

the Timen Stiddem Society

NEWSLETTER



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, Steadham, Stedham, Stidam and Steddom among many others.

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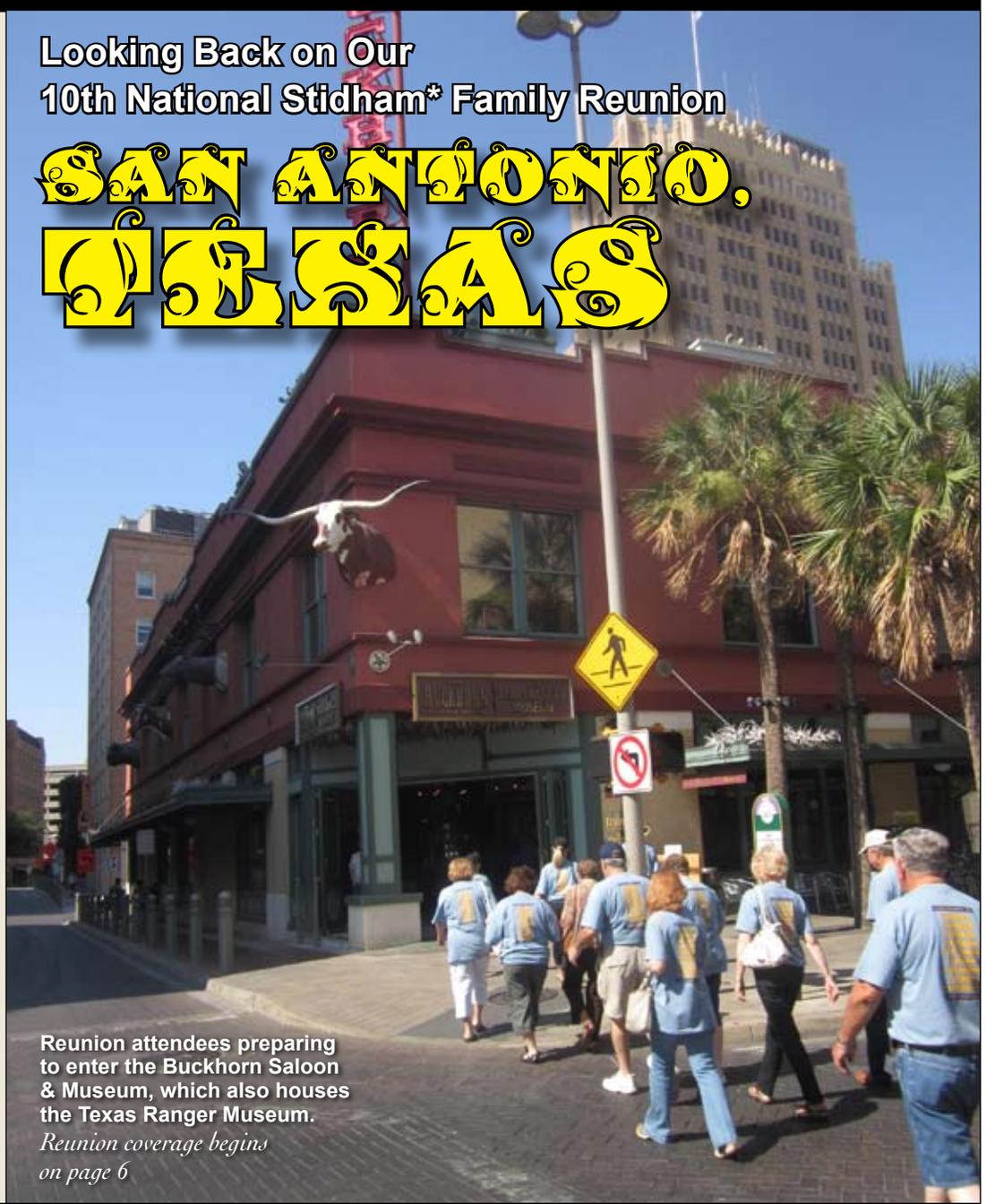
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Looking Back on Our
10th National Stidham* Family Reunion

**SAN ANTONIO,
TEXAS**



Reunion attendees preparing
to enter the Buckhorn Saloon
& Museum, which also houses
the Texas Ranger Museum.
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Notes from the Editor's Desk



Richard L. Steadham
Newsletter Editor

Don't be alarmed by that mastashed face to the left, it's only me, your editor, taking over for David in this space—this issue only. The reason for this quarter's switcheroo is, he's up to his eyeballs in preparation for the Sweden tour in August and asked if I wouldn't mind writing some words of encouragement to the membership in his stead. As I've got great news this time, I jumped at the chance. First, a little history.

As most of you know, the Timen Stiddem Society was founded in January of 1998, with Issue #1 of this newsletter published in the Spring of that year. By year's end, we had three issues under our belt and made the cockey decision to enter the National Genealogical Society's Annual Newsletter Competition in the Family Associations category. Call it beginners luck if you will, but we came away with a Runner-Up certificate and confidence in our efforts to produce a family history newsletter worthy of its name.

By the end of 1999 and seven issues published, we sent the NGS two of our best issues published that year, in hopes of garnering more recognition for our young society. Bingo! We took First Place in 2000 and knew we really had something special in our little "publication that could."

Now everyone knows that lightning never strikes twice in the same place, but put that thought on hold for the moment. In 2001, one year later, we landed in First Place for the second year in a row, with three years—and counting—on collecting NGS award certificates for the *Timen Stiddem Society Newsletter*. We had achieved publishing nirvana.

Since those halcyon days, we had settled into a comfortable rhythm of publishing a respectable quarterly newsletter, but not bothering to take time to enter the annual NGS competition. When I settled back into the editor's chair at the beginning of 2010, I wanted to see if our little newsletter still had what it takes to be recognized yet again as the best in our category. Entries were submitted at the end of last year and the waiting

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Membership dues are \$20 annually (January thru December), for which a member receives up to four issues of the *Newsletter*. All members are classified as either Descendant or Associate Members based on lineage from Dr. Stiddem or not. Anyone with an interest in this Society is eligible to join as an Associate Member. 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. ID numbers [in brackets] are from *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1 and 2*.

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game began. It wasn't until April 15 that we received the email below from the NGS:

"Good evening.

I am delighted to confirm that your family society's newsletter was a winning entry in the NGS Newsletter competition for 2011. It wins the competition in the "Family" newsletter category.

The award will be presented during the National Genealogical Society's Family History Conference in Charleston, 11-14 May. We hope that you, or a representative of the society, can be present to receive your certificate. Further details will be sent via postal mail.

On behalf of the National Genealogical Society, may I extend hearty congratulations on a job well done!"

As it turned out, neither David nor I could make the trip to Charleston, but we were fortunate that David's sister, Judy Wright, lives in South Carolina and said she would be honored to go receive the award on the society's behalf.

With high expectations now, we'll see how our fortunes hold up next year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF JUDY WRIGHT

Judy Stidham Wright DCM-92 (left) receives our First Place award certificate from National Genealogical Society President, Ann Christnacht Hilke, on May 11 at the Opening Session of the NGS Family History Conference in Charleston, South Carolina.



The Timen Stiddem Society's fourth award from the National Genealogical Society



Current Stidham* News

Recording Life's Milestones: Births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, honors, events and deaths

DEATHS

James "Arlis" [3373] Stidham, 84, of Morgan Co, Kentucky, widower of Hazel Nickels Stidham, passed away Sat at the Fountain Circle Health and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services will be Wed at 1pm at the Rolan G. Taylor Funeral Home, 289 S. Main St. Visitation will be Wed from 11am until the hour of service. Burial will be in the Westbend Cemetery. (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, June 14, 2011)

Joyce [2437] Steadham Morris—Passed away March 30, 2011, at the age of 92. Born March 4, 1919, in Whistler, Alabama. Mrs. Morris was a long time resident of Mobile, Alabama. Mrs. Morris was employed for many years by Radney Funeral

Homes. She is survived by her husband, Windle Morris; daughter, Lindsay Trawick Bixler; daughter-in-law, Helen Yvonne "Sissy" Trawick; grandchildren, Bradley Bixler O'Neill (Kelby), Walter Gaillard Bixler, Jr. (Pam), Marshall Harrison Bixler, and Clayton Matthew Trawick; five great-grandchildren, step-children, Janette Geiger, Jerry Morris and Jackie Morris; brother, Gaywood Steadham (Erma); and sisters, Rebecca Gregory and Mitzi Boardman (Paul). She was preceded in death by her parents, George [1172] and Katie Steadham; son, Donald Maxwell Trawick, Jr.; brothers, Norris Steadham, Lindsay Steadham and Royce Steadham; and sisters, Juanita Eubanks and Irma Fulford. Graveside services and interment will be held on Saturday,

April 2, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. in Mobile Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Chuck Boardman, Happy Fulford, Billy Bixler, Gaillard Bixler, Kelby O'Neill, Harrison Bixler, and Clayton Trawick. (*Press-Register*, Mobile, Alabama, April 1, 2011)

Alvis Lee [4904] Steadham, 72, of Mont Belvieu [Texas] was born January 22, 1939 in Baytown [Texas] and passed away Friday, June 3, 2011 in a Houston hospital. He was a graduate of Barbers Hill High School and had served in the U. S. Army National Guard. He enjoyed fishing and ranching. He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank [2448] and Lois Steadham; brother, Leon Steadham; and son, Brent Steadham. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Barbara Steadham of Mont Belvieu; daughter and son-in-law, Leigh Ann and Brent Tuttle of Golden, CO; son and daughters-in-law, Bobby and Jennifer Steadham and Kim Steadham, all of Mont Belvieu; stepdaughters and step sons-in-law, Trudy and Wayne Henscey of Mont Belvieu and Terry and Todd Turner of Anahuac; brothers and sisters-in-law, Wilbie Ray and Florance Steadham of Charles Town, WV and Judy Frank and Linella Steadham, Willard Earl and Kay Steadham, and Hazel Steadham, all of Mont Belvieu; grandchildren, Kaylee Steadham, Kyle Steadham, Scott Heffernan, Ali Steadham, and Heaven Cernosek and Colby, Chase, and Camryn Henscey and Shae and Cole Turner; and great grandson, Cohen Cernosek. His family will receive friends at Navarre Funeral Home Tuesday, June 7, 2011 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a funeral service to follow at 2:00 p.m. with Leroy Stevens officiating. Burial will follow at the Mont Belvieu Method-

New Members Summer 2011

Chuck Stidham, DM-545

Reston, Virginia
Adam line
Son of Billy Ray [3532] Stidham

Jeff Stidham, DM-546

Cincinnati, Ohio
Adam line
Son of Elbert [5997] Stidham

Mae Colburn, DM-547

Pflugerville, Texas
Adam line
Daughter of Mamie Amelia [6256] Stidham

Debra Gikas, DM-548

Pflugerville, Texas
Adam line
Granddaughter of Mamie Amelia [6256] Stidham

Helen Stidham Poole, DM-549

Chester, Texas
Adam line
Daughter of Willard Owen [3865] Stidham

Paul Stidham, DM-550

Springfield, Ohio
Adam line
Son of Willard Owen [3865] Stidham

Marilee Carey, DM-551

Portland, Texas
Lucas line
Daughter of Mary Elizabeth [1287] Stidham

ist Cemetery. Serving as pallbearers will be Scott Heffernan, Chase Henscey, Colby Henscey, Cole Henscey, Noonie Newkirk, and Rick Coburn. Honorary pallbearers will be Nick Johnson and Sam Johnson. (www.tributes.com, 3 June 2011)

Geraldine [5719] Stidham Hoskins, 76, passed away on Friday, March 25 at the Hazard ARH medical center. The daughter of the late Morris [2975] Stidham and the late Grace Morris Stidham, she was born on October 16, 1934. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Eugene Hoskins, daughters Glenna Sue Stidham and Lisa Hoskins, and brothers Roy Stidham. She is survived by her sons, Douglas Gene Hoskins of Yerkes, Harold Gene Hoskins of Corbin and Jimmy Hoskins of Yerkes; daughters Linda Abner and Brenda Couch, both of Yerkes; brothers Vernon Stidham of Michigan, Morris Stidham, Jr., Marshall Stidham and Donnie Stidham, all of Yerkes; sisters Hager Owens and Allene Salisbury of Indiana, Geneva Sizemore of Krypton, and Mary Stidham and Audrey Neace, both of Dice. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 27 at the Engle-Walker Funeral Home of Hazard with Johnny Ambrose officiating. The burial followed in the Scalem Cemetery at Yerkes. (*Hazard Herald*, Hazard, Kentucky, 26 March 2011)

Peggy Elizabeth Shearer (nee Tribby), wife since May 18, 1991 of Bruce Shearer passed away Monday July 25, 2011 from ALS (Lou Gehrig Disease) at Hospice of Cincinnati Blue Ash. She was born Aug. 27, 1956 in Hamilton [Ohio] was a graduate of Garfield High School. Peggy leaves behind her husband Bruce, two sons Tim (Amber) Dellinger and Brian (Liz) Dellinger, Three grandsons TJ, James and Ethan. She also leaves three brothers Charles, Harley



Peggy Elizabeth Shearer

and Dennis as well as a sister Carolyn, Three nieces and five nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Edward and Rose [3937] Tribby (nee Stidham) and brother Robert Tribby. Visitation will be 10:00 am to 12:30pm Thursday July 28, 2011 at the Ivey Funeral Home, 2565 Princeton Rd., Hamilton Ohio 45011. Funeral services will 12:30pm Thursday at the funeral home with burial to follow in Rose Hill Burial Park [Hamilton, Ohio]. (www.ivey-rosehill.com)

Hubert [7503] Steadham, Sr. (son of Troy Buford "T.B." [4269e] Steadham), 82, died Monday, April 18, 2011 at his residence [Jackson, Mississippi]. Visitation is 5:00-7:00pm today at Baldwin-Lee Funeral Home in Pearl. Funeral services are 2:00pm Thursday, April 21, 2011 in the funeral home chapel with interment to follow in Leesburg Baptist Church cemetery. Survivors include sons, Hubert Steadham, Jr. and Ross Steadham; daughters, Anne Steadham, Janice Murphy, Jo Kesseler and Judy Sharp; brother, Paul [7504] Steadham; sister, Vera [7505] Pullen; 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Myers Steadham. (*Clarion Ledger*, Jackson, Mississippi, April 20, 2011)

Ralph V. [8391] Steadham, 71, born at home on Jan. 11, 1940 in McCullough [Alabama] passed away peacefully at his residence in Atmore

[Alabama] on April 23, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. A beloved husband, father and grandfather, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Ralph was a welder/pipe fitter at various heavy construction jobs for 40 years and a residential carpenter at times. He loved fishing, hunting and Alabama football. He was the president of the McCullough Hunting Club for 10 years and was a member of New Providence Baptist Church in Bay Minette. His parents, Clyde [4886] and Bertha Steadham, a daughter, Rhonda Steadham; four half brothers, Gaston, Buford, Eugene and James R. King and one half sister, Maxine King, preceded him in death. He leaves to cherish his memories his devoted companion/wife of 32 years, Gilda Steadham; six children, Jason of Atmore, Vernon "Rusty" (Michelle) Steadham, Susan "Renee" Steadham, Lorie (Jason) Oscarson and Ralph "Michael" (Amanda) Steadham, all of Winterhaven, Fla. and Jerry Lee McKinzie of California; 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Also a very loving and caring family, one brother, John M. Steadham of Atmore; three sisters; Marion Frances Lassiter and Sadie Weeks, both of Pensacola, Fla. and Sharon (Fred) Maddow of Atmore; a special cousin, Charles E. Steadham; special friend, Chip Clopton and also Ralph's dog "Bandit" and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on April 26, 2011 from Johnson-Quimby Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron McGhee and the Rev. James Weber officiating. Interment will follow in Steadham Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Charles E. Steadham, Lacy Weaver, Pat Lassiter, Patrick R. Lassiter, John Cooper and Alan Wall. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. on April 25, 2011 at Johnson-Quimby Funeral Home in Atmore. Johnson-Quimby Funeral Home, Inc. is in charge of all arrangements. (*The Atmore Advance*, Atmore, Alabama, 25 April 2011)



Charlotte Joan Stidham Kelly, 64, of Louellen [Harlan Co., Kentucky], passed away Friday, June 10, 2011, following a brief illness. A native of Keokee, Virginia, she had lived here most of her life. She was a homemaker and believed in the Pentecostal faith. Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband, J.C. Kelly; her grandparents that raised her, James [3207] and Flora Stidham; her mother, Nora M. [6137] Stidham Williams; a sister, Lillie Williams; a brother, David Wayne Williams; and an aunt, Lillie Calhoun. Survivors include four children, Peggy Flores and husband, Tim, Burlison, Texas; Rick Kelly and wife, Darlene, Streetman, Texas; Ann Margrete Woodard and special friend, J.R. Jones, Hyden; Wayne Kelly and wife, Dolly, Cawood; one sister, Carolyn Trimpin and husband, David, Appalachia, Virginia; two brothers, Tim Bruce Williams and wife, Donna; Bobby Williams and wife, Melanie, all of Appalachia. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren: Timothy Kelly Flores, Michael Ryan Flores, Shaina Brooke Flores, Ricky J. Kelly, Jr., Brianna Kelly, Christopher Woodard, Nichloas Woodard, Dewayne J. Kelly, Devon Kelly and Lexie Kelly; two step-grandchildren, Fredrick Haley and Joshua Pond; one great-grandson, Ayden Lee Williams; an uncle, J.C. Stidham and wife, Shirley, Keokee; and special friends: Loretta Davis, Tony and Charity Kelly, Sharon Seiber, Todd Kelly, Berdeen McQueen, Bobby Dale and Teresa Blevins. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 2 pm at the Holmes Mill Pentecostal Church with the Reverend Greg Eldridge officiating. Burial will follow in the Kelly Family Cemetery at Holmes Mill with family and friends serving as pallbearers. (www.harlanobits.net, Harlan Obituary Services, Harlan, Kentucky)

Willie [2923] Stidham, age 79, of Upper Deerfield Township [Pennsylvania], died Friday, June 3, 2011 at

his home following a two-year period of declining health. A resident of Upper Deerfield for over 50 years, he was born in Hyden, Kentucky, on October 3, 1931 to the late Andrew Jackson [1401] Stidham and Mae Howard Stidham and was the husband of the late Dale Henderson Stidham. Mr. Stidham was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and served his country in the United States Army. An avid hunter and fresh water trout fisherman, he was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Seabrook Brothers and Sons Gunning Club. Prior to retirement, he had been employed with Seabrook Farms and later with Seabrook Brothers and Sons most of his working life. Survivors include five sons, Alvin Wilson and his wife Sheron of Bridgeton, Larry Wilson of Upper Deerfield Township, Thomas Stidham and his wife Linda of Cedarville, Johnnie Stidham of Upper Deerfield Township and Albert Stidham and his wife Beth of North Carolina; a daughter, Dale Shelton and her husband Jerry of North Carolina; a brother, Herman Stidham of Salem; a sister, Lucille Fox of Indiana; 24 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sons, Donnie and Homer Wilson, and several brothers and sisters. Funeral services will be held at the Padgett Funeral Home, 1107 State Highway #77, Upper Deerfield Township, on Tuesday, June 7th at 11 a.m. Burial will take place at Centerton Free Will Baptist Cemetery in Pittsgrove Township. Friends will be received at the funeral home on Tuesday morning from 10 to 11 a.m. Written condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at www.padgettfuneralhome.com. (*The Bridgeton News*, Bridgeton, New Jersey, June 6, 2011)

John Rex [8527] Steadham (son of William Paul [5019] Steadham), 60, died Sunday, May 8, 2011, in Graham [Texas]. Funeral services will

be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church with Pastor Tony Nickel, Gary Tull, and Richard Segars officiating. Burial will follow in Pioneer Cemetery under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home of Graham. Mr. Steadham was employed at K & S Petroleum as the office manager. Survivors include wife, Gaye Steadham; sons, Cole and John; mother, Marie; sisters, Polly Creswell and Betty Hall; brother, Max Steadham, all of Graham; and one grandson. Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Men's Prayer Breakfast or the Graham Regional Hospice. (*Times Record News*, Wichita Falls, Texas, May 10, 2011)

Don Olen Stidham, 68, of Columbia [Missouri] passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2011. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, July 16, at Memorial Funeral Home. Graveside service will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Don was born Oct. 21, 1942, in Boone County to the late Ovie Lee [6232] and Letha Dell Roberts Stidham. He graduated from Harrisburg High School with the Class of 1960. Mr. Stidham is survived by one son, Shannon Stidham; one sister, Donna Gettman (Art); two brothers, Lee Stidham (Gail) and Allen Stidham (Becky); and nieces and nephews. (*Columbia Daily Tribune*, Columbia., Missouri, 15 Jul 2011)

Mary Carol Stidham Stidham, passed away on June 19, 2011. She was the beloved wife of the late Henry James [5162] Stidham and devoted mother of Earl Alonzo Stidham, Felicia Stidham, Victoria Stidham-Thompson and the late Anthony Thomas Stidham. She was the loving grandmother of Michael and Justine Stidham and Amanda Kates and great-grandmother of Sommer and Cheyenne Stidham. She was the devoted sister of the late Patricia Stevens. (<http://obits.dignitymemorial.com/>)



Services For Former Eufaula Lady Held in Fort Smith, Ark.

Funeral services for Mrs. Eloita [2184] Stidham Constantino, wife of J.A. Constantino and member of a family prominent in the Indian Territory three generations ago, who died at her home Tuesday in Fort Smith, were held at 9 o'clock this morning at the Church of the Immaculate Conception there. She was 40 years old.

A native of Eufaula, Mrs. Constantino had lived in Fort Smith for the past 12 years.

A rosary service was held at the home at 8 o'clock last night, and the Rev. Father Paul Desmond conducted requiem mass this morning. Burial was in the Catholic cemetery at Fort Smith.

Survivors are the husband, her mother, Mrs. Lura Stidham, who made her home with the Constantinos, and two children, Joe, Jr., and Mary Ann. Two sisters, Mrs. H.B. Ernest (Leola Mae [2182] Stidham) of Wichita, Kan., and Mrs. Harold Barnes (Georgianna [2183] Stidham) of McAlester, both former Eufaulans, also survive.

Mrs. Constantino's father, the late Lee [1027] Stidham, was a son of Judge G.W. [487] Stidham, who for 30 years represented the Creek tribe at Washington, D.C. Judge Stidham was the first Indian Mason of the Indian Territory.

Mrs. Constantino taught expression at Christian college, of which she was a graduate, and was an interpreter of Indian folklore and legends. She was associated for four years in concert work with Thurlow Lieurance, noted composer of Indian lyrics.



PHOTO COURTESY OF LAYNE AINGELL

Eliote [2184] Stidham in full Indian dress. Her stage name was "Oyepela."

Layne Aingell, a distant cousin of Eliota Stidham, sent us the obituary and photograph. She said the photo was in her grandmother's room when she was growing up, and she always found it fascinating and provocative. The newspaper clipping, dated 27 July 1938, was taped to the back.

Do you have any old obituaries filed away, which you'd be willing to share with the rest of us? Email the editor at: RLSteadham@mac.com

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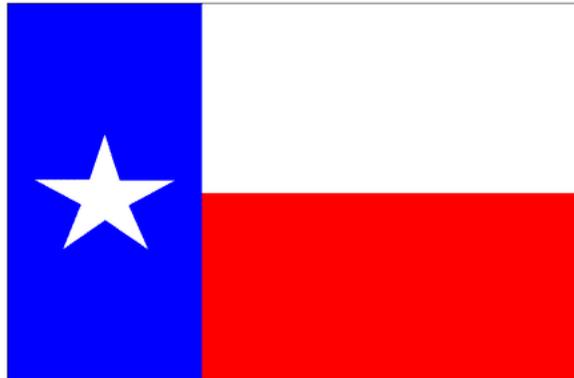
By David R. Stidham

GREETINGS, COUSINS ALL.

By the time you read this, I will be in Sweden, along with my wife and nineteen other cousins and friends. We are the Timen Stiddem Society delegation, traveling through Sweden to find our roots and to learn about Swedish heritage and culture. You will read all about our trip in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

But for now, let me tell you about our last great gathering of the Stidham* clan—the 10th National Stidham Family Reunion held in San Antonio, Texas this past June. I was privileged to attend this reunion in the great state of Texas, along with thirty-three cousins and spouses and children. We descended on the beautiful town of San Antonio from Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Massachusetts, Oklahoma, and of course, from all over Texas.

Our group gathered Friday night at our host hotel, the LaQuinta Inns and Convention Center, for some time to get to know each other. For me, I had the privilege of seeing some folks again who I've known for years, plus meeting cousins I've known only as a record in my computer data base. Also, it was great to put a face to several people whom I have only known through email or on the telephone. These national reunions are such a great way of bring all of us together from such wide backgrounds and locals. They also illustrate the great heritage we share as descendants of our immigrant ancestor, Timen Stiddem. We were siblings, uncles, parents, 1st cousins, 5th cousins, 8th cousins 3 generations removed, etc., even up to 11th cousins, but we all shared a common heritage.



Despite the 100 degree temperatures, we managed to tour around San Antonio on Saturday and enjoy the interesting historic and cultural sights of the areas. We toured the Álamo, walked through the beautiful Japanese Tea Gardens, and sat down in the Buckhorn Saloon for drinks. After a pleasant boat trip on the San Antonio River and River Walk canal through downtown San Antonio, we had the opportunity to explore the Texas Ranger Museum, and photograph the old Spanish “Mission Concepción” in San Antonio Missions National Historic Park. Hopefully you will be able to appreciate what all we did and saw through the photographs Richard has included in this issue of the *Newsletter*.

When we got back from our bus trip, we gather again in the hotel for a scrumptious buffet of genuine Texas cuisine. After the banquet, Sharron Torrence talked with us a bit about her experiences doing genealogical research, and shared some helpful research tips. I gave a brief

update on the State of the Society and announced our next national reunion in Wilmington, Delaware in 2013. Our 2011 reunion ended with that, but not before we enjoyed our traditional auction. The auction generated lots of laughs and good natured ribbing, some high stakes bidding (but mostly low stakes), and the tidy sum of \$602 to help defray some of the costs of the reunion.

Thanks to Tina Steadham and her son Lee Kline, and her granddaughter, Amber Kline for doing the lion's share of planning and putting together the reunion. We all really appreciate it. Hope to see you all in Wilmington in 2013, if not before.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHARRON TORRENCE

Seated in front: Doug Fields, Gayla Fields, Mae Colburn, Sam Stidham, Mary Stidham, James L. [4604] Stidham, Dreama Phillips, Gordon Phillips, Helen Poole

Middle row: Sherrie Flud, Ann Oakley, Tina Steadham (grey hair, black blouse), Amber Kline, Debra Gikas, Elaine Brooks (in black & white speckled blouse), Rita Stidham, Paula Lewis, Patsy Wilson, Charlotte Stidham, Billie Steadman (in black & white lined jacket), Ava Stidham, Larry Stidham (solid white shirt), Floyd Poole

Back row: David Stidham, Buddy Oakley, Lee Kline, Sharron Torrence, Robert Brooks, James E. [6989] Stidham, Patsy Wilson, John Wilson, Gene Poole, Neal Stidham, Charlie Steadman

President David R. Stidham with Sharron Torrence, who helped organize the reunion this year.

James E. Stidham admires an arrowhead collection in the Buckhorn Saloon and Texas Ranger Museum.



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James L. Stidham, Paula Lewis, Linda and Gene Pope cool off in the shade at the Japanese Tea Garden.

Lee Kline and Tina Steadham show off the front and back of the official reunion T-shirts.

Sharren Torrence, Charlie and Billie Steadman in the reunion hotel lobby; Doug Fields in the background.



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Putting It All Together

A member recalls the challenges of organizing this year's reunion in Texas

By Tina Steadham DM-355

When David emailed saying that the reunion was going to be in Texas this year and that it was a choice of Corpus Christi, Galveston or San Antonio I knew immediately it had to be San Antonio. I lived there for several years in the '80s and loved the beauty and history of the city.

My great niece was going to be the host with my help, but she didn't know anything about San Antonio, so I got to play tour guide at the end of January and show her one of the cities I love most.

We tried to pick a hotel that was convenient for walking to most of the sites, as well as shopping in the downtown area. We stayed at the Menger Hotel, which is a very historic hotel next to The Alamo, it is also very old and expensive so that was ruled out. The La Quinta was new and about average price for the area. Those of you who attended the reunion also know that "next to every La Quinta is a Denny's." I thought that would be a plus also. Room service doesn't always have what you want and if it does it is usually expensive. Shortly after our trip, my great niece discovered that her husband was being assigned to Capetown, South Africa for a few months and she decided to go with him, so I became the host.

She had found a tour company that could give us a packaged tour or we could tell them what and when. Knowing how hot it would be that time of year, I tried to lay out the tour so the outside parts were the first thing in the morning and things that could be seen inside for the afternoon. Well, you know how the best laid plans can go wrong. Somehow the tour company didn't pass on my schedule to the bus driver. We did get to see some things not on my list and I was glad we saw them. We had a fantastic bus driver, David, he told us many things about San Antonio both past and present. He had a great sense of humor and was very helpful to all the passengers.

The Japanese Tea Garden was great, although San Antonio had suffered a bad ice storm this past winter. The gardens will definitely be someplace I go back to see, but at a different time of year.

The Alamo was very crowded and very hot. It is best to see it first thing in the morning, which was how I had originally wanted it.

The Buckhorn Saloon has a great Texas Ranger Museum, which includes a recreation of old San Antonio and 15 displays depicting the Rangers incredible unique story. It also has 520 species of animals from around the world that have been stuffed for display.

The river tour is always one of my favorite things to do and we saw something I had never seen before. There is a little island where I had been told there are lots of wedding ceremonies. There was a couple with their bridal party on the little island.

San Antonio has five old Spanish missions, the Alamo is one of the five missions. We arrived at Mission San Jose too late to see the video so we drove onto the Mission Concepcion which has beautiful fresco. It will be another place I will explore more thoroughly at a different time of year. The temperature was in the hundreds on Saturday, thank goodness for our air conditioned bus and the cookies. I wish I had thought to bring an ice chest with bottled water.

We had great barbeque for lunch on Saturday and Mexican buffet Saturday night. It was a real Tex-Mex menu.

We had a really great group of cousins at the reunion. There was lots of fun and laughter. We raised \$600 at the auction on Saturday night and had fun doing it. I want to say a special thanks to James for his, "I got five dollars". Auctions always need someone to start the bidding. No one wants to be the first to bid on an item and James always broke that ice for us. Thanks again James for your help.

All you cousins need to plan on 2013 in Wilmington. I had so much fun in San Antonio I have convinced about a dozen family member to start saving for the trip. I am not bringing my table! My niece, Charlene Moore, years ago decorated a kitchen table with Stidham/Stiddem/Steadham/etc genealogy papers made to look like parchment and sealed on top of the table. I brought the table to the reunion for the cousins to see.

It was my first time to do something like this and I thank all who attended for their patience. I do plan to make a list of things that I think each host should consider. The lack of an ice chest and bottled water was the one mistake that bothered me most. I do apologize to the cousins for not thinking of that need on the tour.



Tina Steadham



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The group takes turns photographing each other at the Jananese Tea Garden (above); Seeks shelter in the shade of a tree (below left) in the heat of the day in front of The Alamo (below).



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Reunion Attendees

Linda Pope DCM-32 and Gene Pope
James L. [4604] Stidham DCM-58
Paula [8050] Stidham Lewis DM-530
Sharron Torrence DM-479
Ann Bridges Oakley DM-543 and Buddy A. Oakley
James E. [6989] Stidham DM-495 and Rita R. Stidham
Gordon Phillips DM-405 and Drema Phillips
Neal [8047] Stidham and Charlotte Stidham
Melvin "Charlie" [7676] Steadman DM-542 and Billie Steadman
Willard [6790] Stidham DM-263, with Mary, Larry and Ava Stidham
Patsy [8024] Stidham Wilson DM-487 and John C. Wilson
Lee Kline DM-389 and Amber Kline
Tina Steadham DM-355
Elaine Brooks DM-471 and Robert Brooks
Zula Mae Graham Colburn DM-548
Helen [6796] Stidham Poole DM-550
Debra Lynn Colburn Gikes DM-549
Sherrie Flud AM-413
Gayla Fields DM-365 and Douglas Fields
David R. Stidham DCM-1

The group enjoys a boat ride on the San Antonio River, which flows through the famous River Walk.



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

A roundup of programs and events concerning New Sweden, the Delaware River Valley, family history and gatherings worth noting this quarter

Oct 8: Kalmar Nyckel Sails Again: Voyages of Rediscovery Auxiliary Lunch and Lecture

American Swedish Historical Museum
1900 Pattison Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19145
www.americanswedish.org
11 am
Tickets are \$15 for museum members, \$20 for non-members

Join the Auxiliary for their fall Lecture and Luncheon. Samuel W. Heed, Senior Historian and Director of Education at the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, will give a lecture on the story of the ship that was so central in the founding of the New Sweden Colony. Tickets are \$15 for museum members, \$20 for non-members.

Oct 22 & 29: Ghosts in the Graveyard

Old Swedes Church
606 Church Street, Wilmington, Delaware
www.oldswedes.org
6:30 pm - 8 pm

Members: Adults \$12.00, Students 14 to 17 \$10.00; Non Members: Adults \$15.00, Students 14 to 17 \$12.00; Reservations required

During the 19th Century, stories about graveyard hauntings were whispered in the parlors, taverns and shops of Wilmington with hushed excitement. Some of these tales have never been successfully refuted. Join us for *Ghosts in the Graveyard* and see if you can solve the mystery of the late night bell ringing at Old Swedes Church

Nov 5: Eleventh Annual New Sweden History Conference: The Women of New Sweden~1638-1800

Lathem Hall, Widener University
Chester, Pennsylvania

Details at: <http://www.colonialswedes.org/Headlines/11thAnnNewSwHisCon.html>

Lenape and Swedish women in the Delaware Valley: Comparison of Social and Cultural Roles; Social Roles and Statuses of the Women of the Delaware Valley in the 18th Century: A Multi-ethnic Perspective; The Women of the Church of Sweden Mission, 1697-1786; Negotiating Three Governments: Armgard Printz's Role in South River Society.



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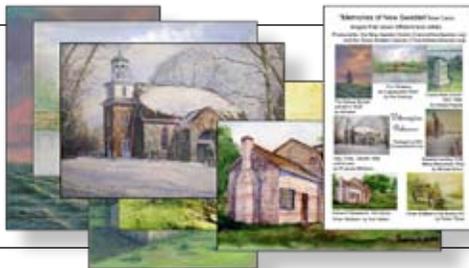
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Flowery Branch, GA 30542



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The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, 2007 – \$60

Volume 2
The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, 2005 – \$50



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Packet includes Six full color cards measuring 4.5" x 6.5" each, with scenes of historic New Sweden sites from various artists. Includes watercolor of Timen Stiddem's home by Tom Bullen.

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Your articles about your own family's history? All contributions to the *Newsletter* from members and readers are appreciated. Short stories, feature articles, photographs, copies of vital statistic records and certificates, current news—all are welcomed!

Email the editor at: RLSteadham@mac.com

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If you know someone who might be interested in joining the society, please photocopy the form below. Have them send in the completed form, along with a check made payable to The Timen Stiddem Society in the amount of \$20.00, to:

**Kay Wootten-Schechinger, TSS Membership Secretary,
209 E. State Street, Millsboro, DE 19966**

Or email: kay.wootten@verizon.net

I would like to join **The Timen Stiddem Society** as a **Descendant Member**. My known descent from Dr. Stiddem is:

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I would like to join **The Timen Stiddem Society** as an **Associate Member**. I have an interest in this family's history, but don't knowingly descend from Dr. Stiddem.

Name: _____

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Email Address: _____

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