

# 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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## Sweden Trip 2011

Will you be among those making  
the historic pilgrimage next year?

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The Christine Kyrkas (Christine Church) in Gothenburg. Site of Luloff Stidden's burial in 1639 and a must-see itinerary stop for any TSS sponsored trip to Sweden. Luloff, Timen's father, is the earliest known patriarch of the Stidham\* family.



## From the President's Keyboard



David R. Stidham  
President, 2010-2011

Hello cousins all. Thanks to Richard Steadham, our editor, for another great *Newsletter*. Richard reminds us, this is the 10th anniversary of the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole in Yemen. The story about Kesha Stidham (Unplaced) who was injured during that bombing is on page 8. I was also delighted to see the Scoutmaster certificate for my father's uncle, Jacob [3256] Stidham, on page 7. Uncle Jake, as we all called him, was the person who encouraged my father to continue his research of the Stidham\* family history. I am glad to know I am following in Uncle Jake's footsteps as a Scoutmaster too. Hope you enjoy the other articles and news items in this issue.

I am happy to announce the Timen Stiddem Society will be sponsoring two national Stidham\* family reunions in 2011. We will be going to Texas in the summer and Sweden in late August-early September (before winter!).

This may be the chance of a lifetime to visit Sweden, meet some of our Swedish cousins, and learn more about our roots in Sweden. We have been in touch with some cousins there who have offered to host our family, should we decide to venture across the water to our "homeland." I am waiting to hear from them for an exact date and agenda. In the meantime, I have put together a committee stateside to begin planning the reunion. Aleasa Hogate (AM-518), who has made multiple trips to Sweden, has agreed to help in this effort. Lynn Shea (DM-470), who is excited about going to Sweden next year, is also on board to help with this planning effort. Sue Stidham McClain who went to Gothenburg this past July, has agreed to be a consultant. Sue told me we would have the time of our lives and would thoroughly enjoy our travels there.

Although the agenda is far from complete, we do plan to visit our cousins in Malung (not far from Stockholm and Gothenburg). They are descendants of Anna [16] Stedham who, in 1714, went from America to Sweden

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with Rev. Ericus Björk, the Swedish pastor of the Old Swedes Church in Wilmington, Delaware. A descendant, Kerstin Sandgren of Malung, wrote to tell us that a historian there named Margaretha Hedblom had researched and written of Anna's emigration, which was quite unique, since most Swedes at the time had not even heard of America (see Editor's Desk at right). We may also get a chance to meet descendants of Timen Stiddem's sister, Elizabeth, who still live in Sweden.

As Sue McClain mentioned, Sweden is absolutely beautiful, and the people are amazingly friendly. The Malung area is often used as a showplace of Sweden when promoting the country to people from around the world. Gothenburg, which was Timen Stiddem's home, is known as the "Heart of Scandinavia." While in Gothenburg, we will visit the Christine Church (cover photo) where the Stiddem family worshiped, and where Timen's father, Luloff Stidden, is buried. Next door to the church is a museum, which holds memorabilia and artifacts from Luloff, who was the first "skult" (sheriff or bailiff) of

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Gothenburg. And, we will be sure not to miss seeing the port in Gothenburg from which the Kalmar Nyckle sailed in 1638 with our famous ancestor, Dr. Timen Stiddem, serving as barber-surgeon.

As far as a gathering stateside in 2011, we are planning to have another national family reunion in Texas next summer. Texas was a top choice for most who responded to the reunion questionnaire. The timing of a Texas reunion will be closely coordinated with the Sweden trip, so those who desire will be able to attend a reunion in Sweden or Texas or maybe both. Stay tuned. By the time of the next issue, we should be able to announce exact dates and agendas. In the meantime, put one or both of these trips on your calendar's back burner. I hope to see you all in 2011 in the Heartland of America, or the Heartland of Scandinavia.

## Notes from the Editor's Desk

For the past several issues, you've no doubt noticed the story of Anna [16] Stedham being promoted in the "In Upcoming Issues" section on the back page. What we were waiting for was its translation from Swedish to English. That task has now been accomplished by the very able Dr. Kim-Eric Williams of the Swedish Colonial Society. It will be presented in the Winter issue of this newsletter, simultaneous to its publication in the *Swedish Colonial News* Winter edition.

In the meantime: We need *your* family's contributions to the newsletter! Tell us about your Stidham\* family. After all, no one knows it better than you, which follows that no one can tell your family's story better than you.

Send your submissions to [RLSteadham@mac.com](mailto:RLSteadham@mac.com)

*Richard L. Steadham*  
Editor

## Current Stidham\* News

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

### ENGAGEMENTS

Mrs. Lisa and Mr. Rickey Henderson and Mr. Charles E. [8466] Steadham of Eufaula announce the engagement of their daughter, **Ashly Steadham**, to Matthew Rigsby, son of the late Mr. Jimmy Rigsby and Mr. Rick and Mrs. Mary Bryars of Mobile.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Mr. William C. Pyles and the late Mrs. Gail Pyles of Eufaula and of Ms. Gloria Martin of Eufaula. Ashly is a 2002 graduate of Dixie Academy and attends Troy University.

She will graduate Kappa Delta Pi and Cum laude in December at Troy University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of the late Robert and Mary Olene Crawford of Monroeville and Mr. Roger and Mrs. Louise Rigsby of Repton.

He will graduate from Auburn University in Decem-



**Matthew Rigsby and Ashly Steadham to wed in November.**

ber with a bachelor's degree in biosystems engineering.

The wedding will be held Nov. 6, at 5 p.m. at Oakhurst Plantation in West Point, Ga. (*Eufaula Tribune*, September 24, 2010).



**Timothy Jon Stidham and Leigh Taylor Allison to wed in October.**

Rice and Ruth Brewer of Fort Smith announce the engagement of their daughter, Leigh Taylor Allison, to **Timothy Jon Stidham**, both of Fayetteville. He is the son of Steve [son of 6230] and Carol Stidham of Monett, Mo. A 7 p.m. ceremony is planned Oct. 9 at Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Ms. Allison is the granddaughter of Gene and JoAnn Goins of Fort Smith and Hugh and Martha Brewer of Fayetteville. A graduate of Southside High School, she has a bachelor's degree in journalism and broadcast-

ing from Oklahoma State University and earned her accreditation in public relations. She is a public relations account executive with the Sells Agency in Fayetteville.

Mr. Stidham is the grandson of Mary Milhollin of Columbia, Mo., and the late Bud Milhollin and the late Maggie and Hubert Stidham. A graduate of Monett High School in Monett, he has bachelor's degrees in biology and communication from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is an insurance agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Co.

## GRADUATION

**Michelle Stidham**, daughter of Marsha Stidham Blaker and Thomas Lee [5177] Stidham of Timonium, (Md.) recently graduated summa cum laude from Maryland Institute College of Art. She will teach graphic design at Catonsville Community College in the fall. Her design website can be seen at [michellestidham.com](http://michellestidham.com).

## DEATHS

**Paul E. Stidham**, 73, of Knoxville, TN went to be with the Lord, Saturday, November 14, 2009, predeceased by parents Virgil [3300] and Marie Jernigan Stidham. Survived by Jean, spouse of 55 years, children Victoria (Jerry) Cox, Jennifer (Randy) Ford; Three grandchildren, Elizabeth and Chris Cox and Rand Ford; sister, Virginia (Harold) Rader; brothers, James (DM-480) (Betty) and Lynn Stidham. The family will receive friends Monday, November 16, 2009 from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Service will follow at 12 p.m. (*The Tennessean*, November 15, 2009).

**Delbert [5567] Stidams Jr.**, 60, 10/03/1949 07/20/2010 A celebration of his life will be held for family and friends at 5:30 p.m. Friday, July 30, 2010, at his home in Aloha. Delbert Stidams Jr. was born Oct. 3, 1949, to



**Delbert Stidams, Jr.**

Delbert [2881] Sr. and Tilda (Davidson) Stidams in Streator, Ill. Known as "Stids" to his family and friends, he was raised and received his education in Streator, Ill. He joined the U.S. Army in 1968 and served his country until 1971. In the Army he met and married Donna Skelton Oct. 18, 1969. Prior to moving from Indiana to Oregon in 1976, Stids and Donna welcomed their first daughter, Amber, in August 1973. After moving to Portland, they welcomed their second daughter, Erin, in January 1981. Stids worked for Harris Group, retiring in 2009. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He also enjoyed vacationing with family and friends and spending time working on projects with his grandson, Brennan. He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, and two brothers. He is survived by his wife, Donna; daughter and son-in-law, Amber and David Osborn; daughter, Erin Stidams; grandchildren, Brennan and Berkley Osborn; and 12 siblings. The family asks that remembrances be made to the ALS Association.

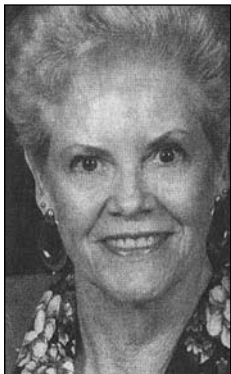
**Harold Keith [8203] Stidham**, age 61, of Hackleburg, Alabama, passed away Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at Hackleburg Church of Christ. The 2 p.m. funeral service will be Saturday, Sept. 25, at the church, with Brother Mike Lane and Brother Steve Gover officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Tree Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Jason Stidham, Jeremy Stidham, Kenneth McCarley, Jerome Morgan, William Markham and Truman Scott. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Dickinson, Wade Hood, Wayne Ashley, Billy Todd, Ronnie Kennedy and Neal Burlison. He was preceded in death by his father, James Nonnie [4743] Stidham. He is survived by his

## New Member Fall 2010

**Jamie Kammer, DM-533**  
Overland Park, Kansas  
Adam line  
Son of Paula [8050] Stidham  
Lewis

wife of 40 years, Sharon Box Stidham; children, Jason Stidham, Jeremy Stidham and wife, Elizabeth, Jennifer Stidham McLemore and husband, Chris; mother, Vera Lee Stidham; brothers, Michael Stidham (DCM-76) and wife, Peggy, Jeff Stidham and girlfriend, Debbie; grandchildren, Shelby Stidham, Jackson Stidham, Isaiah McLemore and Andrew McLemore. The family extends their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Morrow, Dr. Walls, Hospice of North Alabama and everyone for their prayers, support, visits and food during Keith's illness. Akins Funeral Home assisted the family. To view the memorial tribute and sign the online register book, go to [akinsfh.com](http://akinsfh.com). <http://akinsfh.com>. > (*Florence Times Daily*, Florence, Alabama, September 24, 2010)

**Fern Stidham, 84.** Funeral services for Fern Stidham were held Friday, Aug. 20, 2010, in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Jerry Howe, pastor, officiated. Burial was in Northlawn Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Stidham died Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2010.



Fern Stidham

She was born on Feb. 3, 1926, in Magum, Olka., to Clint and Clela Powell. On May 20, 1944, she married James [4604] Stidham in Mangum. She was a bookkeeper at the First State Bank and North Plains Savings and Loan for many years. She was an artist who excelled in painting porcelain china. She had been a resident of Dumas since 1959 and had been a member of the First Baptist Church since 1962. She was preceded in death by a sister, Norma Yoder and son-in-law, George Lewis. The family has suggested memorials be to the Moore County Senior Center, P.O. Box 2114, Dumas, Texas 79029. Sur-

vivors include her husband, James Stidham; daughters, Linda and Gene Pope and Paula Lewis, all of Dumas; a sister, Melba and Eddie Johnson of College Station; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Morrison Funeral Directors of Dumas was in charge of funeral arrangements. Please sign a guest book at [www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.morrisonfuneraldirectors.com). (*Moore County News-Press*, 8-21-10).

**William C. "Bill" [3510] Stidham, Jr., 73,** of Kingsport, passed away Sunday morning (Aug. 15, 2010).



William C. Stidham, Jr.

ETSU in 1975. Bill was a dedicated employee with Tennessee Eastman for 35-plus years, and retired from the accounting department.

Bill was a member of the Ritual Teams in both the Elks and Moose Lodges. He was a deacon and long-time member of Glenwood Baptist Church. He was active at the Senior Center and medaled in the Senior Olympics. Bill loved karaoke, and volunteered his time to entertain with karaoke and line dancing at local nursing and assisted living facilities. He was a thoughtful and caring man who will be remembered for his kindness. Bill was preceded in death by his father, William C. Stidham Sr. He is survived by his daughter, Julie Stover and husband, Forrest, of Knoxville; his son, Steve Stidham and wife, Jana, of Kingsport; six grandchildren, Maggie Marks, Collin Marks, Kaylee Stover, Jake Stidham, Jesse Stidham and Jordan Stidham; the mother of his children, Doris Simpson, Kingsport; his mother, Gladys Stidham; two brothers, Jack

Stidham and Gene Stidham, both of Kingsport; and nephews, Toby Stidham and Eric Stidham. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Glenwood Baptist Church, 2601 E. Center St., Kingsport. Services will follow at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Charles Roberts and Dr. Ron Davis officiating. Please visit [www.hamlettdobson.com](http://www.hamlettdobson.com) to leave online condolences for the family. Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home is serving the family of Bill Stidham.

**Irma Steadham Fulford, age 94,** passed away at Gordon Oaks Nursing Home on August 23, 2010. Born on July 31, 1916, in Whistler, AL, Mrs. Fulford was a long-time resident of Mobile, AL. Mrs. Fulford taught kindergarten at the Lad and Lassie School for many years and was an active member of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church for more than 50 years. In addition to her husband, William James Fulford, Jr., she is preceded in death by her parents, George [1172] and Katie Steadham; three brothers, Norris Steadham, Lindsay Steadham and Royce Steadham; and one sister, Juanita Eubanks. She is survived by her son, William James "Happy" Fulford, III, and his wife, Sherri Gray Fulford; three grandchildren, Janice Davis, Hunter Meriwether, and Kathryn Meriwether; and two great-grandchildren, Philip Davis and Shelby Davis. She is further survived by one brother: Gaywood Steadham and his wife, Erma, of Grove Hill, AL; and three sisters: Joyce Morris and her husband, Windle, of Mobile, AL; Rebecca Gregory of Plymouth, MA; and Mitzi Boardman and her husband, Paul, of Robertsdale, AL. Funeral services for Mrs. Fulford will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, at Radney Funeral Home, located at 3155 Dauphin Street. Visitation will be held at Radney Funeral Home one hour prior to the funeral services. Burial will follow at Pine Crest Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the USA Children's

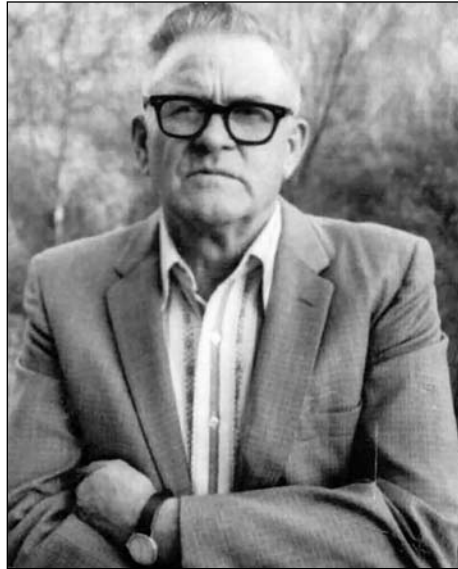


and Women's Hospital c/o: University of South Alabama, 307 University Blvd., Office of Development, TRP III, Suite 2150, Mobile, AL 36688. Condolences may be offered at [www.radneyfuneralhome-mobile.com](http://www.radneyfuneralhome-mobile.com) (*Press-Register*, Fulford, Alabama, August 25, 2010).

**Larry Shannon Stidham**, 37, died Thu, July 8, 2010. Survived by his wife, Melissa, his mother, Patsy Singleton Woodall. No services, the family chose cremation. Arr, Dowell & Martin Funeral Home, Mt. Vernon. Larry was the son of Larry Wayne [5784] Stidham (Brodhead, Kentucky).

**John [5425] Stidham**, age 76, of Hazard, Ky passed away on Oct. 07, 2010 at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, KY. He was the son of the late Charlie [2770] Stidham and the late Lula Lawson Stidham. He is also preceded in death by his four sisters: Sue Southwood, Mary Southwood, Gracie Jones & Judy Brown and one brother: Delbert Stidham. He is survived by his wife: Ruby Stidham; four daughters: Reda Ann (Morris) Caudill, Beverly (Raymond) Combs, Jen Farler & Kimberly Smallwood; five sisters: Carolyn Pettit, Joyce Stidham, Florence Taylor, Inez Smith & Shelby Ritchie; one brother: Clarence Stidham; six grandchildren: Jonathan, Brandon, Chase, Corey, Pheyten & Axel along with a host of family & friends. Interment: Campbell Cemetery at Brownsfork, KY (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, 10 Oct 2010)

**Matt [1512] Stidham** (September 18,



**Matt Stidham**

1915 - August 21, 2010) 94 years. Matt Stidham, born September 18, 1915, in Leslie County, Kentucky to the union of the late Hence [692] and Nancy Lewis Stidham. Matt passed away Saturday, August 21, 2010, at the Mary Breckinridge Hospital, Hyden, Kentucky. He was 94 years of age. By occupation he was a retired coal miner and store clerk. He enjoyed flowers, gardening, watching birds and squirrels, and playing pranks on people. Matt Stidham is preceded in death by his parents, his wife: Mary, 1 daughter: Polly [3152] Cottrell, and, 9 brothers and sisters. Mr. Matt Stidham leaves the following relatives surviving: 1 son: John [3151] Stidham (Roberta) of Florida, 1 daughter: Nancy [3153] Williams (Harold) of Hyden, Kentucky, Grandsons which he raised: Rodney [6044] Stidham (Twynell) and Troy [6043] Stidham (Renee) all of Hyden,

Kentucky, 4 grandchildren: Jonathon, Amy, Polly, and Matthew, and 12 great-grandchildren: Katrina, Randy, Justin, Matthew, Morgan, Madison, Emma, Hannah, James, Jarod, Rileigh, and Kacey. Matt leaves behind a host of many other relatives and friends. Funeral: 11:00am Tuesday 24 August 2010, at the Wolfe & Sons Funeral Home, Hyden, Kentucky. Interment: Roberts Cemetery, Hyden, Kentucky. (*Lexington Herald-Leader*, August 24, 2010).

**Wendell E. Buckler**, 86, of Columbia [Missouri] passed away Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 18, at Calvary Baptist Church. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 pm Friday and 1 to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be at Memorial Park Cemetery. Wendell was born on March 12, 1924, to Jodie Cephas and Willie Mary [6217] Stidham Buckler [daughter of Adrian [3251] Stidham], and he lived his entire life in Boone County. He married Laura Jane Graves on Jan. 26, 1945, and she survives. Wendell graduated from Sturgeon High School. He served with the U.S. Navy during World War II-Pacific Theater 1944 to 1946. Wendell worked in sales and service for Electrolux Vacuum since 1957 and was manager of the Columbia branch for several years. He also worked for McClain's Furniture Store. Wendell was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church for many years, where he served as a deacon and was a longtime, very active member of Gideon International. Survivors include his wife, Laura Jane of Columbia; a son, Kevin Eugene Buckler and wife Margrace of Columbia; a daughter, Rebecca Faye Buckler of Columbia; two brothers, William Granville Buckler of Columbia and Leland Cephas Buckler of Higginville; and one grandchild, Morgan Lynn Buckler. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters. (*The Columbia Daily*, Columbia, Missouri, September 16, 2010)

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## Certificate Proves Stidhams\* Among Early BSA Members

Bill and Dorothy Stidham (DM-210) provided the above certificate of Bill's father, Jacob H. [3256] Stidham, becoming a scout master on December 16th of 1913, one of the first in the state of Missouri and just four years after the Boy Scouts of America began in 1910.

Bill himself was a member of Troop #36 in Indianapolis, Indiana. His two sons, Bruce and Brian, were members of Troop #112 in Carmel, Indiana. Bruce achieved the rank of Life Scout. Brian the rank of Eagle Scout.

In all, this represents three generations of Stidhams as members of America's finest organization for young men, providing educational activities and strong values for life. Bill said, "Scouting played a big part in how our sons became respectable citizens."

**Bryan Michael Ames**, g-g-grandson of Calvin B. [2017] Steddom, was born December 1, 1986 in Sacramento, Calif. He attended schools in the Elk Grove area, Kindergarten through high school. On May 25, 2004 in his senior year of high school, he attained the rank of an Eagle Scout in Boy Scout Troop #286, Elk Grove, Calif., having obtained numerous badges and honors along the way. Bryan's Eagle Scout Project was refinishing plus building new benches for the local Town Hall Park. He then went to Sacramento City College for two years where he obtained a Track and Field Scholarship to Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina. After graduation, he liked North Carolina so much that he decided to remain there. Bryan is working for the Kay Chemical Company in Greensboro, N.C.



**Bryan Michael Ames**



## Cole survivor: 'In some ways it seems like it was yesterday'

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The Virginian-Pilot  
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**Inset above: Kesha Stidham is comforted by a sailor after the memorial service for the Cole victims at Norfolk Naval Station on October 18, 2000. Stidham was among those injured on the Cole (*The Virginian-Pilot* File photo)**

**Main photo: Kesha Stidham of Norfolk was just outside of the galley on the destroyer Cole when it was bombed by terrorists in Aden, Yemen 10 years ago. (Stephen M. Katz, *The Virginian-Pilot*)**

**W**hen strangers and acquaintances see Kesha Stidham's tattoo, they almost always ask the same question: Do you know someone who was there?

"Maybe it's because I'm a girl or because I'm young," she says as she pushes up her left sleeve, exposing the anchor and "U.S.S. Cole" inscription just below her shoulder. "It's always like, 'Was your dad on the ship, or your brother?'"

Stidham answers, No, I was.

Then whoever she's talking to looks closer and sees the faint shrapnel scars that mark her chin and right cheek.

Stidham was 19 when the Cole was bombed. She was a boatswain's mate. It was her first ship. She'd been in the military just over a year. When she received a Purple Heart in 2001, she was the youngest woman in the Navy at the time to have the honor.

"People are always surprised when they find out how I got the scars."

Stidham stayed in the Navy for five years after the bombing. In 2005, the military

offered her the option to leave before the end of her contract. She took it, then went back to Texas to attend classes to become a medical assistant. She finished the program but couldn't bring herself to do the job. "I decided that a career that could potentially involve blood and trauma – I wasn't ready."

So she moved back to Norfolk, where she's remained. Now she's a stay-at-home mom to 2-year-old Tyler.

She says she loves being a mother, but she also misses the Navy. "I'm the only 29-year-old I know who talks about the good old days in the Navy," she says, laughing. "I feel a lot older than I am."

Likewise, it feels as though a lot less than a decade has passed since the attack. In some ways it seems like it was yesterday.

"Maybe that's why I get pretty frustrated by the fact that a lot of people seem to have forgotten about the Cole. I mean, it's understandable because of 9/11 and everything that's happened since then. But I haven't forgotten. The families of the people who died that day – they haven't forgotten."



REUNIONS

# Family Reunion for Descendants of Edwin Uriah [1260] Stidham

Returning home to the “old stomping grounds” for a gathering in Dayton, Ohio, the family of TSS Board Member-At-Large, Thomas E. [5203] Stidham (DCM-26) and his wife Shirley (Richland, WA). took over a local Bob Evans Restaurant for a couple of hours on June 16, 2010, to share some food and stories of life growing up in this part of the country.

Attending the reunion were: Tom’s sister, Marianne [5206] Ashline (Bristol, CT).

Tom’s brother, Richard Lee [5204] and his wife Mary Jane, along with their children: Tim (Tipp City, OH), Jeffrey (Troy, OH) and Vicki (Stidham) Sizer (Lebanon, OH).

Tom’s brother, Robert Allen [5205] and his wife Becky (Newark, OH).

Ruth (Banfill) McDaniel, daughter of Violet Elmira [2604] Stidham, along with her son, Morris McDaniel and his wife, Theresa (Dayton, OH), and grandson, Brooke with his wife Katie (Houston, TX).

Johnny Griffith, husband of Nora Jean Banfill and son-in-law to Violet Elmira [2604] Stidham, along with his daughter, Beth (Dayton OH).

Looking back: Tom’s father, Chester Leonard [2608] Stidham hailed from the Richmond, Indiana area where generations 6 through 10 of this line of Stidhams lived, after migrating out from Delaware in early 1800s.



The year was about 1945 when the photo at left was taken. Sitting is James Louis, holding Marianne on his lap. On the right side standing in back is Thomas Eugene, Richard Lee (middle) and Robert Allen down in front.

Fast forward to today (below left to right): Robert Allen, Marianne Ashline, Thomas Eugene and Richard Lee. Not shown is James Louis [5202], who was unable to attend the reunion.





## 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 23: The 10th Annual New Sweden History Conference:  
Native and Newcomer Medicine in New Sweden, 1638-1750**  
Bartram's Garden, 54th & Lindbergh Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19143  
[www.americanswedish.org/New%20Sweden%20Conf%202010%20flyer.pdf](http://www.americanswedish.org/New%20Sweden%20Conf%202010%20flyer.pdf)  
9 am-3 pm  
\$40 per person; \$30 for students and teachers

Presentations: Joel T. Fry, Curator, Bartram's Garden, "The Heroic Age in European Medicine, from Aristotle to New Sweden"; Cara Lee Blume, "Splendid and Miraculous Medicines: Healing Practices of the Lenape People"; Peter R. Christoph, Senior Editor of the documentary series, New York Historical Manuscripts, "The Barber-Surgeons of New Netherland—and, Probably, New Sweden"; Karen M. Reeds, "This remedy universally extolled": Pehr Kalm on New Medicines for New Sweden"

**Oct 23 & Oct 30: Ghosts in the Graveyard**  
Old Swedes Church, 606 Church Street, Wilmington, Delaware  
[www.oldswedes.org/events/](http://www.oldswedes.org/events/)  
6:30 pm-8 pm  
Free

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.

**Dec 12: Sankta Lucia Celebration**  
Old Swedes Church, 606 Church Street, Wilmington, Delaware  
[www.oldswedes.org/events/](http://www.oldswedes.org/events/)  
2 pm-5 pm  
Free

Join us for a traditional celebration of the Feast Day of Sankta Lucia, a holiday that is still marked by light and music in Sweden today. The Delaware Swedish Colonial Society sponsors the annual December celebration of Sankta Lucia at Old Swedes Church. Following the ceremony, join us for Swedish refreshments and tours of the Hendrickson House Museum, decorated for a Swedish Christmas.

Have an event you would like the rest of us to know about? Email [RLSteadham@mac.com](mailto:RLSteadham@mac.com)  
Deadline for inclusion in the Summer issue: July 16, 2010.



# TSS Marketplace

Send check (made payable to the Timen Stiddem Society) to:

**Leslie Shamus**  
TSS Treasurer  
4905 Vireo Drive  
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*



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## In Upcoming Issues

Anna Stedham, Timen Stiddem's granddaughter, her new life—and family—in Sweden will appear in the next issue.

Stidhams\* in the Boy Scouts of America—Continues  
Stidham\* families in the 1840 Federal Census

### TSS News

Programs, initiatives and events worth noting

### Current Stidham\* News

Births, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, honors, news 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](mailto: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.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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