



SWOPE NEWS

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HELLO TO ALL SWOPE DESCENDANTS!

The year 2000 has come and Y2K was no problem! The reunion is coming up fast, July 16 will soon be here. Remember the date as we would like to have a large group this year. I think we will be seeing some new faces, one from California is going to try and be here. We would like to make this for all Swope descendants, not just the descendants of A.E. and Kate. We will be having a carry in pot luck dinner at the McCutchanville Church Education Building and we will sit down to eat at 1:00 PM. Figure on coming early, and staying late, and do a lot of visiting and catching up!

This is our first news letter of the year. Remember, pass it around, not everyone will receive a copy.

ADDRESS LIST

There is an address list enclosed of those that are on the mailing list for this news letter. If you know of someone you think should be on this list please let me know. From time to time I send family information to those on my Swope e-mail list. I keep address on the e-mail list up to date. If there is anyone that is not on that list, and they have an e-mail address, make sure that I get that information. I believe that the e-mail makes us all a little closer together.

FAMILY TREE

As you have seen at past reunions, I have a family tree printed out and displayed. This year we have a few new cousins to show on that tree. That is because Debbie Webster, a Swope descendant from California, found me on the Internet and supplied me with more names. You will be able to see them on the new tree this year. I need everyone's help on getting all new arrivals in the tree.

I am still looking for people that have computers to put the tree on their computer. It would be a shame for this information to be lost.

PICTURES

At the last reunion there was a slide show of family pictures that was running continuously. Everyone seemed to enjoy it. I can still use more family pictures to put in the slide show. There are still some families that are not represented in the show. If the pictures don't get to me there is no way to show them.

OBITUARY

Monday, March 20, 2000 Mae Riggs brother, Ross Melloy passed away. He was 61 and had retired from Alco Warrick Operations. The burial was in Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery.

FROM TED GLACKMAN

I got a photocopy from a book giving a recipe for Swope Bread. It is attributed to a Janet Beighle French and appeared in The Plain Dealer, Cleveland Ohio. The page begins with the initial statement:

"This Swope Bread recipe was printed in a Tacoma Washington paper with the explanation that a local skier had picked up the recipe "in the Tyrol." My mother clipped it and discovered she had a family favorite. The bread tastes like far more than the listed number of ingredients. We printed it and readers of European extraction declared it was indeed "just like something from the old country!"

Makes two loaves

- 4 cups unsifted graham or whole wheat flour
- 2 cups unsifted all purpose flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 quart buttermilk (or 3 1/2 cups milk
acidified with 1/2 cup vinegar)
- 2 teaspoons baking soda

Preheat oven to 375 F. Grease two 9x5 loaf pans. Combine both flours, sugar and salt. Combine buttermilk and baking soda; stir into flour mixture. Turn into prepared loaf pans.

Place in oven. Turn down heat to 350 F. Bake 1 hour and 10 minutes, or until done in center when tested with a toothpick. Remove from pans on rack.

I've not tried the results but would be interested in hearing from someone who does. Hope all is well with you and all of your family. Take care, Ted. (Nancy has baked this several times and loves it.)

FROM TAMMY WHITE

My husband Larry continues to fly for Smith-Kline Beecham. They are merging with Glaxo Wellcome. Hopefully that won't mean too many changes for us as Glaxo has no flight department. My daughter Rachel is finishing her second year at Rutgers University/Cook College. My daughter Amy is a sophomore at Kingsway Regional High School. She ran cross country in the fall, winter track and is now in spring track. I work at a flower shop 3 days a week, unless it is a holiday.

Holidays I am there every day. Soon we will be very busy. We have Easter, Secretary's week, Mother's Day and all the high school proms.

Tammy (France) White, Swedesboro, NJ

FROM KAREN SWOPE DUNBAR

Our little family has grown. We have gotten custody of Dave's children. Eric is almost five, Blake is 3 and Andrew is 18 months.

We had to go out and purchase a new vehicle. There are not very many choices when you have to have seven seat belts! We finally decided on a Suburban. We enrolled Eric in Pre-K and he is doing well.

Megan and Will are still doing well in school. They are both on the A honor roll and in the Gifted and Talented class. (Athens Texas)

FROM KATHRYN SOSBE

Greetings from South Florida. It's been an interesting five months adjusting from the high altitude of Colorado to sea level. I've learned a lot so far: The move to save the manatees, sea turtles and other precious wildlife that are abundant here is impressive. I understand the fear of the citrus canker, which has spread from South Miami-Dade County to Palm Beach County and threatens the multi-billion dollar citrus economy. And I'm learning how to find my way around without a looming mountain always telling me which direction is west!

What is hard to get used to are the drivers, who seem to lose all sense of compassion, decency and common sense once they are behind the wheel. My goal is to figure out why. Worse though, is that I dearly miss Sarah and Laura, who remain in Colorado working and attending college.

My heart was made stronger by the love showed my children during Christmas by my sister, Mary Kramer, and niece, Shannon Hart and their families. After 18 years of living in Colorado, my children never learned to ski. So when they went to Montana for Christmas, that's exactly what they did. Sarah on skis and Laura on snowboards. They called frequently and made me laugh and feel as if I were there. It also reiterated to me the value of family -- and I have

Shannon and Mary to remind me of that. But I'm anxiously awaiting visits from my daughters --Sarah in March and Laura in the summer.

I'm happy to tell you that I have moved from one position at the Sun-Sentinel to another. I am now an assistant city editor in Palm Beach County supervising six government reporters and having great fun. The paper has four newsrooms, and the Palm Beach is like a paper unto itself. In all, there are about 20 reporters writing news. That does not include the business, features or sports reporters who work out of the office. We also have a team of photographers and a graphics artist. As the governments editor, I had a great time organizing election coverage in my first 10 days! It was interesting not really knowing the players or the issues, but I received a wonderful pat on the back from the city editor about how I caught up quickly. I guess there's an actor in my blood somewhere!

The office I'm working in covers Palm Beach County, which is 50 miles north of Miami and home to mucho money and numerous celebrity spottings. It has 47 miles of beautiful coastline. Dolphins, sea turtles and coral are all within site on many of the beaches. Palm Beach also prides itself on having more golf courses "than in any other county in the country" with 145 -- but I don't think I'll be picking up that habit.

I believe I've bored you enough. The writer in me tends to get carried away. I enjoy reading the newsletter, and I've appreciated the calls and notes and the reach of family I either don't remember or never met. It's been heartwarming.

Kathryn

FROM DEBBIE WEBSTER (California)

Nice to hear from you! Good timing on the news letter. We have an addition to this branch of the family. My brother, Kevin Webster, and his wife, Lisa, just had a baby girl whom they named after my grandmother, Isabel Swope. Isabel Marie Webster was born March 14, 2000, at 11:11 p.m.. in Minnesota. She is named after my father's mother, Isabel DeBolt Swope Webster. My grandmother's name lives on. My sisters and I are still planning to bring my Dad and

Mom to the Reunion in July. Dad (Skip Webster) will turn 70 on July 12 and we think it's time he met some of his relatives!

Look forward to the newsletter. I have passed your request on to my siblings...so if they have any other news we'll send it on to you.

Take care! Debbie Webster

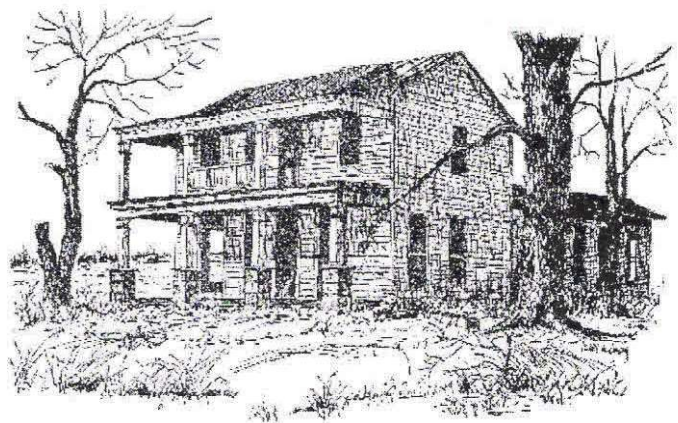
FROM DOTSIE DAUBLE (11/29/99)

Thanks again for the terrific newsletter! Sue I hope your feeling better. We did have a good time growing up in Mccville didn't we? Your Dad was great, putting up with a lot of energetic youngin's. My family is fine, as my brother Harold would always finish our conversations with "keep the forked end down". I'm going to New Hampshire for Christmas and New Years to be with my youngest, Phillip, and his new baby. Kristopher Cory is 7 mos. now and I can't wait to teach him how to bang on pots and pans. (Phillip Michael may send me home early). Paul Gene it was great to be able to visit with you. You all take good care! Love to all, Dotsie.

THE OLD SWOPE HOME

From the book "From Then 'Til Now" by

Kenneth McCutchan.



Sketch by Jerry N. Baum

From a Photograph in 1975

One other lovely old house that I must mention was the Erskine-Swope house. It was built by Andrew Erskine, second son of the pioneer family, probably in the 1820s. He was married to Abigail Ewin (or Ewing) in 1825 and their first two sons were born in 1827 and