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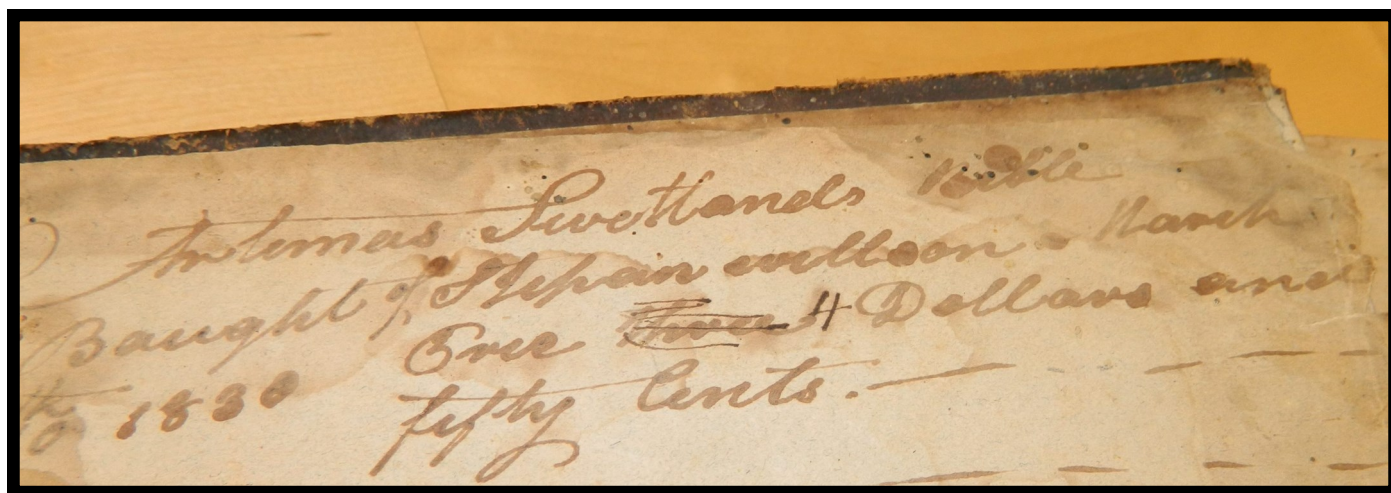
New SFA Member Shares Views of Swetland Ancestors' Old Family Bible

Do you have an old Bible in your possession, in which an ancestor recorded family events? Family Bibles usually had a blank "Records" second in the center, between the Old and New Testaments. There, a family member would fill in names and dates of births, marriages and deaths. Bibles are often a treasured source of vital information, or at least provide clues, especially if the Bible was printed before the events occurred.

Recently, Joyce A. Plis-Hickman contacted us and requested to be on the mailing list for this publication. She is a descendant of Luke Swetland, and traveled from California to North Dakota to see the old family Bible kept by her relative, Debra Hodny. Joyce sent the following letter, Bible photos, and a descendency list. We are indebted to her for sharing her findings and research with other SFA members in this issue. Following is her letter and photos of the Bible.

Hi -- I would like to receive copies of the Sweetland/Swetland Lore. My line is from the Luke Swetland, Joseph Swetland, Artemus Butler Swetland, and Artemus George Swetland branch of the family. I grew up in Minnesota close to the burial site of Artemus George at Detroit Lakes, MN. I am entering names but trying to be as careful and accurate as possible. I find the information very interesting. I have not published yet because there are still quite a few people yet to be entered. I've attached what I have entered so far. Most of the information is from the Swetland family bible that was given to my great-grandmother's sister and down to her descendants in Grand Forks, ND. I discovered Debra Hodny in internet searches and took a trip to Grand Forks to see the Bible. I've attached a couple of the pages taken with a cell phone. I look forward to the newsletters.

Joyce A. Plis-Hickman, Oakdale, California



Artemus Swetland's Bible

First page of Bible reads, "Artemus Swetlands Bible bought . . . March 10 1830 4 Dollars and fifty Cents."

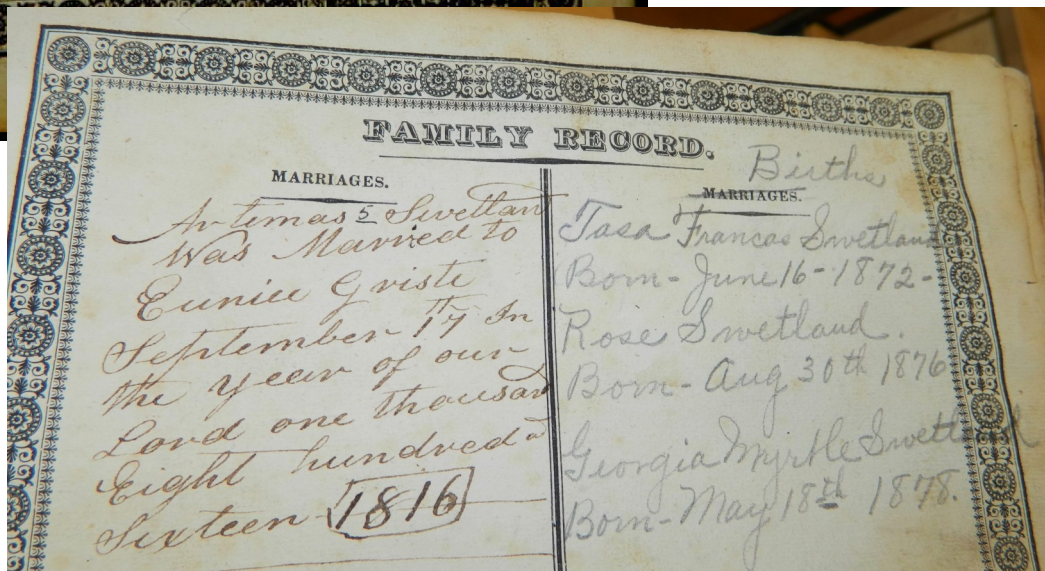


Family Bibles such as this one provide invaluable birth, death and marriage information. Birth dates may be calculated from death dates and ages by using an online calculator, such as <http://www.calculator.net/age-calculator.html>.

Left: Death records of:
 Juliann Sweetland
 28 February 1834
 Daniel Sweetland
 10 August 1847
 Eunice Sweetland
 9 October 1865
 Artemus Sweetland
 4 November 1869
 Matilla Sweetland
 27 September 1865
 Mary Amelia Sweetland
 13 April 1885
 Tasa Frances Sweetland
 2 July 1889
 Ruth Sweetland
 11 November 1895
 Artemus Sweetland
 30 Jan 1915
 Harriet Jane Sweetland
 4 November 1923

Right: Marriage
 Artemas Sweetland to Eunice
 Gristle 17 September 1816.

Births: Tasa Sweetland
 16 June 1872
 Rose Sweetland
 30 August 1876
 Georgia M. Sweetland
 18 May 1878



Visiting Churches and Other Buildings our Ancestors Knew

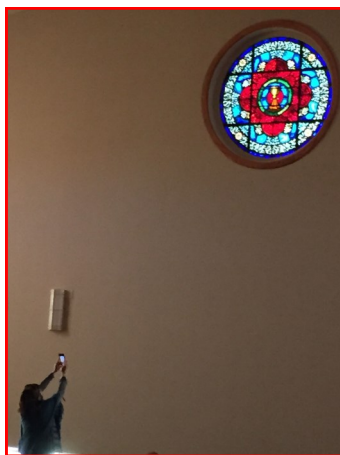
Anne Kirby

Buildings can enrich our connections with our ancestors whom we have never met. It's almost as if their presence can still be felt there so many years later. With the Internet we can sometimes find city directories with addresses for their homes, and with an online search for the town, photos of old school buildings and churches may pop up.

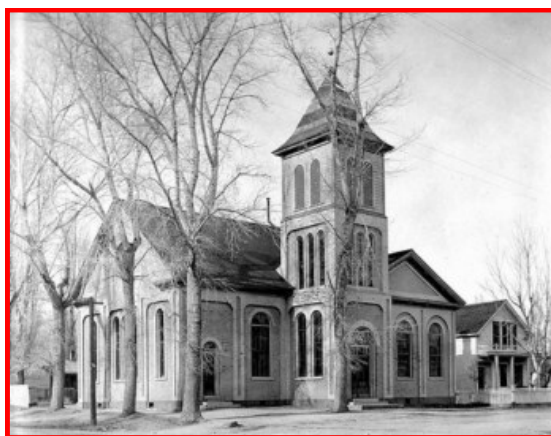
Several months ago, I thought it would be interesting to see a photo of the church my great-grandmother, Louisa Marie Chubbuck Sweetland attended in Carson City, Nevada. An old letter written by her daughter, Sarah "Sade" Sweetland, stated, "The children all attended Presbyterian Sunday school and Mother [Louisa M. Chubbuck Sweetland] was usually at the evening Church service."

Online I soon found a photo of the First Presbyterian Church which existed when my Sweetlands lived in Carson City. I shared that information with my cousin, Jane Sweetland, who lives in Nevada. She decided to visit her sister Peggy Sweetland, who works in Carson City, and Jane called ahead to the church to arrange for a visit. Peggy was amazed to learn that the church she drives by on her way to work each day is the very one that her great-grandmother Sweetland had attended with her children.

They found that the original church building is no longer in use because a newer one was built nearby. Nevertheless, the church secretary who had earlier talked with Jane on the phone, took her and Peggy inside the old church and let them see the beautiful stained glass windows and the pews where Louisa Marie "Manzy" had worshipped on Sunday evenings. Jane shared several photos with me, including this picture of how the church looked in 1880 when our grandfather, Ernest John Sweetland was baptized in Carson City, Peg photographing a round stained-glass window and three more exquisite windows behind the pews. Just viewing the pictures made it easy for me to imagine my great-grandmother sitting there as the setting sun illuminated the colored glass.



Peggy Reaches for a
Photo of Window



First Presbyterian Church on Musser
Street in Carson City, Nevada, about
1880



Sunlight Filters through
Stained-glass Windows

Have you enjoyed seeing buildings relevant to your relatives? Perhaps a barn, a house, a school, a church, a business? Please tell us who your relative is and what's in the picture. Share your photos with readers by sending them to Lore Editor Anne Kirby at anne.kirby9@gmail.com.

**Our Readers Respond to Article in Summer Issue,
"Ancestral Word-of-Mouth Stories: Fact or Fiction?"**

"Great research story, thank you!"

Mike Chapman
Orlando, Florida

"What a great format. Many kudos to those involved in putting together the new format and layout with past issues. I'm sure glad someone has the ability to do this as I know I don't. Keep up the good work."

Darryl Sweetland
Concord, California

"What a delightful story you have written about the search for pieces and parts of your family's history. I love your detective work...especially addressing the Tiny Tim part of it. Your article stands on its own as a testimony to your diligence in searching out your family history."

R. David Kryder
Green Valley, Arizona

SFA Notes Passing of Mike O'Connor



I'm sad to pass along the sad news that Mike O'Connor passed away on St Patrick's Day, Mar 17, 2015, from an acute heart attack. He died in my arms after 46 1/2 years of marriage. He will be missed by so many people, including the kids where he did substitute teaching. —Maureen O'Connor

Do you have interesting Sweetland/Swetland family information to share and be included in the next Lore such as an interesting story, a photo of an ancestor's home, people, a family heirloom, tools, etc., or comments on a previous story? Please send these to our editor, Anne Kirby (see contact information at right).

Thank you.

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