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THE FAMILY HISTORY NEWSLETTER FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF THE IMMIGRANT FROM SWEDEN IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY TO NEW SWEDEN (WILMINGTON), DELAWARE, ENCOMPASSING THE SURNAMES STIDHAM, STIDAM, STIDOM, STEDHAM, STEADHAM, AND STEDDOM, AMONG OTHERS.



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Note, Stidham* followed by an asterisk, refers to all spelling variations of the surname when speaking of Stidhams in general. This spelling is the most commonly used form of the name by Timen Stiddem's descendants today.

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from the editor's desk

On behalf of all the officers of the Timen Stiddem Society, let me say a big thank you to all the members and their families who attended our "Reunion of the Descendants of Timen Stiddem," in Wilmington this past August. It was truly a pleasure meeting many of you in person for the first time. It was also great to see several of the faces who were at our "First National Stidham* Family Reunion" held in Kentucky last year, back again for another get together this year.

Of course, it wouldn't have been the enriching experience it was without the help of the following organizations who went out of their way to make sure that our Stidham* family felt welcome: the Delaware Historical Society, the Old Swedes Foundation, the New Sweden Centre, and the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation. In addition, a special thanks goes out to Mayor Sills and his office, we appreciated his kind words in welcoming us to his city and proclaiming August 19, 2000 as "Dr. Timen Stiddem and His Descendants Day." Complete coverage of the reunion begins on page 4.

THE STIDHAM* FAMILY DNA STUDY

No doubt, some of you are growing weary of hearing me go on and on each issue about this Stidham* family DNA thing. Others are perhaps mildly interested seeing the report when finished, but not interested enough in taking part in the study themselves. Bear with me, a recap.

In the Spring 2000 issue, I proposed the idea of having a DNA study done on a group of interested Stidham*

The Front Cover Montage

Top left: Reunion attendees cross the street after touring the Historical Society of Delaware, to the Old Town Hall.

Top right: Dressed in period attire, Swedish Colonial Society Governor, Herb Rambo, gives a brief history lesson at "The Rocks," landing site of the first expedition in 1638.

Bottom left: Elliot, Rebekah, and Rachel, three of Grant and Christy Stidham's five children, enjoying the Saturday evening dinner. Grant (#DCM51) is the TSS treasurer.

Bottom right: Wilmington Mayor James H. Sills, Jr. receives a commemorative reunion T-shirt from TSS President, David Stiddem, after proclaiming August 19, 2000 as Timen Stiddem and His Descendants Day.

Center: Reunion attendees gather for a group photo in front of the Carl Milles statue in Fort Christina Park. The statue celebrates the New Sweden colony and is crowned by a small representation of the Kalmar Nyckel at sail.

males to determine—with scientific certainty—who was a descendant of Dr. Stiddem and who was not. This after learning about a new service called *MaleMatch™* which was promised to be made available later this year by the Oxford Ancestors Project of Oxford University in England.

The seed was sown.

On June 17th I mailed out a more detailed proposal to 80 qualifying male members who currently bear one of the Stidham* surnames. I followed that with e-mailings of the same proposal to other Stidham* males who had not received the first mailing for one reason or another.

In the Summer 2000 issue I noted the number of participants signed up to take part thus far. That number was six, including myself.

The seed didn't seem to be germinating as well as I'd hoped!

By early October I was losing faith in the ability of the Oxford Ancestors to get their *MaleMatch™* service off the ground any time soon, so I started searching the Internet for genealogy-related DNA labs who might also be offering this Y-chromosome matching service by now.

I came across a promising lead on the web site of another family association who was putting together a similar study for its members. The lab it had contracted with was called "Family Tree DNA," located in Houston, Texas. I immediately contacted them and negotiated a fee of \$199 per participant for our study, with the stipulation that I get at least 10 men to go together in our group.

I spent the weekend of October 7 and 8 on the phone contacting the five who had already expressed an interest in the study early on and got each of their approval of the \$199 fee per person. I then set about the task of trying to talk as many Stidhams* currently designated as "Associates" in our society, into joining our ground-breaking project. I thought this group would be especially eager to be involved in something like this because of the fact that we don't know where they tie into the family tree—if at all. This would give them an answer one way or the other—yes, or no.

To my surprise, most of them were really not that interested in knowing for sure whether they were descended from Timen Stiddem or not. However, three were: Two Stidhams and one Steadham. In the end, eleven men in all agreed to take part in this study.

In addition to the three unplaced Stidhams* mentioned above: Five Stidhams and one Stidam—all from the Adam line—are participating; two Steadhams from the Benedictus line are involved (one being myself); and one Stidham from the Lucas line is representing that

ancestor's descendants. It would have been better to have at least one more participant in Lucas line involved, but I couldn't find anyone else from that line to join in.

On October 16 I received a package with 11 test kits from Family Tree DNA. Two days later I sent out ten of these kits to each of the other participants, keeping one for myself. Each test kit consists of two cheek scrapers and two holding containers for shipping. The reason for two of each is to ensure a good collection of skin cells for analyzing from at least one of the collection samples. Their instructions insist we use them both.

As of this writing I've collected my own DNA samples and now await the return of those from the other ten study participants. When I have all 11 samples together, I'll ship them in one package to Family Tree DNA for analysis. They promise to send me results from the test approximately five weeks from the date they receive them.

In Issue 12, Winter 2000, a full report on the findings.

WHAT'S UP WITH THE BOOK?

Many of you have purchased in advance, a copy of the hardback version of Jack's book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1*. Some of you, multiple copies. No one is more anxious to get this book printed than Jack himself. Delays in receiving data back from one of the volunteer typists, plus carefully reading the numerous galley proofs already in has been the cause of the delay. Please be patient for just a while longer. When finished, it will all be worth it.

—Richard L. Steadham, Editor

CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

This quarter we have our first two contributors:

- Frances O. Allmond (#DCM146).....\$50
- Diane Steadham Elder (#DM254).....\$18

Those wishing to make a financial contribution to the society in order to help offset the many expenses we incur beyond the costs of the newsletter, are recognized here as "Contributing Members." If you are able to help and would like to contribute, please send your donation to: Grant J. Stidham, TSS Treasurer, 235 Taylor Avenue, Bellevue, KY 41073. Donations in any amount are welcome. Make your check payable to the Timen Stiddem Society and write "TSS Donation" on the memo line. *Thank you!*

The Reunion of the Descendants of Timen Stiddem

By Richard L. Steadham, Editor

The weekend of August 18-20, 2000 was the realization of a dream I had over a year-and-a-half ago: to hold a reunion of the Stidham* family at the site of our origin in America, Wilmington, Delaware. My only regret is that more members weren't there to enjoy the festivities along with those of us who were. A total of 62 people *did* make the journey though and a complete list of their names are found on page 13.

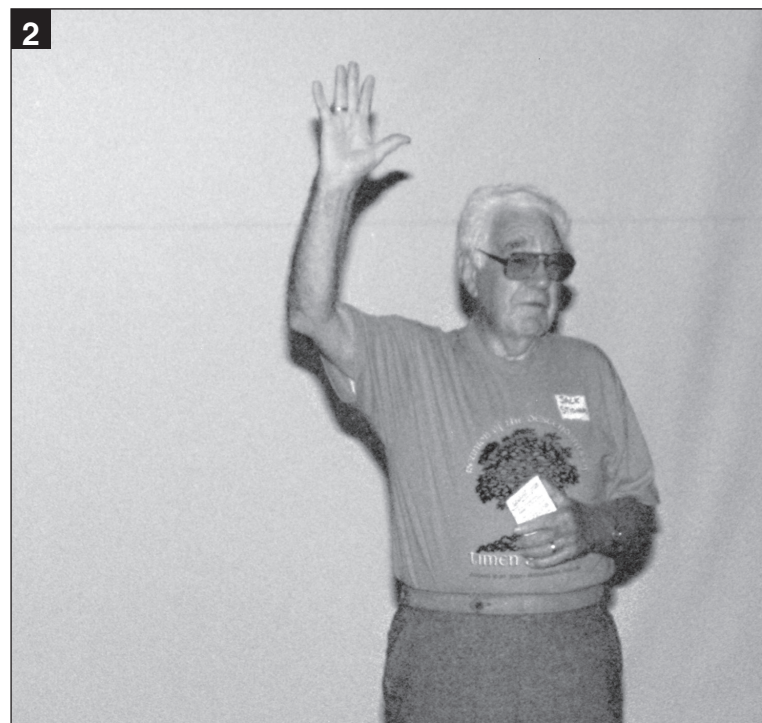
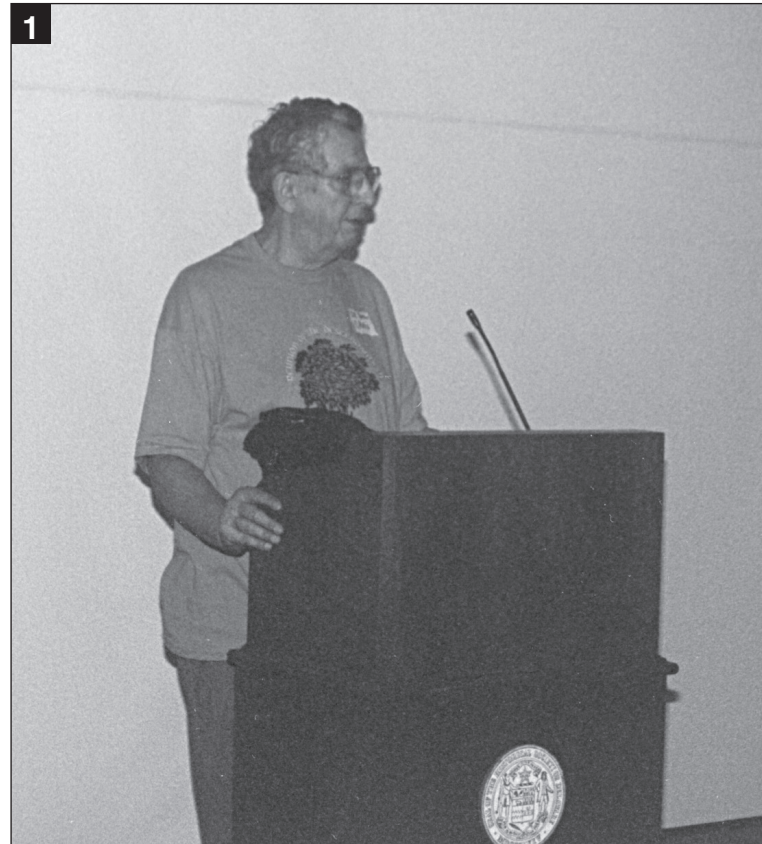
The weather on Friday the 18th didn't look too promising for our much-anticipated event as overcast skies grew into dark clouds and eventually a steady rain that persisted all day and into the evening. The local forecast called for sunny skies on Saturday and so we all kept our fingers crossed that this time the weatherman would not fail us. He didn't. Saturday turned out to be one of those days that a local chamber of commerce dreams of: temperatures in the low 80s with low humidity accompanied by blue skies punctuated with the occasional cottonball-clouds.

After breakfast at the Ramada Inn's restaurant, most of us climbed aboard a chartered bus that was waiting for us in the parking lot. Two families followed us in their own vehicles and we headed the short drive north into downtown Wilmington to begin our day's activities. First stop, the Delaware History Museum on Market Street, an integral part of the city's historical area called the Delaware History Center.

The Copeland Room on the second floor of the museum provided plenty of comfort and room for our general membership meeting and presentations by our morning's speakers.

President David Stiddem began by welcoming all those in attendance to this Second National Stidham* Family Reunion. He spoke of the tremendous progress we've made as a relatively new family association and praised all who had contributed their own family data to the ever-growing "Stidham* Family Tree" web site, which he manages.

David's father and TSS Historian, Jack Stidham, then took the podium and got *(Continued on page 6)*



The Saturday Morning Program

1. Dr. Peter Craig presents a talk on Timen Stiddem and his contribution as a physician to the New Sweden colony.

2. Jack Stidham asks for a show of hands of all those who were glad they were able to make it to this important event.

3. Graydon and Laurie Gorby study original documents of the Stidham family set out for our program by the Delaware Historical Society in this glass case.

4. President David Stiddem begins the morning membership meeting by welcoming everyone to this historic reunion of the Stidham* family back in the place where it all began, Delaware.



the Stidham* family juices flowing by reminiscing with us on his many years of compiling and writing about Stidhams* he's traced through the centuries. Let's face it, without Jack's tireless efforts, we wouldn't have been there to celebrate our common heritage and Swedish roots at that time and place. As Jack has been known to say, "I was smitten with the genealogy pox a long time ago and was never cured of it." I think we can all say that we're glad he wasn't!

After Jack's remarks, I came forward and recalled the success our newsletter has enjoyed in such a short time: two awards from the National Genealogical Society and one from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogical Library Georgia. As I've said in the past to anyone who cares to listen, putting together this newsletter every three months is a lot of work, but the satisfaction it brings makes it all worth while. The recognition our newsletter has received is just icing on the cake.

A point I wanted to impress on everyone is that in order for the newsletter to continue its success, more contributions from the member- (Continued on page 8)



1. Mary Margaret Schnapka (Jack's sister) and Juanita Sandifer.

2. Aboard our chartered bus, we excitedly look forward to our day's adventure like school kids on a long-awaited field trip.



3. After a brief visit to the Historical Society of Delaware, the group crosses the street over to tour the Old Town Hall.

4. Membership Secretary, Ules "Butch" Stidam, Jr., and his wife Vicki, who both captured the weekend's events on a videocam.

5. Shirley and Gordon Strazzella with Joan McBryant and TSS Board Member, Leslie Shamus.





ship in the form of new research and writing is needed.

At 9:30 a.m. sharp, we had a special guest address our meeting, Wilmington Mayor James Sills took time out of his busy schedule to drop by and welcome us to his city and give a proclamation to the TSS and the citizens of Wilmington, proclaiming August 19, 2000 as "Timen Stiddem and His Descendants Day." To return the gesture, President David Stiddem gave the mayor one of our commemorative reunion T-shirts and declared him an honorary Stidham for the day. He accepted both with good nature.

Next, our program's special speaker, Dr. Peter Craig, the world's authority on the Colonial Swedes, gave a talk on the life and times of Timen Stiddem, including our ancestor's brush with death at the hands of pirates near Puerto Rico. Lucky for him—and us—he escaped and made his way back to Sweden and eventually back to America, and as we know became the founder of this family in the New World.

Education was one of the *(Continued on page 10)*



Old Swedes Church and Fort Christina Park

1. Members who contributed to the Old Swedes Church Memorial Tree Program gather around "our" tree in the graveyard.

2. Mary McCoy and Jo Thompson give an informative tour of the Church and Hendrickson House Museum, which is located on the Church grounds.

3. Reenactors from the New Sweden Centre await their turn at presenting our group with their various interpretations of early colonial life in the settlement.

4. The group listens to Herbert Rambo (in center with broad white collar and feathered hat) recount the first landing of the Swedes at "The Rocks," located in this photo just to the right and below the listeners. The famous Carl Milles statue commemorating the early Swedes arrival in the New World stands to the left.



main themes of this reunion and boy did we learn a thing or two about the pronunciation of Timen's name. Dr Craig lectured us on some rules in Swedish grammar and noted that Timen's name is correctly pronounced TEEman (rhymes with seaman), not TEMen (rhymes with lemon), nor TImen (rhymes with Simon). That last one being the most commonly used pronunciation by most of us. Well, now we know!

Herbert Rambo, Governor of the Swedish Colonial Society, followed Dr. Craig's presentation. He gave an overview of their organization's goals and encouraged all members of our society with an interest in Swedish Colonial history, to become a member of their society and take advantage of their wealth of information on all the Swedish families that came over with the Stidham family back in the 17th century.

After Mr. Rambo's remarks, Delaware Historical Society representative, Chris Cascio took our group downstairs at the museum to see the exhibits on early Delaware life presented there. He then took us across the street to the Delaware Historical Society and gave us a glimpse of that organization's important contribution to the preservation of the State's historical legacy. He concluded our visit of the History Center area by giving us a tour of the elegant Old Town Hall.

We had our lunch back upstairs in the Copeland Room of the museum and then hopped back on our bus for the short ride over to Old Swedes Church.

Upon arriving there, Jo Thompson, Director of the Old Swedes Foundation, had us gather in the nave of the Church for a brief history *(Continued on page 12)*



The Saturday Evening Banquet

1. Lucinda Lawrence and Michael Wooton.
2. Kay Wooten and Herman Schechinger.
3. The Gorby family along with Youli Stidham in lower right corner.
4. Jack's silent auction table with Gail Stanley admiring the "goods."
5. TSS Treasurer, Grant Stidham and his daughter Morgan (looking away).
6. Fran Santoleri and her daughter were invited to come and sell her husband Nicholas' "Reflections at Dawn" print.



7. Ted and Bonnie McClenen along with sister Barbara and Billy Jones
 8. Carol and William Stidham (partially seen), Billie Stephenson, Lynn Stidham and his mother Kay Stidham (facing away).



Christy Stidham supervises the children in the Ramada Inn's pool on Saturday afternoon, after a busy day touring the historic sites in town.

of the 301-year-old structure. She was assisted in her presentation by Mary McCoy, President of the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society and a long-time Saturday guide at Old Swedes. The Church tour was rounded out with a sampling of inspiring organ music performed by Norman Thompson, D.M.A., the Director of Music at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Wilmington, and husband of Jo.

After the presentation inside the Church, we took the opportunity to explore the grounds of the churchyard on our own for a while and of course, visit the Hendrickson House Museum nearby. Several members made a purchase or two of New Sweden souvenirs available in the museum's gift shop.

Reunion attendees who had contributed to the Old Swedes Church Memorial Tree Program gathered around "our" tree in the Church's graveyard for a memorable photograph (see page 8). Attending the reunion but elsewhere when this photo was taken were Ules Stidam, Sr. (#DM236) and Thomas Stidham (#DCM26). Hey, where were you guys when we were rounding everyone up for this shot?!

Before heading down to Fort Christina Park after touring the Church, we were given a peek of the New Sweden Centre by its President, Malcolm Mackenzie. Located directly across East Seventh Street from the Church, it will be a "Hands-On-History" display of artifacts spanning the Prehistoric era through the

American War for Independence, with a special focus on Native Americans and New Sweden. At the time of our reunion it was set to open by September 10th.

Membership inquiries of the Centre are encouraged. If interested, their address is: 819 E. Seventh, Wilmington, DE 19801. Or phone: 302-426-1638.

Once down at Fort Christina Park our group was entertained and educated about life in the New Sweden colony by members of the New Sweden Centre, who had come dressed in colonial period attire. Leading this troupe was Herb Rambo dressed as his Swedish immigrant forefather, Peter Gunnarsson Rambo. At "The Rocks" located within the fort at the water's edge, Mr. Rambo gave a short history of the Swedish settlement and the importance this fort played in the colony's first few years.

After some photo-taking at the Carl Milles statue, we headed next door to the Kalmar Nyckel shipyard and a chance to see a video of the making of the vessel. As everyone already knew, the ship was not there for us to tour during our reunion, but the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation was gracious in keeping the "ship's store" gift shop open past their usual weekend closing time in order for our group to have one last opportunity to perhaps purchase a New Sweden memento as a reminder of our event.

After our day's adventures touring the historic sites in town, we returned to the Ramada Inn for a couple of hours rest, followed by a wonderfully prepared Stidham* family banquet. The kids took the rest time to play in the hotel pool. Have you ever noticed that kids and pools are inseparable—especially when travelling.

During the meal of many courses, several TSS officers were able to come forward and thank all who had attended the reunion. At this time it was also decided that next year's reunion would be held in Mobile, Alabama. Juanita Sandifer (#DM233) volunteered to put together the schedule of activities for next year, as she is familiar with that area having grown up nearby. Donna Besch (#DCM147), a resident of Mobile, will assist Juanita in this undertaking. Thanks ladies!

Jack passed the microphone around so that everyone could tell us where they're from and who had come with

them. That's always fun. Additionally, a silent auction table for potential buyers to bid on items of interest was set up by Jack and part of the evening's program. Fran Santoleri was also invited to come and set up a table to offer her husband's print, "Reflections at Dawn," (showing the new Kalmar Nyckel) for sale to those who might be interested. She sold three prints that evening. Thanks Fran for giving \$50 of each sale to the TSS treasury!

Sunday morning dawned bright and blue, just the opposite of Friday morning's gray. The morning's brightness reflected my feelings as to how the weekend's events had played out—a fun *and* educational experience for all who had come. Those who had not parted earlier had one last breakfast together before our final goodbyes were said.

As I expressed at the beginning of this article, this event was the realization of a dream to hold a reunion of the Stidham* family at the site of our origin in America. At some future date we'll come here again. Until then, we'll savor the memories of our first big reunion here.

THE OFFICIAL LIST OF REUNION ATTENDEES

Charles (#AM306) and Frances (#DCM146) Allmond • Nancy Broerman (#DM206) • Dr. Peter Craig (#ACM118) • Joshua Donnell and Rachel Hays • Diane Elder (#DM254) • Floyd (#DM287) and Gloria Enfinger • Noria (#DCM101) and Warren Gerig • Graydon (#DM274) and Laurie Gorby with their children Bethany and Benjamin • Molly Hicks (#DM296) • Billy and Barbara (#DCM67) Jones • Joan McBryant (#DCM24) • Ted and Bonnie (#DCM84) McClenen • Ken and Spring Joy Olson • Herb Rambo (#AM294) • Juanita Sandifer (#DM233) • Mary Margaret Schnapka (#DCM106) • Leslie Shamus (#DCM33) • Gail Stanley • Clinton Steadham (#DM237) • Ken Steadham (#DCM5) • Ralph Steadham (#DM189) • Richard Steadham (#DCM2) • Billie Stephenson (#DCM48) • Ules, Jr. (#DCM180) and Vikki Stidam • Ules Stidam, Sr. (#DM236) • David (#DCM1) and Esther Stidam with their children Lina, David, and Youli • Jack Stidham (#DCM3) • Glenn Stidham (#DM322) with his son Joseph • Grant (#DCM51) and Christy Stidham with their children Rebekah, Rachel, Elliott, Morgan, and Timothy • Lynn Stidham (#DM273) • Kay Stidham • Thomas Stidham (#DCM26) • William (#DCM68) and Carol Stidham • Gordon (#DCM39) and Shirley Strazzella • Kay Wooten (#DCM23) and Herman Schechinger • Michael Wooton (#DM259) and Lucinda Lawrence •



Family Ties

Since receiving a copy of Jack Stidham's account of the Stidham family history and later becoming a member of the Timen Stiddem Society, I have been aware of our ancestors' American beginnings. Warren and I had the good fortune to attend the reunion in Wilmington, Delaware August 19 of this year where the Stidham family began its transformation from Swedish colonists to Americans. And the rest they say is history.

It was, to say the least, a day of lasting memories. We were especially thrilled to meet so many extended family members from all walks of life and from all across the USA and as far away as Saudi Arabia that were not known to us previously. Our special thanks to the organizers who pulled this event together so successfully. A job well done!

After an evening banquet, we said our goodbyes with the sincere hope of seeing these wonderful people again, confident in the knowledge that wherever Swedes turn up in the world, they almost always do well. And, surely as they always have, generations of Stidhams (and variations of the spellings thereof) will continue to contribute to the goodness of America. I am so proud to be one of them.

—Noria (Stidham) Gerig (#DCM101)
Bangkok, Thailand

Family History With a Purpose

David, it was a pleasure to meet you, your wife and children on August, 18th. I want to thank and congratulate you for the excellent reunion. The location, the leadership, the program and the coordination of events blended together to create a unified feeling of family history and purpose. Thank you for the role you took in making the reunion a successful reality.

I also want to thank you for the great job you do as president. I'm sure that it is time consuming and at times, frustrating, but you make it look easy. The sign of a true professional. You, your dad and Richard are all to be commended for creating a dynamic and growing genealogical society. Thank you for your great vision and dedicated effort. I'm glad I'm a member.

—Bill Stidham (#DCM68)
Washington, Michigan

The "Shaking"



Myra Vanderpool Gormley writes a weekly genealogy column called "Shaking Your Family Tree," for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate. In her column entitled "Swedish Roots Buried Deep in America," which was published August, 24, 2000, she writes about the New Sweden colony and mentions the family names of several original settlers, including our very own Stidham name.

Her article introduces Dr. Peter Craig to those who may not be aware of his years of research on this early American immigrant group and his tremendous contribution to the genealogy community in identifying and writing about the lives of the forefathers and immediate families which made up this settlement.

Ms. Gormley then goes on to mention several web sites where readers can find more information on the New Sweden colony including: the Swedish Colonial Society <<http://www.ColonialSwedes.org/>>; the American Swedish Historical Museum <<http://www.libertynet.org/ashm/>>; the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation <<http://www.kalnyc.org/>>; Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church <<http://www.oldswedes.org/>>; and yes, the Timen Stiddem Society (web address below).

You can find the online version of Ms. Gormley's article "Swedish Roots Buried Deep in America" at <<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwwguide/syft/ethnic/syft000824.htm>>. Check it out for yourself.

The TSS Web Address is: <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~tstiddem/index.html>

Great Reunion!

The Timen Stiddem Society reunion in New Castle was great! We really found it to be most enjoyable. The fellowship of the group was truly outstanding; reminds us of the U.S.S. Philadelphia – CL-41 reunions that Floyd and I attend each year.

Thank you for sending us the six back issues which we shall treasure.

God bless you and yours—we do look forward to next year's reunion in Alabama and to meeting the rest of your family then.

—Floyd and Gloria Enfinger (#DM287)
Pace, Florida

STIDHAM* RESEARCH AND QUERY

On a recent genealogy research trip to East Texas, Marilyn Swindle (#DM310) and her husband discovered the original marriage licenses of a number of Stidhams* at the Smith County Clerk's office. They were doing research on her great-grandmother, Rachel Stidham, wife of Reese Conner. Their research uncovered the fact that Reese and Rachel (Stidham) Conner were among the original settlers of Smith County in the 1850s. One piece of the puzzle they have yet to solve is the final burial place of this couple. She would like to know if any of you hold the answer to her query. If so, she would appreciate hearing from you. Marilyn can be reached by e-mail at: tfs@arn.net; or write her at: 6506 Blue Ridge Court, Amarillo, TX 79109.

In addition, Marilyn has offered to discuss arrangements for copies of the Stidham* marriage licenses she collected, with anyone who may be interested. She said that many of these Stidhams were the children of Martha A. George and George W. Stidham. Do you recognize any of the Stidhams below as one of your ancestors?

Serena Stidham and Frances (Frank) M. Robinson (August 7, 1856); Jasper Newton Stidham and Margaret P. Waters (November 11, 1868); Sarah A. M. Stidham and Henry Golden (May 2, 1872); Amanda A. Stedham and Mathew Golden (April 24, 1873); Mary Stidham and F. W. A. Scholtz (July 26, 1874); Miss S. F. Stidham and L. T. Wright (April 21, 1878); Miss E. M. Stidham and N. W. Bates (January 15, 1879); Miss M. M. Stidham and T. R. McCraw (January 18, 1880); Renie Stidham and James Pate (February 22, 1880); Laura E. Stidham and Charles Moore (March 31, 1881); and Miss A. J. Stidham and A. T. Wright (September 10, 1882).

CURRENT STIDHAM* NEWS



DEATHS

Eugene "Gene" Stidham [Grandson of #1267], age 73, of Lebanon, OH, formerly of Breathitt County, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2000, at Miamisburg, OH. He was the son of the late Andrew and Emma Noble Stidham. He was retired from General Motors as an Electrician. He attended the Fellowship Baptist Church in Harveyburg, OH.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth McIntosh Stidham of Lebanon, OH; five daughters, Suzi Stidham of Dayton, OH, Billy Kaye Karns of TX, Phyllis Ann Spicer of Centerville, OH, Sherry Nason of Centerville, OH, and Debbie Norman of Centerville, OH; three brothers, B.J. Stidham, Donald Stidham, and Ronnie Stidham, all of Georgetown, KY; three grandchildren, Emily, John and Deanie; and one great grandchild, Sabrina. Private funeral services were held Wednesday, August 19, 2000, at 3:00 PM, at Watts Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Strong Family Cemetery at Sulphur Gap. Watts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

The Jackson Times (KY), September 21, 2000.

NEWS FROM ALLIED FAMILIES

BIRTHS

Nikolas Kyle Green [4th-great-grandson of #764] was born 8 Dec 1999, in Springfield, Missouri. He is the son of Melissa Renee (Miles) Green, who is the daughter of Betty (Miles) McCullah (#DCM105).

WEDDING BELLS

Betty Miles [2nd-great-granddaughter of #764] (#DCM105), married Patrick David McCullah on 14 Feb 2000, in Springfield, Missouri. Patrick, now retired from the Air Force, is originally from Aurora, Colorado.

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance on August 6, 2000..... | \$2,795.37 |
| Revenue Received Since August 6, 2000..... | \$1,903.29 |
| New Member and Renewal Dues..... | \$420.00 |
| Back Issues of Newsletter..... | \$35.00 |
| "Reflections At Dawn" Net Revenue..... | \$200.00 |
| Contributing Member Donations..... | \$68.00 |
| Reunion Registrations..... | \$380.00 |
| Reunion Auction Net Revenue..... | \$246.00 |
| Reunion Supplemental T-Shirt Sales..... | \$160.00 |
| Reunion Tour Bus Fare Collected..... | \$380.00 |
| Bank Interest Credit..... | \$14.29 |
| Total Credits..... | \$4,698.66 |
| Expenses Paid Since August 6, 2000..... | \$2,827.68 |
| Printing Issue 10, Summer 2000..... | \$495.00 |
| Postage, Envelopes, Paper..... | \$153.45 |
| Reunion Expenses..... | \$2,179.23 |
| Ramada Inn Fees..... | \$613.65 |
| KFC Luncheon..... | \$203.83 |
| Historical Society of Delaware Fees..... | \$179.76 |
| Gregg Bus Service and Tip..... | \$435.00 |
| Capital Tees (Reunion T-Shirts)..... | \$746.99 |
| Balance on October 13, 2000..... | \$1,870.98 |

—Grant J. Stidham
Treasurer

new members

Joined Society between August 25 and October 12, 2000

Glen Raymond Stidham #DM322
[#962] Cumming Hallmark
Stidham (Adam line)
Trenton, Michigan

Linda Gail (Stidham) Ponsart
#DM323
[#962] Cumming Hallmark
Stidham (Adam line)
Warren, Michigan

Larry Sullins #DM324
[#954] Joseph Havens George
Stidham (Adam line)
Morristown, Tennessee

Larry Klippel #DM325
[#1879] Frances Emaline
Stidham (Adam line)
St. Peters, Missouri

William O. Stidham, Jr. #DM326
[#651] Andrew Jackson Stidham
(Adam line)
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan

Charlene Kay (Beasley) Moore
#DM327
[#1969] Joseph Earle Steadham
(Benedictus line)
Sugarland, Texas

Bedelia (Harwell) Webster
#DM328
[#1921b] Bama Stidham
(Adam line)
Monroe, Georgia

Jo Anne (Newsmene) Perkins
#DM329
[#1665c] Corbert Stidham
(Adam line)
Hodgenville, Kentucky

Ricky L. Stidham #DM330
[#2213] Lonnie Edgar
Stidham (Adam line)
Springfield, MO 65801



IN THE NEXT ISSUE:

The Stidham* Family DNA Study

By next quarter, Family Tree DNA will have finished analyzing our DNA samples and sent us the results.

A complete report on the findings.

Stidhams* in the 1830 Federal Census

We'll see where Stidham* families have settled by the time of the fourth national census.

Inspiration in Spite of Family Loss

Tragedy to a young mother's daughter gives hope to two other families. Her story.

PLUS:

Current Stidham* News

News From Allied Families

Computer Corner

And More...

IF YOU KNOW of someone who might be interested in joining the Society, please photocopy the form below and have them send in the completed form along with a check made payable to THE TIMEN STIDDEM SOCIETY in the amount of \$12 to: Ules G. Stidam, Jr., TSS Membership Secretary, 396 Midway Dr., Valparaiso, IN 46385.

I would like to join THE TIMEN STIDDEM SOCIETY as a **Descendant Member**. My known descent from Dr. Stid-dem is: _____

(You may enclose any documentation you have showing your lineage, or simply name your ancestors by genera-tion back to Dr. Stiddem. Use separate sheet if necessary).

I would like to join THE TIMEN STIDDEM SOCIETY as an **Associate Member**. I have an interest in this family's his-tory, but don't knowingly descend from Dr. Stiddem.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone (optional): _____

Email Address (optional): _____

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