into my estate and it would take some doing to get the money to our organization. I decided that I did not want that— hence the change.

BALANCE AS OF November 15, 2012
\$1694.03

DONATION:
\$150.00 Lore Fund

EXPENSES:
\$100.00 Ramada Cortland-Deposit for
2014 Reunion
\$176.90 Lore 64, 65, 66, 67, and 68

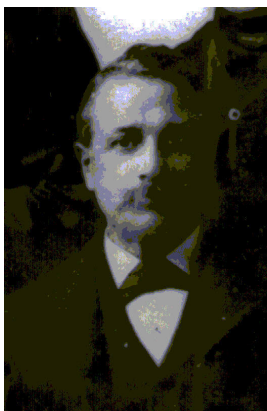
BALANCE AS OF January 24, 2014
\$1,567.13

\$833.76 Scholarship Fund
\$660.37 Lore Fund
\$73.00 Reunion Fund

PRISCILLA SWETLAND
SFA TREASURER



What's in a Name?



For years, I had wondered how my great-grandfather, pictured at left, got his name, William Harris Sweetland. He was born in 1803 in Marblehead, Massachusetts, the son of John Sweetland and Eliza J. Bassett. He married Louisa Marie Chubbuck, and they moved to Carson City, Nevada some time between 1877 and 1880, when my grandfather, Ernest John Sweetland, was born.

Marblehead's main occupations were fishing and shoemaking and William Harris Sweetland made and repaired shoes and boots. A newspaper in the Carson City newspaper on his wife's 83rd birthday states, "While he was in the East he had obtained a patent on his "shoe jack" which he made use of in his Carson shop, which was located at 102 [103] North Carson St., next door to A.E. Thompson's store. They lived in the rear of the building."

I was especially curious about my great grandfather's middle name, "Harris" and wondered if that provided a clue about an ancestor or other relative. One of my cousins said that sometimes children were named after the doctor who delivered them, and I did find that Harris families had lived in Marblehead. But the doctor idea didn't prove fruitful in this case.

However, on Ancestry.com I did locate a William Webber Harris, Jr. who married Jane Sweetland in 1812 in Marblehead. Further research showed that William Harris Sweetland's grandfather, Benjamin, had died in 1808 when his oldest child, John, was only six years old. Benjamin's widow, Jane Ashton Sweetland, had four children at the time, with the youngest age one. When her son John was eleven, she married William Harris and they had two children, Mary, christened in 1813; and Jane, christened in 1816.

Thirty-three years later, her son John named his youngest son after his stepfather, William Harris-- thus the William Harris Sweetland name for my great-grandfather. It seems to me that my 2nd great-grandfather John must have thought highly of his stepfather to name a son after him. He would have known his stepfather well, since William raised him from 1812 until John's marriage in 1827.

In solving the mystery about my great grandfather's name, I found his step grandfather and two step aunts as well as heart-warming evidence of gratitude in William Harris Sweetland's father John for the man who influenced his early life.

—Anne Kirby, editor



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