

NEWSLETTER



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INTRODUCTORY GENEALOGY COURSE

OFFERED THIS SPRING!

The Simsbury Genealogical and Historical Research Library will be offering an introductory genealogy course through the Simsbury School of Continuing Education. The course will run for six weeks (March 7-April 11, 1996) on Thursday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 PM. Held at the Simsbury Free Library, it will offer a hands on approach to genealogical research. Students will learn basic research techniques, record keeping and computer use in genealogical inquiry. The Internet, on-line bulletin boards and genealogical software will be covered. Guest lecturers will cover specific topics. The instructor will be Dawn Hutchins Bobryk, a member of the Library, and family history researcher for nearly twenty years. The cost of the course is \$40 which includes materials and a six month membership to the Research Library. Class size is limited to 12.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to help with this course. No matter what your level of expertise you can help the Library by attending all or some classes and providing personalized attention for the students. Whether it's threading microfilm or helping with the IGI files we will need additional support for this project. We would like to have 3-5 members at each session. Sign-up sheets will be available after the first of the year. We hope to make this an on going project that will introduce the community to the joys of genealogy and the great resource they have in our library.

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SELECTED NEW BOOKS

Tracing Your Irish Ancestors, by John Grenham (donated by Dawn Hutchins Bobryk).

Black Genealogy, by Charles L. Blockson.

Illinois Atlas & Gazetteer.

Michigan Atlas & Gazetteer.

New York State Atlas & Gazetteer.

County Courthouse Book.

Pennsylvania Line (tracing PA roots).

Genealogist's Address Book, by Elizabeth Bentley.

In Search of Your European Roots, by Angus Baxter.

Wisconsin: Its Counties, Townships, & Villages, by Origins.

OPEN HOUSE

Our open house of November 25th was a great success! Over 50 people attended. Many found new information on their families. Special thanks to Peg Donohue, Don Shaw, Bette Shaw, Catherine Sherman, Judy Latin, Dawn Bobryk, and Mary Jane Springman for their assistance.

THE DOUBLE FIRST COUSIN FAMILIES OF SWEETNAM/VARIAN OF MANISTEE, MICHIGAN AND EDGERTON, OHIO

My cousin, Marion **Henry** of **Manistee, Michigan**, had mentioned it once but I was too involved in my own research to give it any notice and so a crumbling obituary from 1917 lay unexplored in her massive collection of family memorabilia. Recently, I was bemoaning the dead-end I seemed to have reached in finding our connection the **Sweetnam** families in Ireland, when Marion again asked me what I had done about the double first cousins of her grandmother who she knew nothing about except references made to them by her mother. "Double first cousins," I gasped, "that would mean two siblings married two siblings. Send me the obituary right away!"

Within weeks, I had, with the help of the **Albion, Michigan** Town Hall and Public Library, reconstructed the family of Susan Elizabeth **Sweetnam Burns** [b. 5 Apr 1862 in Edgerton, Ohio], the double first cousin of Marion's grandmother Susan Anna **Sweetnam Wilcox** and my great grandmother, Sarah Isabella **Sweetnam Hutchins**. As luck would have it, Susan Elizabeth married a Methodist minister, Andrew Wellwood **Burns**, and both had formal biographies published in the proceedings of the Methodist Conference in Michigan. That gave the names of Susan Elizabeth's parents, John **Sweetnam** and Susan **Varian** who settled in **Edgerton, Ohio**. Rather quickly the pieces fell into place and I had assembled a family that mirrored that of my great-great grandparents, George Austin **Sweetnam** and Charlotte Elizabeth **Varian** who settled in **Manistee, Michigan**.

Both the **Sweetnam** brothers and the **Varian** sisters came to the United States from Western County Cork in Ireland. From the records we have it would appear that George Austin **Sweetnam** came over in 1849 as a bachelor and married Charlotte Elizabeth **Varian** about 1853 either in New York State or Ohio. John **Sweetnam** left his wife, Susan **Varian Sweetnam**, in Ireland with their first four children in 1850 and made his way to New York State. She followed him in 1854 after he was settled in Ohio. The two families were together for a time in and around Bryan, Ohio then George Austin **Sweetnam** sets off with his family for **Wisconsin** and finally **Michigan**.

More research has followed and connections have been made, including five "cousins" from the Ohio branch. This week we discovered that our "Susie" had listed **Bryan, Ohio** (some ten miles from **Edgerton**) as her birthplace on her marriage license rather than **New York State** as had been on Federal Census records. A new scenario has unfolded in the migration pattern of the family. All this because of an old obituary with "double first cousin" written in pencil in the border - left behind by a generation which was in contact with them.

Dawn Hutchins Bobryk

DOUBLE FIRST COUSIN FAMILY SWEETNAM/VARIAN

Richard VARIAN/VEARON
& Susanna LEVIS
m. 1811

Susan VARIAN (Mar 1821 - 3 Mar 1901)
& John SWEETNAM (19 Oct 1819 - 25 Oct 1884)
m. 23 Sep 1843

Mary Anne SWEETNAM (29 Sep 1844 - May 1908)

Richard Verian SWEETNAM (23 Nov 1846 - 3 Nov 1920)
& Elizabeth "Lizzie" HOWENSTEIN (1850 -)
m. 24 Mar 1879

Henry William SWEETNAM (23 Mar 1848 - 15 Mar 1915)
& Jepsie M. G. FUGATE
m. 15 Aug 1869

Henry William SWEETNAM (23 Mar 1848 - 15 Mar 1915)
& Etta [SWEETNAM]

John Luke SWEETNAM (10 Jan 1850 - 5 Dec 1865)

Sarah Jane SWEETNAM (Aug 1855 - 20 Sep 1905)

George Thomas SWEETNAM (6 Jul 1857 - 1938)
& Emma Kate BROWN (4 Oct 1859 -)
m. 22 Jun 1882

Arthur Percy SWEETNAM (17 Mar 1860 -)
& Jennie NEWMAN

Arthur Percy SWEETNAM (17 Mar 1860 -)
& Nona (SWEETNAM)

Susanna Elizabeth "Susie" SWEETNAM (5 Apr 1862 - 31 May 1917)
& Andrew Wellwood BURNS Rev. (29 Mar 1845 - 10 Feb 1925)
m. 15 Jul 1879

Georgina Henrietta SWEETNAM (18 Jun 1864 - 24 Jan 1935)
& George M. DUTT M.D.
m. 21 Sep 1887

John Fenton SWEETNAM (1867 - 1867)

Charlotte Elizabeth "Eliza" VARIAN (17 Jul 1832 - 30 Sep 1915)
& George Austin SWEETNAM (21 Jul 1834 - 21 Jul 1902)
m. About 1853

Susanna "Susie" SWEETNAM (22 Jun 1854 - 5 Nov 1938)
& Jackson Barnard WILCOX (1 Apr 1838 - 3 Jan 1905)
m. 10 Dec 1878

Susanna "Susie" SWEETNAM (22 Jun 1854 - 5 Nov 1938)
& Peter R. JOHNSON
m. 16 Dec 1914

Richard Henry "Rich" SWEETNAM (7 Sep 1855 - 29 Jan 1950)
& Margaret SMITH (23 Dec 1866 - 3 Sep 1891)
m. 22 Aug 1883

Richard Henry "Rich" SWEETNAM (7 Sep 1855 - 29 Jan 1950)
& Bertha L. WALKER (About 1873 - 3 Mar 1953)
m. 15 Apr 1895

Mary Jane "Jane" SWEETNAM (24 Aug 1857 - 8 Nov 1933)
& James Addison HAUCK
m. 11 Apr 1881

Charlotte Elizabeth "Libbie" SWEETNAM (18 Dec 1858 - 28 Apr 1932)
& Horace P SNYDER DDS
m. 9 Feb 1881

Austin SWEETNAM

John Luke SWEETNAM (9 Jul 1861 - 30 May 1941)
& Nellie Iola POWELL (About 1862 -)
m. 1882

John Luke SWEETNAM (9 Jul 1861 - 30 May 1941)
& Evalyn Batchelder PERKINS (1876 - 22 Aug 1963)
m. 12 Jun 1889

John Luke SWEETNAM (9 Jul 1861 - 30 May 1941)
& Eurette Coleman BANNISTER (24 Jul 1878 - 5 Mar 1953)
m. 29 Jun 1914

Robert William "Will" SWEETNAM DDS (10 Sep 1864 - 1935)
& Inez Viola ALDRICH (12 Nov 1871 - 1945)

Martha Ellen "Mattie" SWEETNAM (17 May 1867 - 1924)
& James W. PORTER (1866 - 30 Sep 1955)
m. 23 May 1891

Sarah Isabella "Isia" SWEETNAM (8 Feb 1870 - 28 Jul 1910)
& Byron George HUTCHINS (18 May 1870 - 11 May 1917)
m. 1898

George Austin SWEETNAM Jr. (8 Nov 1871 - 17 Feb 1907)

Lilly Ann "Lillian" SWEETNAM (5 Mar 1876 - 7 Jun 1961)
& Fred GREEN (11 Oct 1875 -)
m. 29 Aug 1895

Massachusetts

SOME GENEALOGICAL SOURCES

Archives of the Commonwealth
Reference Desk
220 Morrissey Boulevard (Columbia
Point)
Boston, MA 02125
Phone (617) 727-2816
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:45-5:00, Sat 9:00-
3:00

Registry of Vital Records and Statistics
Second Floor
470 Atlantic Avenue
Boston MA 02210-2224

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Pub. *The New England Historical and
Genealogical Register, Nexus*
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history and genealogy primarily, but
generally strong in all aspects of
genealogy)

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