

# 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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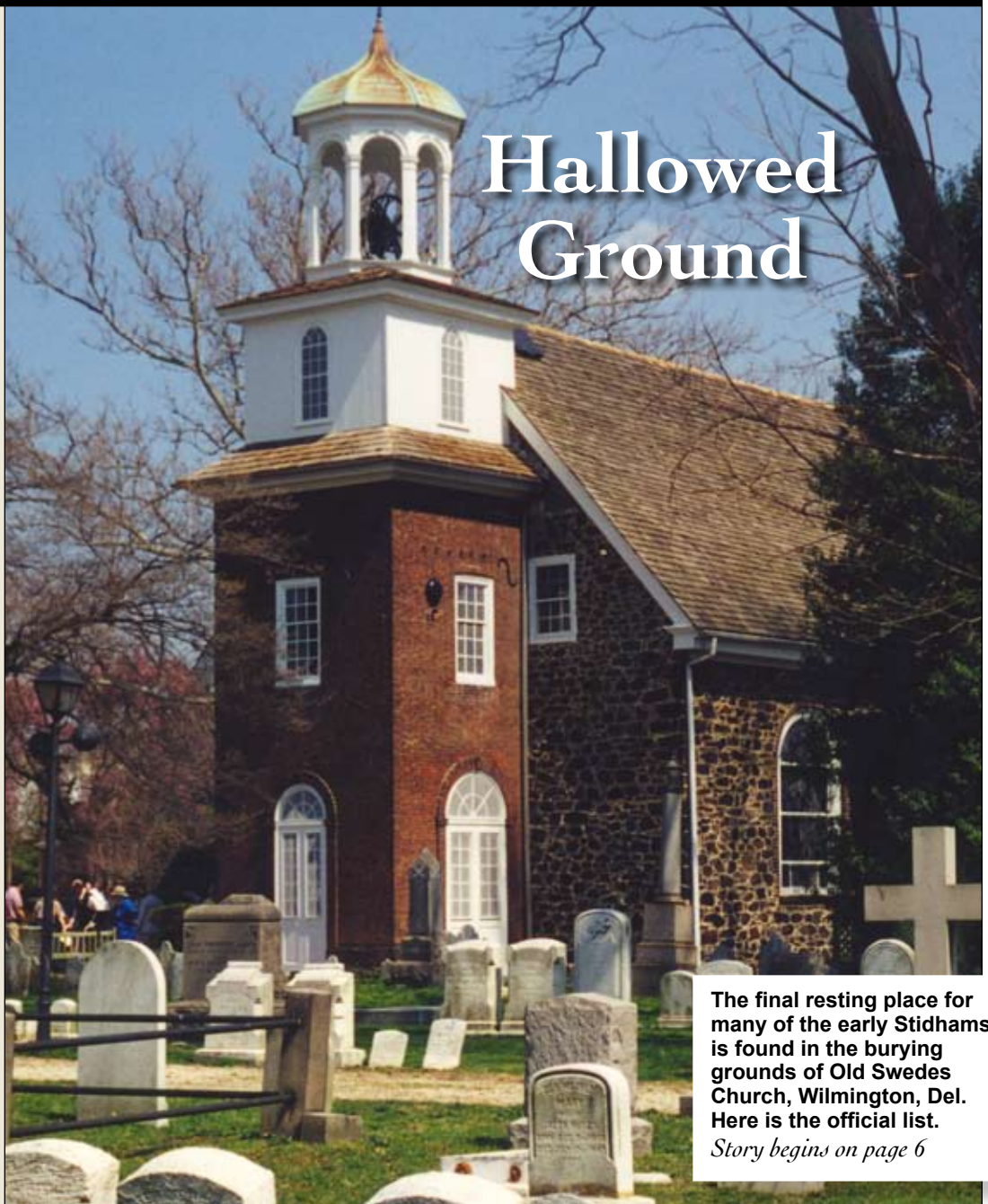


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## Hallowed Ground

The final resting place for many of the early Stidhams\* is found in the burying grounds of Old Swedes Church, Wilmington, Del. Here is the official list.  
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## From the President's Keyboard



David R. Stidham  
President, 2010-2011

Thanks to our members for putting me behind the keyboard for another term as your President. Richard Steadham has stepped down as your past president, but he is not going away. He has generously agreed to resume the role as newsletter editor, a role he had from 1998 to 2003 when he produced 19 issues, including some award-winning ones. I also want to welcome back our at-large board members, Butch Stidam, Kenneth Steadham and Thomas Stidham. Leslie Shamus is also returning this term, but this time as treasurer. Leslie's old job of membership secretary is being filled by our newest officer, Kay Wootten-Schechinger. Well, Kay isn't exactly new, because she has been with the society from the beginning and has served in several capacities. Please check out all of the officers' and board members' TSS biographies beginning on page 4.

Speaking of service, that is not something only the officer and board members provide

the society. I challenge each of you in 2010 and beyond to step up and be of service. Each one of you can do a little something this year to help meet the society's goals and to facilitate communication among our membership and other family members. Why not write an article or brief commentary for the *Newsletter*— a history of your branch of the family, a report on a local family reunion, current family news (births, marriages, deaths, graduations, etc.), a book review, etc. Or, do a cemetery research, or interview family members for the family history database. Recruit new members among your relatives, or get your local library or historical society to subscribe to the *Newsletter*. Google your surname and report on news articles about other family members. Help promote the sale of our note cards, t-shirts and books. Renew your membership on time. And most importantly, please let me and the other officers and board members know what you want to get out of your Timen Stiddem Society membership. Tell us what we can do to best serve you?

It was a real pleasure to meet so many

# the Timen Stiddem Society

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David R. Stidham (DCM-1)

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David R. Stidham is the Society's Historian and Stidham\* Family Tree Webmaster.

Richard L. Steadham is the Stidham Surname DNA Group Administrator and Timen Stiddem Society Webmaster.

The *Newsletter* is the official publication of the Timen Stiddem Society. It is published four times a year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. It is distributed to all members as a benefit of membership. The objectives of the Society are to encourage and promote the accurate recording of family data, vital statistics and individual accomplishments of Dr. Timen Stiddem and his descendants.

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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The Timen Stiddem Society is a family association member of the National Genealogical Society and the Federation of Genealogical Societies. In addition, the Society is an organizational member of the Swedish Colonial Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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of you at our past national Stidham\* family reunions. Our next gathering will not be until 2011, but it is not too early to start thinking about and planning for the 2011 event.

As you remember, we return to Wilmington every four years for our national reunion (next time being 2013). Last year at our 9th national reunion in Wilmington, we talked a bit about where to go for our 10th. We threw out a few names of possible locations, including Texas; southern California; Stidham, Oklahoma and eastern Kentucky. One big contender was Stockholm, Sweden, and we even had several people familiar with Sweden volunteer to help put together a Sweden trip. If you have another special reunion location in mind, and especially if you are willing to help facilitate the 2011 reunion, please let me know in the next several weeks. In the next issue we plan to have a ballot for everyone to vote on their choice and to lay plans for the 2011 reunion site.

OK, enough of this. Go ahead and enjoy the rest of the newsletter. The cover story takes us back to our roots in Wilmington and a place where so many of our early ancestors are buried. The other feature is a look into the life of the famous (and infamous) Sue Stidham of South Carolina. Current Stidham\* News has a poignant story about Haiti's recent earthquake and one Stidham's efforts to help. Be sure to check the back cover for highlights of things to come in future issues.

## TSS News

Every two years, the bylaws of the society regarding the election of new officers state:

**Section 6. Election of New Officers:** Ballots shall be sent out in the Fall Issue of the *Newsletter* in odd numbered years. Officers shall be elected by a two-thirds vote of the membership.

**Section 7. Announcement of New Officers:** Shall be published in the Winter Issue of the *Newsletter* in even numbered years.

**Section 8. New Officers Installed:** In the first quarter of the year following an election of such.

Therefore, in accordance with Sections 6,

## A Message from the New (Old) Editor

Greetings once again from San Diego! Does that have a familiar ring to it? It should, as that's how I began all of my messages to you as president over the past two years. I now have the privilege of returning back to the very comfortable position which I held at the founding of this society, editor of the *Newsletter*.

I edited this publication from Spring 1998 (Issue #1) through Winter 2003 (Issue #19), and look forward once again to bringing you the news of the society in these pages from quarter to quarter.

The intervening years have been admirably managed by none other than David Stidham, who not only kept the publication from floundering after I left, but brought new vigor to its pages in the form of ongoing scholarship in the study of this family's history. Stidham\* family researchers remain indebted to him for all he has accomplished on their behalf. My hat's off to him and I wish him continued success in a roll he is comfortable with as well, president. For longtime members, you're already aware of his outstanding leadership as founding president of the society and know him to be a tireless worker for the TSS and its mission as the family association for Stidhams\* everywhere.

And now to the business at hand.

As you peruse the pages in this issue, you'll note the *Newsletter* has a new look. From the font used for headlines and body text (Cochin) to photo captions and credits (Arial), everything has been updated and refined.

The serif face "Cochin" has a very scholarly look, perfect for the tone we strive for in these pages, while the sans-serif face "Arial" is modern and forward-looking, once again perfect, as we as an organization look to the future with promise, yet remain mindful of those who came before us.

Page structure has also undergone revision. The old 2-column format had served us well over the years, but was showing its age and in sore need (Editor's message continues on page 18)



Returning president David Stidham (left) with returning editor Richard Steadham at the Carl Milles Monument in Fort Christina Park during last year's Stidham\* family reunion in Wilmington, Delaware.

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7 and 8 of the society's bylaws, here is the official announcement of the society's officers for the 2010-2011 term and a brief listing of each person's qualifications.

**David R. Stidham (DCM-1)**  
**President** [Photo on page 2]

Timen Stiddem Society founder and lifetime Member of the Board

**President:** 1998-2001  
**Newsletter Editor:** 2004-2009  
**Historian:** 2008-continues  
**Database Manager/Webmaster, The Stidham\* Family Tree:** 1998-

- Assisted his father Jack with writing and publishing Volumes 1 and 2 of *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham*, and sole author and publisher of the upcoming Volume 3.
- Author of numerous articles published in the society's *Newsletter*.
- Produced the "Memories of New Sweden Note Cards" collection in conjunction with Aleasa Hogate and the New Sweden Centre in Wilmington.
- Organized the reunions in Nashville, Pigeon Forge and Wilmington and acted as master-of-ceremonies in eight (Indiana the one exception).
- Continues work on the effort to relocate the Crane Hook monument and to place a historical marker at the site of Dr. Stiddem's home in Wilmington, which he says is at the top of his agenda as president.



**Leslie A. Shamus (DCM-33)**  
**Treasurer**

**Membership Secretary:** 1998-1999; 2004-2009  
**Member of the Board:** 2000-2003  
**Charter Member**

- Attended reunions 1, 2 and 7, registering members and coordinating reunion activities.



**Kay Wootten-Schechinger (DCM-23)**

**Membership Secretary**

**Charter Member**

- Hosted the very first meeting of the TSS Board of Directors at her home in New Castle, Del., 1998.
- Attended all three reunions held in Wilmington. Helped plan the reunion banquet meal and secure its location for the 2009 reunion.



**Richard L. Steadham (DCM-2)**

**Newsletter Editor**

Timen Stiddem Society founder and lifetime Member of the Board

**President:** 2008-2009  
**Treasurer:** 1998-1999  
**Newsletter Editor:** 1998-2003  
**TSS Webmaster:** 1998-continues  
**Group Administrator of the Stidham\* Family DNA Study:** 2000-continues

- Spearheaded the Timen Stiddem Society Memorial Tree effort at Old Swedes Church, 1999-2000.
- Organized effort to have the City of Wilmington, Delaware, recognize by proclamation, August 19, 2000 as "Timen Stiddem and His Descendants Day."
- Winner of three awards from the National Genealogical Society (1998,

2000 and 2001) and two awards from the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library (2000 and 2002) for editing and publishing the Timen Stiddem Society *Newsletter*.

- Designer and producer of the society's lapel pin as well most of the reunion T-shirts.
- Author of numerous articles published in the *Newsletter*.



**Kenneth E. Steadham (DCM-5)**

**At-Large-Member of the Board**

**Charter Member**

- Assisted in organizing reunion number 3 in Mobile, Ala.
- Attended all reunions held.



**Thomas E. Stidham (DCM-26)**

**At-Large-Member of the Board**

**Charter Member**

- Attended reunions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9



**Ules G. Stidam, Jr. (DCM-180)**

**At-Large-Member of the Board**

**President:** 2003-2007  
**Membership Secretary:** 2000-2001  
**Charter Member**

- Organized reunions 5, 6, 7 and 8.
- Produced T-shirt for reunion 1.

## In Memoriam

**P**eter Craig passed away Thursday, November 26, 2009. He was both a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists and a Fellow of The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. A brilliant genealogist, he was a friend to many, a prolific author on the Swedish Colonial Period in the Delaware Valley, and will be greatly missed (*The Washington Post*, November 29, 2009).

In 2002, he received the Royal Order of the Polar Star from Sweden's ambassador to America, Jan Eliasson. This special honor is awarded by Sweden to those as a reward for Swedish and foreign "civic merits, for devotion to duty, for science, literary, learned and useful works and for new and beneficial institutions."

Dr. Craig passed away with his family by his side in the Cleveland Park home in Washington, D.C., he had lived in for more than 50 years. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sally; his children, Steve, Cary, Jenny and Katie; his brother John; four grandchildren; eight nephews and a niece; and many friends.

Memorial services were held Saturday, December 19 at Gloria Dei Old Swedes's Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Craig was a friend of the Timen Stiddem Society from its founding and an important Associate Charter Member (ACM-118) during all its years of existence. Jack Stidham credits him with correcting errors and providing new information on the early generations of Stidhams\* in his book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1*.

Dr. Craig's passing marks the end of an era in New Sweden research, but his accomplishments will continue to inspire others in this important field of study.



Peter Stebbins Craig  
1928-2009

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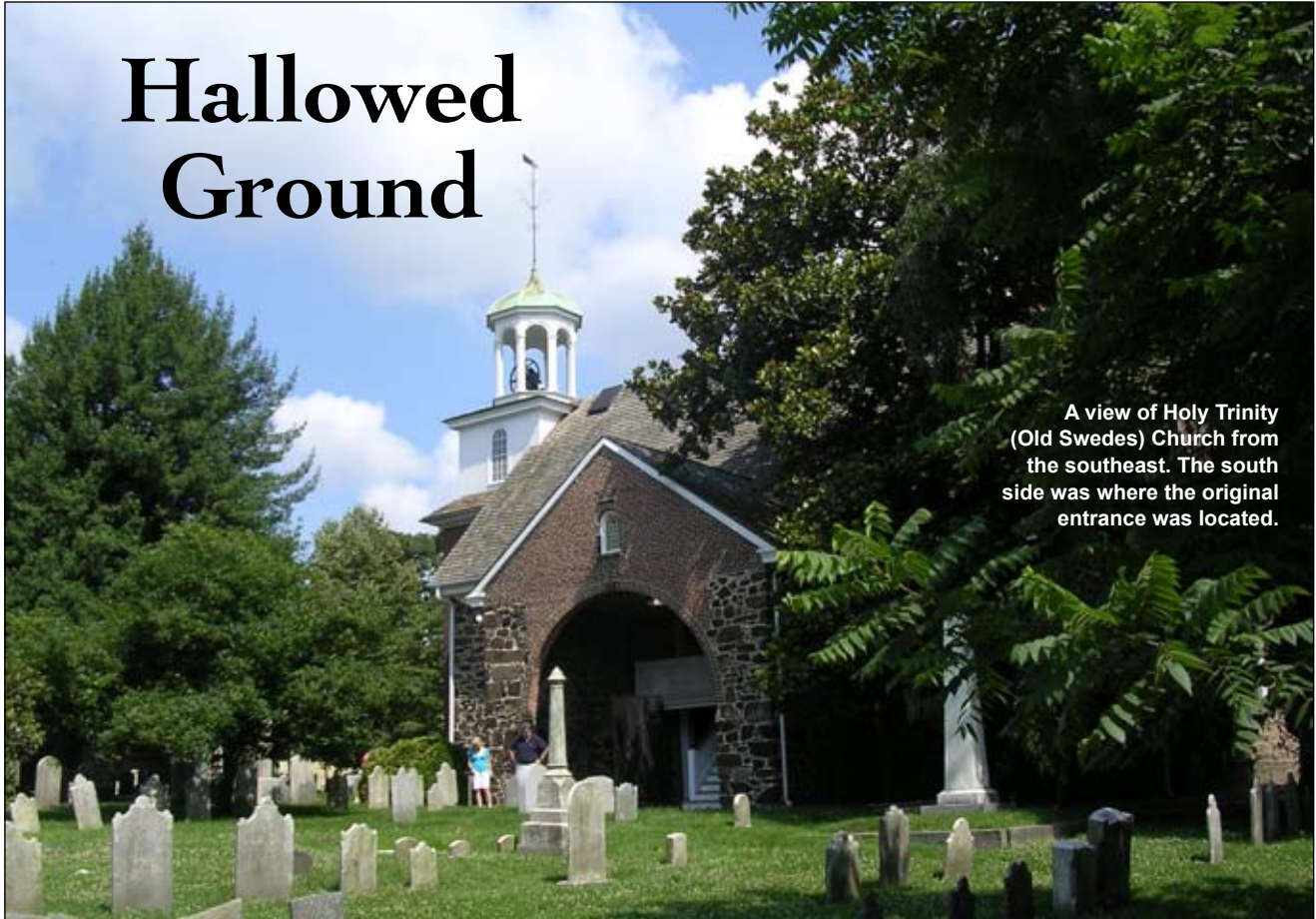
Dr. Craig on the cover of Issue #3 of the Newsletter in 1998 (above).

A familiar sight: Dr. Craig addressing members and guests of the Swedish Colonial Society at the Forefather's Day Luncheon in Philadelphia, 2001 (left).



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# Hallowed Ground



A view of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church from the southeast. The south side was where the original entrance was located.

**H**oly Trinity (Old Swedes) Church was built in 1699 and is on record as the oldest church in continuous use in the United States. The earliest known Stidham\* buried on its grounds is Elizabeth Stedham (d. 9 Nov 1717; no headstone), wife of Hindric Stedham, though there is undoubtedly many more lying anonymously throughout the graveyard and unknown to us today due to the erosion of markers such as wood or other perishable materials, and incomplete record keeping by the early church pastors.

The family's patriarch, Dr. Timen Stiddem, died in 1686, 13 years before this church and its location were established and is more than likely not buried anywhere on the grounds. The exception would be if his body was moved here many years after his death from one of three more likely burial locations: 1. The earlier Crane Hook Church burying ground; 2. The Stidham burying ground near the old Crane Hook Church; 3. On the grounds of his old homestead near

**Stidhams\*  
Buried at Old  
Swedes Church,  
Wilmington,  
Delaware**

*By Richard L.  
Steadham*



14th and Poplar Streets in Old Wilmington, which today no longer exists.

Of the 64 known Stidhams\* buried there, 24 are Stedhams, but only four have existing headstones with burial locations known, the remaining are not on the master plot plan; 40 are Stidhams, and all but two having existing headstones and known burial locations. It is assumed that all Stidhams\* listed are either descendants of Timen Stiddem, or married to someone who was and took on the Stidham\* name at marriage, yet there's many buried here that we aren't exactly sure as to where they fit into the family tree. Where we are certain as to the identity of individuals listed, the number in brackets accompanying their name signifies that person's descendant number from the book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Vol. 1*, by Jack Stidham, 2001.

The Timen Stiddem Society is a life member of the Old Swedes Foundation and has a young tree planted on the grounds in memory of the society, as noted on a plaque at its base.

The following Stidhams\* are taken from the Index of Burials at Old Swedes Church, giving the:

- Name
- Date(s)
- Relationship (if known)
- Lot No. (if known)
- Permit No. (if applicable)
- Reference source and page number from one of the following:

A=Original Old Swedes "Kyrko Bok," 1750-1886

B=Horace Burr's translation of above, 1713-1799

C=Small black registry of permits 1114-1472, 1914-1945

D=1899 burials listed by lot number, 1749-1913+

E=Register No. 1 (or E), 1886-1891

F=Register No. 2 (or F), 1891-1895

G=Register No. 3 (or G), 1895-1903

H=Register No. 4 (or H), 1904-1912

J=Register No. 5, 1913-1933

K=Register No. 6, 1933-1992

L=1899 Cemetery Survey (Post Binder), all

M=Trinity Episcopal Register, 1992 on

Note: **Lot numbers in bold** in each individual's entry correspond to numbers on map page 9. Family groups are separated by a blank space.

**Stedham, John S.;** b. 1797; d. 22 Feb 1828; **Lot 852;** D 102

**Stedham, Rebecca;** b. 1746; d. 27 Dec 1791; wife of Joseph; **Lot 851;** D 102

**Stedham, Rev. Joseph;** b. 1742; d. 22 Apr 1791; **Lot 850;** D 102

**Stidham, John [136];** b. 1766; d. 10 Jun 1839; **Lot 476;** D 56

**Stidham, Abigail;** b. 1764; d. 11 Jan 1840; wife of John [136]; **Lot 477;** D 56

**Stidham, David [229];** b. 1799; d. 16 Oct 1839; son of J and A; **Lot 478;** D 56

**Stidham, Elizabeth;** b. 1802; d. 19 Oct 1888; wife of David [229] (same headstone); **Lot 478;** Permit 382; E 116

**Stidham, Ann G.;** b. 1776; d. 4 Nov 1830; wife of Joseph [146]; **Lot 319;** D 38

**Stidham, Joseph [146];** b. 1862; d. 20 Sep 1863; **Lot 320;** Permit 404

**Stidham, Annie B. [554];** b. 1853; d. 9 May 1918; **Lot 156;** Permit 1185; C 8

**Stidham, Sarah R. [556];** b. 1858; d. 11 May 1918; Reinterment (shares headstone with above); **Lot 156;** Permit 1186; C 8

**Stidham, Mary Bondale [555];** b. 1857; d. 6 Sep 1861; dau. of Jonas B. [322]; **Lot 156;** Permit 181; A 165; Mary was the third daughter of Jonas Benjain [322] Stidham and his wife, Ellen (Foreman).

**Stidham, Josie;** age 10 months (no dates); dau. of Jonas B. [322]; **Lot 156;** D 30

**Stidham, Jonas B. [322];** b. 1827; d. 29 Nov 1876; **Lot 156;** Permit 10687; D 30

**Stidham, Ellen B.;** b. 1827; d. 7 Jan 1888; wife of Jonas B [322]. **Lot 156;** Permit 335; D 30

The Timen Stiddem Society Memorial Tree, a Shagbark Hickory sapling planted in the Fall of 1999, now stands about 35 feet tall. See number 1 on map page 9 for location.



**Stidham, Catherine;** b. 1778; d. 26 Feb 1863; wife of David [138]; **Lot 474;** Permit 355; A 167

**Stidham, David [138];** d. 2 Apr 1838; **Lot 475;** A 154

**Stidham, Christiana;** b. 1744; d. 6 Jan 1786; wife of Cornelius [72]; **Lot 317;** D 38

**Stidham, Cornelius [72];** b. 1736; d. 7 Mar 1803; **Lot 318;** D 38

**Stidham, Joanna;** b. 1758; d. 28 Nov 1789; wife of Lucas [126]; **Lot 334;** D 42

**Stidham, Lucas [126];** b. 1756; d. 19 Jan 1803; **Lot 335;** D 42

**Stidham, Samuel [262];** b. 1804; d. 9 Feb 1834; **Lot 321;** D 40

**Stidham, Jonas [75];** b. 1744; d. 2 Aug 1811; **Lot 322;** D 40

**Stidham, Joseph Gregg [259];** b. 1798; d. 29 Sep 1810; **Lot 316;** D 38

**Stidham, Susan;** b. 1805; d. 10 Sep 1898; wife of Joseph Gregg [259]; **Lot 316A;** L 131

**Stidham, Samuel G. [362];** b. 1825; d. 27 Mar 1831; son of Joseph Gregg [259] (shares headstone with mother's); **Lot 316A;** D 38

**Stidham, Lillian May;** b. 1896; d. 23 Apr 1897; **Lot 1093;** Permit 705

**L.S.;** **Lot 606;** D 72

## Remainder of Stidhams\* Without Headstones

Note: comments of known Stidhams\* are preceded with an asterisk, information being derived from *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham*, Vol. 1, by Jack Stidham. All other text is as written in the Burial Index.

**Stedham, Adam [29];** d. 9 Dec 1723; B 278; \*Adam [29] Stedham was the son of Erasmus (Asmund) [4] Stedham and his wife Margareta Samuelsson (Petersson).

**Stedham, Anders;** d. 22 Dec 1726; B 300

**Stedham, Casparus;** d. 4 Jul 1718; L 128

**Stedham, Catherine [101];** d. 3 Jul 1718; dau. of Christopher [33]; B 245; \*Catherine [101] Stedham was the daughter of Christopher [33] Stedham and his wife Johanna (Van der Culen).

**Stedham, Elizabeth;** b. 1688; d. 5 Mar 1737; **Lot 831;** B 357

**Stedham, Elizabeth;** d. 1743; B 383

**Stedham, Elizabeth;** d. 9 Nov 1717; wife of Hindric [32]; B 242



Old Swedes Walking Tour plaque No. 7: Stidham Family. "The Stidhams were another prominent family in the early days of the New Sweden Colony and Old Swedes," the text begins. It continues with information about Tymen Stidham, the area's first physician, and the Rev. Joseph Stidham who fought in the Revolutionary War. See number 2 on map opposite page.

**Stidham, Edmund [244];** b. 1802; d. 29 Jul 1826; **Lot 440;** D 52

**Stidham, Peter W. [248];** b. 1780; d. 21 Aug 1821; **Lot 441;** D 52

**Stidham, Margaret May;** b. 1831; d. 1835; **Lot 697;** D 84

**Stidham, Elizabeth;** b. 1797; d. 6 May 1832; **Lot 696;** D 84

**Stidham, Ingeborg;** b. 1690; d. 1 Apr 1748; **Lot 603;** D 72

**Stidham, Levi S.;** d. 1835; **Lot 605;** D 72

**Stidham, Isaac, Sr. [133];** b. 1762; d. 19 Oct 1821; **Lot 607;** A 152

**Stidham, Joseph W. [257];** b. 1807; d. 5 May 1831; son of Isaac [142]; **Lot 358;** D 44

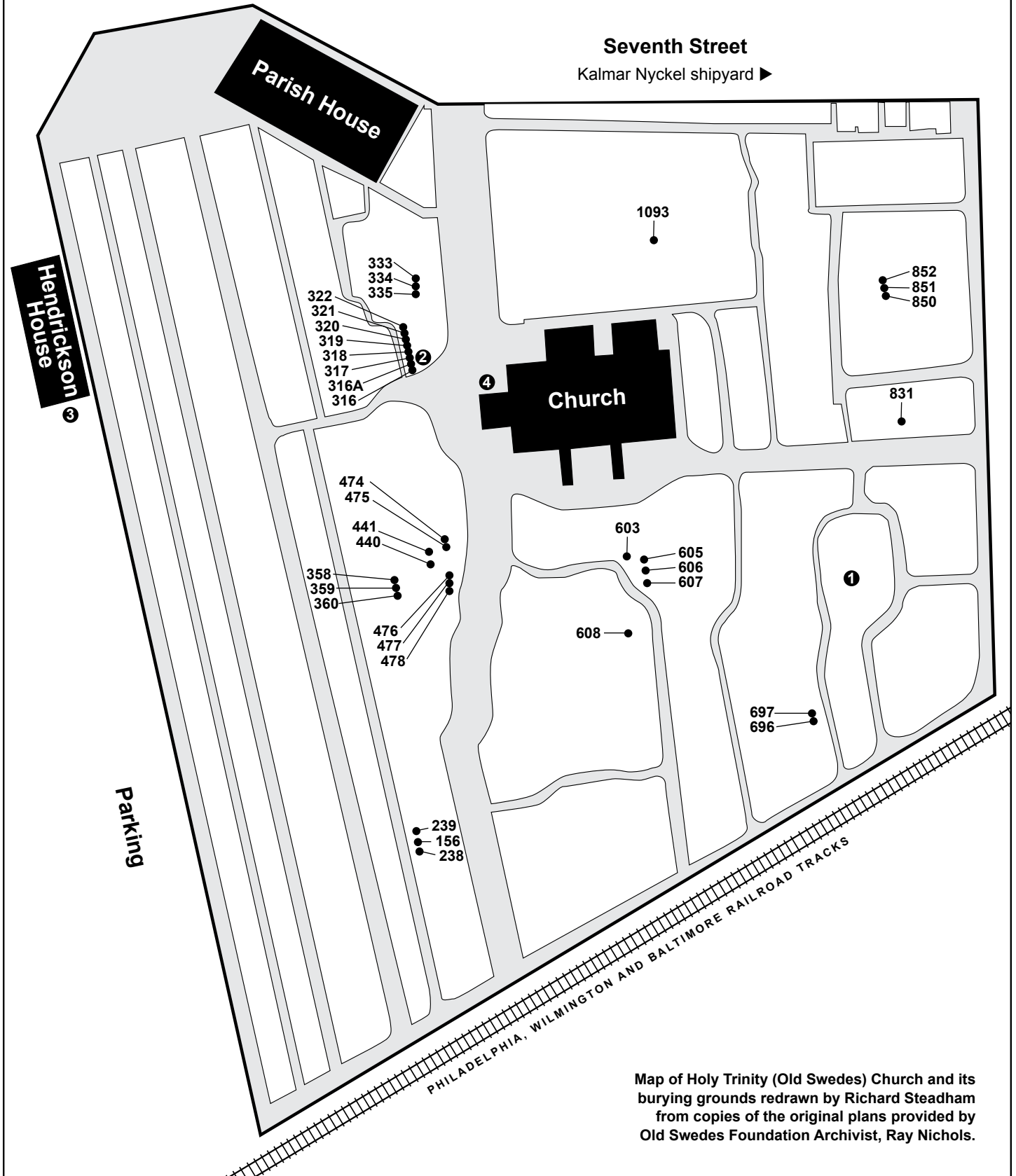
**Stidham, Sarah;** b. 1778; d. 25 Apr 1832; wife of Isaac [142]; **Lot 359;** D 44

**Stidham, Isaac [142];** b. 1767; d. 25 Apr 1832; **Lot 360;** D 44

**Stidham, William Vaneman [202];** b. 1783; d. 1 Sep 1789; son of Lucas; **Lot 333;** D 42



## Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church and Its Burying Grounds



Map of Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church and its burying grounds redrawn by Richard Steadham from copies of the original plans provided by Old Swedes Foundation Archivist, Ray Nichols.



The Hendrickson House, originally built in 1690, was moved to the church grounds in 1958 and restored. Today it serves as a museum of early colonial Swedish life, which includes a gift shop of New Sweden collectables. See number 3 on map page 9.

The Registered National Historic Landmark plaque attached to the wall next to the entrance of the church displays the historical value of the building and its grounds (right). See number 4 on map page 9.

**Stedham, Helena;** d. 4 May 1724; wife of Erasmus [20]; B 287

**Stedham, Isaac;** b. 1740; d. 1753; L 128

**Stedham, Israel [66b];** d. 15 Feb 1719; son of Erasmus [20]; B 253; \*Israel [66b] Stedham was the son of Erasmus (Asmund) Lucasson [20] Stedham and his first wife, Helena (widow of Peter Peterson-Caupeny).

**Stedham, Lucas [67];** b. 1726; d. 1753; L 128; \*Lucas [67] Stedham was the son of Jonas Lucasson [21] Stedham and his second wife, Helena (Derickson).

**Stedham, Lucas, Sr. [3];** d. 8 Dec 1726; B 299 (may be the marker with initials "L.S." in the headstone section)

**Stedham, Margaret;** d. 1743; B 383

**Stedham, Maria [54];** d. 28 Apr 1724; dau. of Lucas, Jr. [18]; B 287; \*Maria [54] Stedham was the daughter of Lucas Lucasson [18] Stedham, Jr., and his wife Ingeborg (Jaquet).

**Stedham, Maria [66c];** d. 18 Jul 1721; dau. of Erasmus [20]; B 267; \*Maria [66c] Stedham was the daughter of Erasmus (Asmund) Lucasson [20] Stedham and his first wife, Helena (widow of Peter Peterson-Caupeny).

**Stedham, (no name) [91];** d. 1739; son of Hendricks [32]; B 357; \*Cornelius [91] Stedham was the son of Hendrick [32] Stedham and his second wife, Catherine (Vandever).

**Stedham, (no name);** d. 21 Oct 1735; wife of Hendricks [32]; B 356; \*Catherine (Vandever) Stedham, second wife of Hendrick [32] Stedham.

**Stedham, (no name) [106a];** d. 1734; child of Christopher [33]; B 356; \*Unnamed child of Christopher [33] Stedham and his wife, Johanna (Van der Culen).

**Stedham, Timothy [35];** d. 21 Jun 1763; L 128; \*Timothy Benedictsson [35] Stedham was the son of Benedictus [6] Stedham and his wife, Margaret Ollesdotter (Thorsson).

**Stedham, Timothy [19];** d. 7 Mar 1754; L 128; \*Timothy Lucasson [19] Stedham was the son of Lucas [3] Stedham and his wife, Karen/Karin (Tussey).

**Stedham, Tobias [81];** b. 1750; d. 1750; son of Asmund [30]; L 128; \*Tobias [81] Stedham was the son of Erasmus (Asmund) [30] Stedham, Jr., and his wife, Christina (Hendrickson).

**Stidham, Mary;** d. 24 Nov 1764; wife of L (?); L 131

**Stidham, Mary;** b. 1747; d. 1751; L 131

*Editor's Note: A web version of this feature is available on the Timen Stiddem Society's website at: [http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tstiddem/nav\\_oldsweedes.html](http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~tstiddem/nav_oldsweedes.html)*



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# The Famous and Infamous Sue Stidham

By Merle Griswold  
and  
Francine Rossman

**S**usie Belle “Sue” was born in April 1899, (according to the 1900 census) in the Fruit Hill Section of Edgefield County, South Carolina, the child of James Claude [1008] Stidham and Susie F. Morse Stidham. She was the youngest of four children, one sister, Sofie, and two brothers, James Chiles “Bud” and Arthur Ashley Stidham. Sue’s mother died when she was only ten. In the spring after her mother died, her father gave her a colt from his mare, Orn, named for the ship that brought his ancestors to America. She named her colt, Free Spirit. She raised the colt and became an excellent horsewoman; after she married, she rode with the men on foxhunts.

When Sue was a young girl, James Claude bought the family a piano and Sue taught herself to play. Actually, she played by ear, meaning that she had only to hear a tune a couple of times and she could play it. Her father gave her the piano when she and Wallace married and she took it with



This photo of Sue Stidham Logue was probably taken at her wedding.

About 1913, Sue’s father invited John Wallace Logue, a neighbor’s son, to court Sue and they married on April 9, 1914. Before the wedding, Studie took Sue in the horse and buggy to a neighbor, Mina Turner’s, to have her make Sue a wedding dress. The horse got spooked and ran away with the buggy, Studie was thrown from the buggy and one of her legs was mangled so bad that it had to be amputated. She was given a peg leg to wear, which had to be strapped on with leather straps. The straps rubbed the stump of her leg and caused her to get blood poison. She died in 1918.

After Sue and Wallace married, they moved into the Logue family home with Wallace’s mother, Anna and brother, George. She would often ride her horse “Free Spirit” to her father’s and the children looked forward to these visits. After Studie died, Sadie went to lived with Sue at the Logue home until her father married Beulah Salter about 1920. Word has it that Beulah was not fond of Sue and would not allow her to spend much time with her or Studie’s children.

Sue was a lovely young woman and there was a lot of gossip about the possibilities of her having an affair with her brother-in-law, George, and with the illustrious Strom Thurmond. However, according to Sadie, Strom Thurmond was a good friend of her father’s and because of their friendship was instrumental in helping Sue obtain a teaching job. Sue was a very smart woman even though she only had a sixth grade education. Sadie said that she also had some instructions at a study center for teachers in Edgefield, South Carolina. In 1924, she started teaching at the Meeting Street School not far from her home. After it closed in 1925, she was hired to teach 2nd grade at Tompkins School in Edgefield

*“Sue did not want to go through the process of appeals to avoid execution, because she could not face the world.”*

her to the Logue home, where she entertained the Logue family with her lively music.

In early 1911, her father married Studie Deloach and they had four children: Sadie Lee, Anne Lou, Hoyt LeGrand and James Floyd. According to Sadie, Sue was quiet fond of the children and helped Studie with them.

County. This caused some trouble among her neighbors, especially the Timmermans. Some parents even took their children out of Tompkins School and sent them elsewhere.

While in Edgefield doing some research, I met a woman by the name of Ann McDowell Dorn. She told me that Sue had gotten a teaching job over two other applicants who had college degrees. She also said that the back of Sue's teaching certificate was said to have read, "at the request of Strom Thurmond."

Sue was very active in Stevens Creek Baptist Church. From 1923 until 1939, she was in charge of the Cradle role, in addition, she assumed the leadership of the Sunbeams in 1929, and she taught the primary age children's Sunday School. The Edgefield Advertiser carried numerous accounts of Sue's activities relating to the school and the church, some of which she wrote. In the summer of 1940, she moved her membership to the First Baptist Church in Edgefield.

In September 1940, a neighbor, Davis Timmerman's mule got into the Logue's pasture and kicked and killed one of the Logue's calves. On September 30, 1940, Wallace went into the Timmerman's store to collect for the calf. They argued over the price Timmerman should pay. Timmerman's story was that Wallace came at him with an ax handle and he shot him. He was tried and found not guilty. Sue and George were convinced that it was not self-defense and they coerced Joe Frank Logue, a nephew who was a police officer in Spartanburg, to find someone they could hire to kill Davis Timmerman. Joe Frank was a tall, handsome young man; he won several citations for being the most courteous man on the force. According to him, he did not want anything to do with killing Timmerman, but Sue and George reportedly threatened to harm his family. He found a man by the name of Clarence Bagwell, a drunkard that was willing to do it for \$500.

It appeared for several weeks that the crime would not be solved, but soon after he killed, Davis Timmerman, Bagwell started drinking again and told a girl friend what he had done and she reported him to the police. When Bagwell was arrested, he told them about being hired by Joe Frank Logue to do the killing. Joe Frank in-turn told the police about Sue and George's involvement. In an attempt to arrest Sue and George without

incident, the Sheriff of Edgefield County, D. Allen, a relative of the Logue's, sent word to Sue and George that he wanted to talk to them. They sent word back that they could not come in right away. D. Allen along with his deputy Doc Clark went to the Logue farm to arrest Sue and George. When Sheriff Allen told Sue and George that he had a warrant to arrest them, George asked him to come in the house so he could read the warrant. When they entered the house, Fred Dorn, one of the Logue's sharecroppers, shot and killed Sheriff Allen and then the deputy. Doc Clark killed Fred Dorn. During the shooting, George was shot in the arm and Deputy Clark was shot in the side with a shotgun from which he died a short time later.

News quickly spread and a mob gathered outside the Logue home with threats of killing everyone in the house. Strom Thurman, now a Judge, received news of the trouble and went to the Logue home to convince Sue and George to surrender.

Sue, George and Bagwell were convicted of first-degree murder in the killing of Davis Timmerman, the man who had killed Sue's husband, Wallace and had gotten off on self-defense. All three were executed on Friday, January 15, 1943. Sue was the first woman in history to be electrocuted in South Carolina.

According to Sue's sister, Sadie Stidham Miller, Sue did not want to go through the process of appeals to avoid execution, because she could not face the world. Sadie compared Sue's waiting for execution to that of a little

*(Sue Stidham's story continues on page 16)*



**George, Sue and Wallace Logue during happier times**

# Current Stidham\* News

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

## DEATHS

**James H. "Preacher" [3684] Stidham** 63, of East Stone Gap, Virginia, passed away on Wednesday (Nov. 11, 2009) at Lonesome Pine Hospital. He was a lifelong resident of East Stone Gap and a retired carpenter. He was a member of the East Stone Gap Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Worley [1718] and Alice (Carter) Stidham, Sr.; two brothers, Worley Stidham, Jr. and Coy Stidham; and four sisters, Shelby Moore, Trudy Revilla, Judy Cole and Margaret Riley. Surviving are his wife, Gail Stidham; two sons, Kelly Stidham and wife, Lynn of Big Stone Gap and Matt Stidham and wife, Maria of East Stone Gap; four grandsons, Trey, Luke, Jeb and Dale Stidham; two sisters, Mary Cole of Big Stone Gap and Anne Swinney of East Stone Gap; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. The funeral service was conducted at Noon on Saturday at the East Stone Gap Baptist Church with The Rev. Lonnie Brooks and The Rev. Bill Hughes officiating. Burial followed in the Stidham Family Cemetery on Wallens Ridge in Big Stone Gap. Pallbearers were Chad Swinney, Ryan Swinney, Hank Swinney, Brandon Riley, Rex Owens, Josh Roberts and Junior Cole. (*Coalfield Progress*, Norton, Virginia, 11 Nov 2009)

**Mary Octavia [3668] Stidham** 86, of Norton, Virginia, died Sunday, November 29, 2009 at Heritage Hall Nursing Home in Wise, Virginia. Born to Elbert [1737] and Jennie (Osborne) Stidham, she was a lifelong resident of the Ramsey community of Norton. Octavia was a retired sales clerk, having worked at the former D. Cury's, Cohen's, and Dave Department Stores in Norton. In addition



**Rhoda [3666] Stidham (standing) and her sister Octavia [3668] Stidham**

to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Rhoda Stidham, and a brother, Walter "Buck" Stidham. She is survived by a niece Sandy Dickey, Mooresville, NC, and several great nieces and nephews. Graveside funeral services for Miss Stidham will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Laurel Grove Cemetery in Norton. (*Coalfield Progress*, Norton, Virginia, 4 Dec 2009)

**Hugh Kenneth [4075] Stidham** 77, of Norton, Virginia, with the Lord on Thursday (Nov. 26, 2009). He died peacefully at his son's home in Roanoke while surrounded by his family. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, during the Korean War. He retired from serving as an electrician in the coal mining industry. Kenneth was a member of the West Norton Baptist Church where he taught Sunday school. He was preceded in death by his father, Milfred Stidham, his mother, Martha Jane

Bentley Stidham, his sister, Bertie Stidham Napier, and his wife, Myrtle "Snookie" Stidham. He is survived by his two sons; the Rev. Hugh Kenneth Stidham, Jr., his wife, Karen, and their children, Daniel, Michael, and Rebecca; and son, Dr. Greg Stidham, his wife, Freda, and their children, Rachel and Aaron; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Joe and Judy Miller; several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28, at Hagy-Fawbush Funeral Home in Norton. Funeral services followed at 7 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Glen Ritchie officiating. Graveside committal services were conducted at 2 p.m. Sunday at Powell Valley Memorial Gardens. (*Coalfield Progress*, Norton, Virginia, 1 Dec 2009)

**Irvin Bascum [1906] Stidham** 95, passed away at the Lonesome Pine Hospital, Big Stone Gap, Virginia on Tuesday (Dec 22, 2009). He was of the Protestant Faith and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a retired coal miner and worked for Lays' Hardware and Home Hardware of Norton. Irvin is survived by his wife, Dorothy Stidham of Big Stone Gap; his daughter, Paulette Roberts of Fort Myers, Florida; his son, Larry Stidham of Bassett, Virginia and one brother, Ralph Harold Stidham of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Funeral services for Irvin were conducted in the Gilliam Funeral Home Chapel Saturday (Dec 26, 2009) at 1 p.m. with Pastor Mat Marcus officiating. Interment was private. Gilliam Funeral Home, Big Stone Gap, served the Stidham family. (*Coalfield Progress*, Norton, Virginia, 29 Dec 2009)

**Geneva M. [4684] Stidham Taylor** Age 91, of Mount Olive, Alabama,

died on 22 Dec 2009. She was born 20 Sep 1918. Visitation will be held Wednesday, 23 Dec 2009 at Hackleburg Church of God of Prophecy, where funeral services will be held Wednesday at 12 pm. Rev. Odell Green will be officiating. Burial to follow in the Cedar Tree cemetery. Survived by: sons-Jerry (Bernice) Quinn and Jimmy (Joyce) Taylor. Sister-Alice [4685] Fincher. Also survived by 5 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by husband-Carl Taylor, Parents-Martin [2287] and Maudie Stidham. (Taylor, Nichols Funeral Home web site, 26 Dec 2009, sent by Alice Ruth Stidham Fincher of Russellville, Alabama.)

**Mary Emma [4445] Stidham Collins**

84, resident of Magnolia Manor, Greenwood, widow of Clarence L. Collins, died Thursday, January 21, 2010 at Hospice House. Born in Edgefield County, she was a daughter of the late Alton and Alice Dorn McCary. She retired from Abney Mills, Grendel Plant, and was of the Baptist faith. Surviving are two sons, Wayne Collins and his wife, Helen, and Joey Collins and his wife, Pam, all of Ninety Six; grandchildren, Kim Bradberry (Keith), David Collins (Joshlyn), Scott Collins (Rachel), Kelly Calhoun (Scott), Joseph Collins (Sara) and Kayla Collins; great grandchildren, Jennifer Hill, Brandy Collins, Katie Collins, Tyler Neal, Jordan Canfield, Payten Calhoun, Alyssa Calhoun, Baylor Collins and Kenley Collins. She was the last member of her immediate family and was also preceded in death by a great granddaughter, Penelope Collins. Services will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday at the Harley Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Frank Page officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Keith McCary, Wendell Stidham, Tony Stidham, Ronnie Stidham, T. J. Collins and Roger Collins. Honorary escort will be Scott Calhoun, Bobby

Anthony, Jimmy Buff, Bill McDonald, Bill Hale and Walter Smith. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The family is at the home of her son, Wayne Collins, 112 Millionaire Road, Ninety Six. (*Greenwood Today, Greenwood, South Carolina, 22 Jan 2010*)



**Cody Gene Stidham**

(Grandson of Alfred Alonzo [4580] Stidham) 26 (1983-2009) of Anadarko, Okla., was called home by the Lord on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2009, in Dallas. Survivors: Parents, Gene and Vickie Stidham of Anadarko; sister, Katie and Zech Allozi; grandmother, Nancy Adair; uncles; many other relatives and friends. (*Dallas Morning News, 5 Jan 2010*)

**Shellay Rose Stidham**

Departed this life on Thursday, 28

January 2010, at the Hazard A. R. H., Hazard, Kentucky. Ms. Shellay Rose Stidham born 4 October 1976, at Hyden, Leslie Co., Kentucky, the daughter of Mr. Arlie [5631] Stidham [TSS member DM-215] and Clara Baker Stidham. Shellay was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents: Sam [2929] & Chloe Stidham; maternal grandparents: Amos & Flara Baker. Ms. Shellay Rose Stidham leaves surviving: her father: Mr. Arlie Stidham of Busy, Kentucky, her mother: Clara Baker Stidham of Hazard, Kentucky, four brothers: Donald Gene Eversole of Busy, Kentucky, A. J. Stidham of Lost Creek, Kentucky, Jeff Stidham of Crothersville, Indiana, Jody Stidham of Scottsburg, Indiana; two sisters: Sherry Lynn Stidham of Hazard, Kentucky, Christi Y. S. Hamilton of Seymour, Indiana. Survived by a host of nieces and nephews and other relatives. Funeral services were conducted on 31 January 2010, at 11:00 am at the Engle-Walker Perry County Chapel on Morton Blvd., Hazard, Kentucky, with Rev. Minor Feltner & Rev. J. M. McIntosh officiating. Internment followed in the Succi Gap Cemetery, Busy, Kentucky. (hazweb.proboards.com – sent by Carter Combs)

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## Tragedy in Haiti Hits Close to Home

By *Esther Stidham*

The earthquake hit Haiti on January 12th. Right away I began talking with a group of Haitian doctors and nurses from the Worcester, Massachusetts area about going to Haiti to help the earthquake victims. I have a keen desire to use my LPN skills to help out my fellow Haitians who had suffered so much in the past, and were experiencing unimaginable pain and suffering again.

I was at work on Wednesday, January 20th in the afternoon when I got a phone call that the group was

leaving right then. I rushed home, packed, and left for Haiti with the Worcester group. Unfortunately, a large load of medical supplies, which my sister-in-law, Sue Brook, had arranged as a donation from Kingsway Charities, Inc. out of Virginia, arrived at the same time. I only had time to stuff a couple of duffle bags with medical supplies and had to leave the rest for a later trip. (Note: The group of Worcester doctors and nurses plan to return to Haiti in March with the rest of the supplies.)

When I arrived at the Boston airport, I purchased a ticket to accom-

pany the group to Chicago. The next day we boarded a cargo flight to Port-au-Prince.

After arriving in Port-au-Prince, we headed straight to the Dikini Hospital in Carefour, about 10 miles from the capital. As we drove through the city and saw so much destruction; houses flattened like sandwiches, it was obvious how so many people had been killed and injured. With many of the flattened buildings, you cannot even make out the foundation. For example, the main post office in Port-au-Prince was totally destroyed. You cannot see any walls or the foundation. All you see are piles of rubble and papers fluttering around.

While I can understand the destruction, it is difficult for me to comprehend how something like that could have happened—it is like you are on a different planet.

During the first few days of our visit, our group was the only Krèyol speaking volunteers at the hospital and our interpreting skills were invaluable to other care-givers there administering aid.

I spent a week in this hospital working with the sick and injured, never leaving except once to pick up supplies at the UN Headquarters. The hospital was intact with some structural damage, however, everyone, including our group, slept on the ground in the hospital courtyards—sleeping on cardboard, under sheets and a few tents, because of fear of aftershocks. The courtyard was completely filled with injured people, from amputees, people with crushed limbs, broken bones, and head injuries, to quadriplegics.

I worked every day from 2 p.m. to 4 a.m.—the night shift. I worked with doctors from several different countries (Mexico, France, USA, Haiti, South Africa and Canada). We

treated so many different injuries, it is hard to describe what I did and what I saw.

A typical day consisted of walking through “tent city,” changing dressings, starting and hanging IVs, giving medication and injections. At night, I



**A Haitian boy receives treatment at an ad hoc medical clinic after the earthquake. Photo: Logan Abassi, The United Nations**

assisted in surgeries in the hospital, as well as outside in OR tents, then returned to tent city to pass out pain meds until another nurse took over.

There were many, many pregnant women who suffered trauma from the quake and began bleeding. So many lost their babies, and I assisted in many c-sections resulting in mostly stillborns or removal of dead fetuses. The suffering was tremendous.

There is a lot of post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Every time there was an aftershock (which I experienced many times), everyone began running and grasping their hearts in fear that their heart might stop beating. Most people in tent city had only their clothes on their backs; they have no cover or sheets. The temperature gets a bit cool in the early morning, and the only thing they can do is get up and sing and pray to stay warm. The screaming, yelling and suffering is something that will haunt me for a long, long time.

One thing for which I am grateful is, despite everything, I never saw any

Haitian ask “Why?” Everyone was praising God, praying and singing all day and all night. The Haitian people have an incredible faith. I cared for one family I will not forget. A law school student lost her parents and a little sister in the quake. The student was pulled out of the law school rubble two days later, but she lost a leg and an arm, and three fingers from her other hand. She had four other siblings left who stayed with her in the hospital. They held hands constantly, praying and praising God.

All my immediate family are alive, thank God. Some are injured, but nothing major, and some are left with only the clothes on their backs. I was able to visit with several brothers and nieces and nephews who came to the hospital, and gave them a little food and money to take home to their families. For some reason I will never understand, God has blessed me by sparing my family. Unfortunately, some of my in-laws had loved ones killed in the quake. Please keep them in your prayers.

*Esther Stidham is the wife of TSS President, David R. Stidham.*

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*(Sue Stidham’ story continues from page 15) child looking for Santa Claus.*

Joe Frank was later convicted of murder, sentenced to die, but later his sentence was commuted and he was paroled after a few years.

In talking to Ann McDowell Dorn while in Edgefield South Carolina in May 2006, she said that the Logues were mean people. They had a lot of money and political power. People would give in to them even when they knew they were right, because they did not want their homes or barns burned.

There are two books written on the subject: *Guns of Meeting Street* and *Wanton Woman*. Both are available at the Old Edgefield District Genealogical Society. Phone: 803-637-4010, or email: OEDGS@aikenelectric.net.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

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

## **Thru Mar 13: Frontier Delaware**

Two traveling exhibitions exploring the impact and legacy of Delaware's earliest European adventurers – the Dutch and Swedes.

Delaware History Museum

504 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801; Phone (302) 656-0637

### • **Light on New Netherland**

Among the earliest European settlers in the New World were the Dutch who explored Long Island Sound in 1611 and settled on the tip of Long Island shortly thereafter. Their claim extended down into Delaware until the English finally took firm control of the region in 1664. Though their claim in this region of the New World was short-lived, the Dutch stayed and left an indelible mark on the American landscape. Created for the Henry Hudson Quadricentennial by the New Netherland Institute, the traveling exhibition *Light on New Netherland* explores the Dutch people who settled in the Mid-Atlantic as well as the lasting impact of their pursuits, occupations, and traditions.

### • **Colony to Community: The Story of New Sweden**

It is widely known that Delaware was the only Swedish colony in the new world. It is also commonly known that though the Swedes' control of what is now Delaware was short-lived, their impact is still seen and felt today. The story of the founding, struggle and legacy of New Sweden is the topic of this special exhibition organized and lent by the American Swedish Historical Museum. It features early images, artifacts, and documents, including many from our own collection, as well as paintings by Gustavus Hesselius on loan from the Nordic Museum in Sweden.

Visit [www.hsd.org](http://www.hsd.org) for more information.

## **Apr 11: Forefather's Day Luncheon**

Sponsored by the Swedish Colonial Society and the Delaware Swedish Colonial Society

Place: Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, Delaware; Time: 12:15 p.m. cocktails, 1 p.m. luncheon (preceded by wreath laying at Fort Christina Park, 11:15 a.m.); Cost: \$45; Presentation: "New Sweden Colonial Farmstead: Past, Present and Future"

## **Apr 28 - May 1: 2010 NGS Family History Conference**

Theme: **Follow Your Ancestral Trail**

The 2010 NGS Family History Conference will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mark your calendars for 28 April–1 May 2010.

Whether your family helped settle the nation, migrated across the country, stayed in the same place, or recently arrived in America, this conference has much to offer. The family history resources in Salt Lake City, Utah, will provide a depth and breadth to your research. The Family History Library has an extensive collection of international records. A major focus of the conference will be increasing research skills in foreign countries.

Visit [www.ngsgenealogy.org](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) for more information.



## Calling All Boy Scouts of America! Both Current and Former

2010 is the Boy Scouts of America 100th anniversary. To celebrate this important milestone, the Timen Stiddem Society will recognize all current and former Stidham\* scout members in the next issue of the *Newsletter*.

Here's how you can get involved. Send us the names of your Stidham\* family scout members (including adults, such as den mothers, and fathers leading scout organizations), along with the highest rank they achieved, all honors earned and their years as members. Include state and lower-level organizational divisions, such as pack or troop, and any other vital information for recording. **Deadline for submissions: April 16, 2010.**

To really bring this feature to life, include as many photos as you like, which could include: official scout portraits (both individual and group), camping trips, meeting activities, volunteer events, etc. We'll make this issue as many pages as needed in order to include all submissions.

If you have a personal scouting story you would like to tell, maybe a special memory, perhaps a poem written, a painting or drawing made, anything of interest while scouting, please send it in!

Email your digital submissions to [RLSteadham@mac.com](mailto:RLSteadham@mac.com). Or, send by regular mail: type and handwritten documents, along with photo prints (to be scanned by TSS) to: Richard L. Steadham, 1935 Avenida Del Mexico, #250, San Diego, CA 92154. All documents and photos submitted will be returned to sender after scanning.

*Photograph above is of the MIA Boy Scouts in Salt Lake City, 1917. Collection of the Utah State Historical Society*

*(Editor's message continues from page 3)* of a new treatment. The new format features a 2-column format again, but now has what amounts to a narrow third column of white space on the outer edges. This space will be devoted to quotes pulled from the story, photo captions, information boxes and graphics. All these new elements are designed to bring visual order to the page and assist the reader in ease of navigation. Back-of-the-book sections, such as "Current Stidham\* News," will feature a 3-column format for space considerations.

As a visual person (my profession is as a magazine art director) there will be more — and bigger — photos, illustrations, maps and graphics, in essence, whatever an article requires in order to tell the *whole* story in words *and* pictures.

I hope you find these changes helpful and would like to hear from you whether you view them positively or not. I welcome your input and will publish your comments — the good, the bad and the ugly — in upcoming "Letters to the Editor."

Finally, for those who may be interested, there will now be a full-color version of the *Newsletter* available in digital (PDF) format. Send an email to [RLSteadham@mac.com](mailto:RLSteadham@mac.com) with your request, if you wish to receive one this way. No charge for this service. It will be in addition to the standard, black and white printed version you're already receiving in the mail.

*Richard L. Steadham*  
Editor

## New Member Winter 2010

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Flowery Branch, GA 30542

## Volume 1 (Revised Edition)

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

## Volume 2

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



## Memories of New Sweden Note Cards – \$10

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## The Timen Stiddem Society Lapel Pin – \$5

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## Back Issues of the Newsletter – \$3

Issues #1 (Premier) through #45 (this issue). Here's your chance to complete your set!

## Stidham\* National Reunion T-Shirts – \$10

- 2009 – S, L, XL, XXXL
- 2007 – S, M, L
- 2006 – S
- 2003 – S, M
- 2002 – S, L, XL

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### TSS News

Programs, initiatives and events worth noting

### Current Stidham\* News

Births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries,  
honors and deaths receive attention for  
acknowledgement to the wider Stidham\* family.

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

## Membership Application

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](mailto:kay.wootten@verizon.net)

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

(You may enclose any documentation you have showing your lineage, or simply name your ancestor by generation 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 history, but don't knowingly descend from Dr. Stiddem.

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