

# 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.

Issue 38  
Spring 2008

## Inside

### President's Message

*page 2*

### Society News & Notes

*page 3*

### Current Stidham\* News

*page 3*

### Celebrating the 10th Anniversary Issue

*page 4*

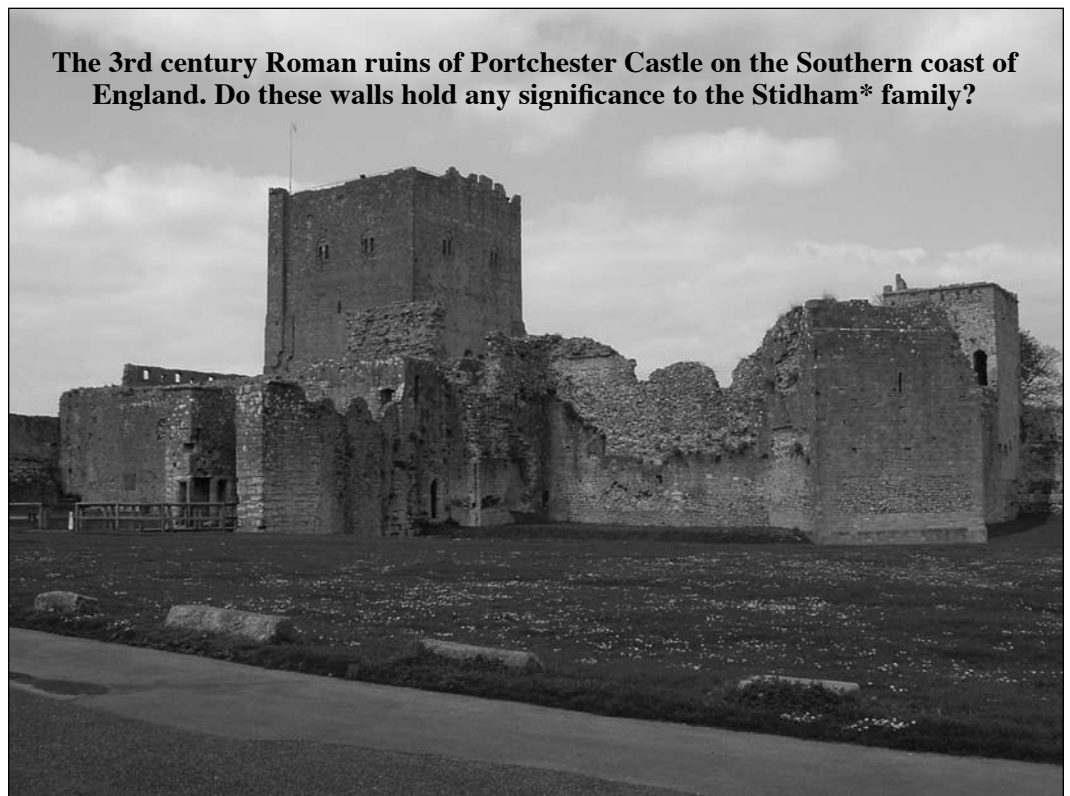
### From Barbarian Tribesmen to Proper Englishmen

*Cover Story, page 6*

### In Future Issues: Upcoming stories you don't want to miss.

*page 12*

The 3rd century Roman ruins of Portchester Castle on the Southern coast of England. Do these walls hold any significance to the Stidham\* family?



## From Barbarian Tribesmen to Proper Englishmen

Did the Stidham\* genetic line originate in the Balkans, then pass through Stedham, England, before its arrival in 17th century Sweden?

Recent advances in Y-DNA analysis make that proposition a reasonable probability, though not a certainty—yet. Story begins on page 6.

# the Timen Stiddem Society

Issue 38, Spring 2008  
(Printed June 2008)

## OFFICERS

**Richard L. Steadham: President**  
**Lora Scott: Treasurer**  
**David R. Stidham: Historian and Editor**  
**Leslie Shamus: Membership Secretary**

## AT-LARGE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**Ules G. Stidam, Jr. • Jack Stidham**  
**Thomas Stidham • Kenneth Steadham**

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.

Disclaimer: The Society and its officers disclaim responsibility for any errors or omissions, although accuracy is always strived for. It is each researcher's own responsibility to verify any data presented in these pages against the original evidence, if that is of importance to them. Each contributor is responsible for their own material not violating existing copyright laws.

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.

Copyright © 1998-2008, the Timen Stiddem Society

To contact the Editor, send your inquiries to:  
StiddemDavid@aol.com or David R. Stidham  
41 Dellwood Road, Worcheser, MA 01602

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~tstiddem/index.htm>  
[www.stidhamfamilytree.com](http://www.stidhamfamilytree.com)

## President's Message

### GREETINGS AGAIN FROM SAN DIEGO!

Sorry for the delay in getting this issue finished and sent out to you. It took some time in pulling all the pieces together in order to bring you an issue worthy of my brief return as editor. As this issue marks the 10th anniversary of its launch, David Stidham sat me at the editor's desk once again to recall some of this publication's highlights over this past decade, which begin on page 4.

Now for some important business. I need to address plans for our Stidham\* Family Reunion in Wilmington, Delaware. Due to ongoing plans being made there this year regarding sites of historical interest to this family, the Board of Directors has voted to postpone our reunion until next year, when most of these projects should be completed. Number one on the list is the placement of a historical marker at 14th and Poplar (now known as Clifford Brown Walk) designating the site of Timen Stiddem's home. We're trying to work that out with the local authorities at this time, but know realistically that it won't be ready this summer. Number two is the relocation of the Crane Hook Church Monument to a site accessible to the public. It currently sits on private property in the middle of an industrial area (see Issue 33). Third is correction of the "Old Mill Stone" historical marker on the Brandywine River, which currently carries inaccurate information regarding the Stedham family mill.

Another big reason to delay our reunion is the fact that next year the Swedish Colonial Society will be celebrating their 100th anniversary, and it would be nice to take part as a group in some of their events. One of those may include the presence of the King and Queen of Sweden, High Patrons of the SCS, and it would be great if we could lend our support in honoring them for their continued interest in New Sweden.

The Board has also voted on a new scheduling format for all future Stidham\* Family Reunions sponsored by the TSS, which will now take place every other year. It goes as follows: Beginning in 2009 and every fourth year thereafter, the TSS will hold a Family Reunion in Wilmington, Delaware, site of this family's origin in America. Every other odd year, the Society will hold a Family Reunion at any other location agreed upon by a majority of Board Members, with input from the general membership. As an example: 2009 in Wilmington, 2011 in Dallas, 2013 in Wilmington, 2015 in Atlanta, 2017 in Wilmington, 2019 in Seattle, etc. This way we don't wear out our welcome in Wilmington, but return often enough to give new members—and interested old timers—the opportunity of being there as an organized group with privileges accorded our standing in the historical community.

Finally, for those interested in the ongoing Stidham\* Family DNA Study and its ramifications for learning about our "deep" ancestry, this month's cover story adds a new direction for contemplating our ancestor's migrations over the centuries. It's hard to imagine the lives they must have led in pre-Christian Europe, but for those interested in such matters, there's much to discover.

**Richard Steadham (DCM 2)**  
**President, 2008-2009**

# Society News and Notes

## New Members Since the Last Newsletter

Judy K. Stidham Archer, DM498  
Houston, Texas  
Adam line (dau. of Earl [3833] Stidham)

Roberta L. Stidham Russell, DM499  
Knoxville, Tennessee  
Adam line (dau. of Claude [3657] Stidham)

John Michael Steadham, DM500  
Franklin, North Carolina  
Adam line (son of John McKethian [4258] Steadham)

Nancy Jones, DM501  
Iola, Texas  
Adam line (g-dau. of Hubert Lee [3731] Stidham)

## Current Stidham\* News

### Deaths



**Taylor [3108] Stidham  
and his wife, Delora**

**Taylor [3108] Stidham**, 87, retired Lt. Col., died on Wednesday, December 26, 2007. [TSS MEMBER DM-251] Taylor retired from the US Army with 27 years of service. He married Delora (Shelton), his loving wife, in 1943. They moved from Springfield, Virginia to Merritt Island, Florida in 1975. Since retiring in 1967, Taylor enjoyed being a member of Grace Methodist Church and the Officers Club at Patrick A. F. B. He had a wonderful sense of humor and will be missed by all who

knew him. Taylor is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Delora; daughter, Patricia Townsend of San Francisco, California; grandson, Shane Townsend (MiAnn)l; three great-grandchildren, Miranda, Carson, and Parker of Manassas, Virginia; and nephews, Dick, Fred, and Pat. (Florida Today) (Continued on page 10)

## TSS Store

- Stidham\* National Reunion T-Shirts - \$8 each  
2007 - S, M, L      2006 - S  
2003 - S, M      2002 - S, L, XL
- Vol. 1 (Revised Edition), *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham*, 2007 - \$60
- Vol. 2, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham*, 2005 - \$50
- Back issues of the Newsletter (all issue 1-37) - \$2 ea.

## Timen Stiddem Society Lapel Pins



Die struck, soft enamel pins in the colors of the Swedish flag with raised polished metal, now available for purchase at just \$5 each (includes shipping and handling).

To order, send a letter of request specifying how many you would like, along with your payment of \$5 each.

All prices include Shipping and Handling.

Send check (made out to Timen Stiddem Society) to:

Lora Scott, TSS Treasurer  
2392 Bridgewood Trail  
Orlando, Florida 37218



# Celebrating the Tenth

With this issue, we mark the 10th anniversary of this publication's launch back in 1998 and the 38th issue to date published by the Timen Stiddem Society. A whole decade of family history in print for us to enjoy now and future historians to treasure forever. Over the years, an abundance of family data has been documented and numerous family photographs shared with others, who without this newsletter's existence, may never have had an opportunity to see an image of a distant ancestor before.

It doesn't seem that long ago when I started planning for that first issue back in the Spring of '98 and trying to figure out what exactly should be published first. However, since the Society had just begun earlier that same year, the logical material to print first I assumed would be an introduction of the newly founded organization along with its new set of bylaws. Jack Stidham, the Society's first historian and one of its original founders, provided two articles about the Dr. Stiddem himself as a way of introduction to a small but growing membership, many of whom were just then learning of him and his life back in the 17th century. An ongoing feature with roots in the first issue was a presentation of Census data pertaining to Stidhams\*. The first issue started with the first census, the 1790 Census of the United States. As the 360-year anniversary of the landing of the Swedes in Delaware had just taken place that year, a report on that event along with a few photos made for a nice feature. Some Stidham\* obituaries, queries and



# Anniversary Issue

a Computer Corner rounded out Issue #1 and we were on our way.

With each subsequent issue, current events relevant to the Society filled its pages. These stories would include: The commissioning of the new Kalmar Nyckel (Issue #2); the Society's participation in the Old Swedes Church Memorial Tree Program (Issues 5 and 9); this newsletter winning awards from the National Genealogical Society (Issues 6, 10 and 14); the Stidham\* Family DNA Study (Issues 12, 19, 23 and 30); learning of Timen Stiddem's Jewish Roots (Issues 14 and 15) and later DNA results proving he wasn't (Issue 19); publication news of Jack Stidham's book, *The Descendants of Dr. Timothy Stidham, Volume 1* (Issue 14); Swedish Colonial Society events (Issues 6, 9 and 16); and Aleasa Hogate's Church-boat project (Issue 34).

The Annual Nation Stidham\* Family Reunions would receive generous coverage each year as these would provide a great opportunity for plenty of photos of members seeing local historical sites: the first was held in Bullitsburg, Kentucky (Issue 7); the second in Wilmington, Delaware (Issue 11), the third in Mobile, Alabama (Issue 14); the fourth in Fort Wayne, Indiana (Issue 17); the fifth a return to Bullitsburg, Kentucky (Issue 21); the sixth back in Wilmington, Delaware for a second time (Issue 27); the seventh in Nashville, Tennessee (Issue 32); and the eighth in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (Issue 35).

Some issues were focused on a single theme throughout most

of their pages and would become special in their significance because of this fact, these would include: the Stidhams\* in the Civil War, North & South (Issue 15); the Stidham\* High School Yearbook (Issue 16); Stidhams\* in World War II (Issue 18); and the Dawes Commission and Stidhams\* in Indian Territory (Issue 26). Others displayed copies of important original documents such as: the Governor Lovelace Deed to Timen Stiddem dated May of 1671 (Issue 8); and the Proclamation by Mayor James Sills, Jr. of Wilmington, Delaware, declaring August 19, 2000, as Dr. Timen Stiddem and His Descendants Day (Issue 10).

Most issues carried feature-length articles, which usually centered on a particular Stidham\* family, their times and circumstances. It's these stories, documenting various family histories which have truly brought history alive. An important section in every issue has been current family news, both Stidham\* and allied families, and this section has kept distant cousins up to date on others family's milestones achieved. Additionally, a list acknowledging new members each issue has shown the Society's continuing relevance to Stidham\* family historians everywhere.

It's obvious that a regularly published newsletter is the main form of communication for any well-run organization. The TSS quarterly newsletter has provided this service for the past 10 years and will continue to be our voice for many more to come.

Happy Tenth!



# From Barbarian Tribesmen to Proper Englishmen

**Did the Stidham\* genetic line originate in the Balkans, then pass through Stedham, England, before its arrival in 17th century Sweden? Recent advances in Y-DNA analysis make that proposition a reasonable probability, though not a certainty—yet.**

*By Richard L. Steadham (DCM2)*



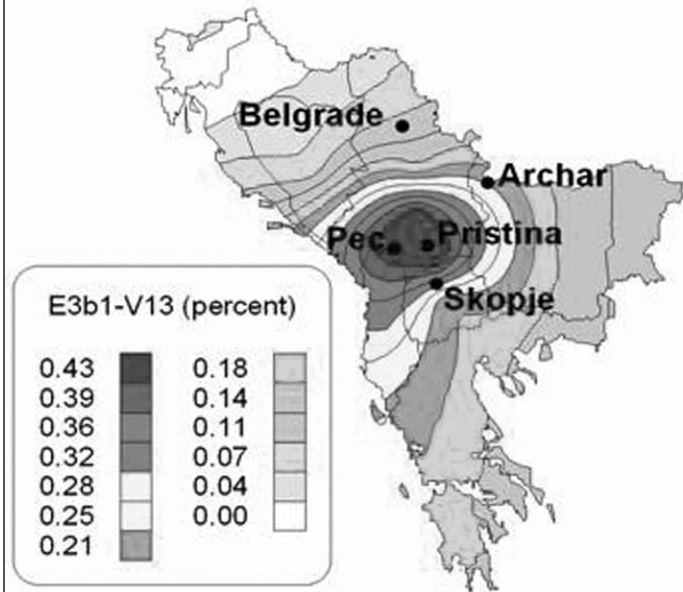
As the administrator of the Stidham\* Family DNA Study, I've tried to keep up with deep ancestry testing of our line by upgrading my personal haplogroup analysis each time additional tests have been made available. As it currently stands, our haplogroup is classified as E3b1a2, which places our family at that spot, so named, on the Y-chromosome phylogenetic tree of all males ever born, who had male descendants.

Recently, I was contacted by a gentleman from the Wood Surname DNA Project, who said that Stan Stidham's (DCM 11) and his Y-DNA results matched on 23 out of 25 markers. He went on to say that his Wood immigrant ancestor had come to America in 1870 from Sussex, England. That immediately got my attention, because I knew that Stedham, England is in Sussex County too. Matching on 23 out of 25 markers does show a common male ancestor at some point in the not too distant past, but that point could be a thousand years ago, well before the use of surnames. The gentleman then directed me to a website with significance to our genetic roots entitled, "Haplogroup E3b1a2 as a Possible Indicator of Settlement in Roman Britain by Soldiers of Balkan Origin" ([www.jogg.info/32/bird.htm](http://www.jogg.info/32/bird.htm)). Below is a summary of the website's information:

The invasion of Britain by the Roman military in CE [Common Era] 43, and the subsequent occupation of Britain for nearly four centuries, brought thousands of soldiers from the Balkan peninsula to Britain as part of auxiliary units and as regular legionnaires. The presence of Haplogroup E3b1a-M78 among the male populations of present-day Wales, England and Scotland, and its nearly complete absence among the modern male population of Ireland, provide a potential genetic indicator of settlement during the 1st through 4th Centuries CE by Roman soldiers from the Balkan peninsula and their male Romano-British descendants. Haplotype data from several major genetic surveys of Britain and Ireland are examined, analyzed and correlated with historical, epigraphic and archaeological information, with the goal of identifying any significant phylogeographic associations between E3b1a-M78 and those known Romano-British settlements and military posts that were associated specifically with Roman soldiers of Balkan origin. Studies by Cruciani et al. (2007), Perecic et al. (2005), and Marjanovic et al. (2005), examining the distribution of E3b1a-M78 and E3b1a2-V13 in the Balkans, are analyzed further to provide evidence of phylogeographic associations between the E3b1a2 haplotypes identified within the Balkans by these studies and those regions of the Balkans occupied first by the Roman army in antiquity. E3b1a2 is found to be at its highest frequency worldwide in the geographic region corresponding closely to the ancient Roman province of Moesia Superior, a region that today encompasses Kosovo, southern Serbia, northern Macedonia and extreme northwestern Bulgaria. The Balkan studies also provide evidence to support the use of E3b1a-M78 (in the present study) as a close proxy for the presence of E3b1a2-V13 (representing 85% of the parent E3b1a-M78 clade) in both the Balkans and in Britain.

In Issue #6, Summer 1999, Stan Stidham (DCM11) wrote an article entitled, "A Visit to Stedham, England," (page 6). In it, he told the story of how he and Jack Stidham (DCM3) had taken

**Map showing the highest concentration of haplogroup E3b1a2 today, centered in Kosovo, the Balkans, our remote ancestral origins.**



a research trip there in 1993 to see if it could be proven that the Stidham\* family had lived there prior to migrating to Sweden in the early 1600s. It was Stan's opinion that the family had lived there, but fled for the continent after Henry the VIII's daughter, Mary I, became Queen of England and tried to reinstitute Roman Catholicism back into the newly-Protestant country. Under her rule, Bloody Mary (as she had come to be known) tortured and killed Protestants as heretics, unless they returned to the Catholic church. Those who could afford to escape, did so and became known as the Marian exiles.

Stan believed that our family was among those exiles and fled from the village of Stedham, but disguised their real surname when they left, using only the village name as their identity for their own protection. "According to the English historian John Strype, more than 800 Protestants fled to the continent, predominantly the Low Countries, Germany, Switzerland, and France and joined with reformed churches there or formed their own congregations. A few exceptions were the exiles who went to Scotland, Denmark, and other Scandinavian counties" (Wikipedia – Marian Exiles).

You may recall in Issue 14 (page 14), I wrote an article entitled, "Timen Stiddem's (and Our) Jewish Origins." At the time, Jewish ancestry seemed a likely conclusion based on the science then known. The science has now developed to the point where we can now reasonably disprove the Jewish claim. At the time it was made, our Y-DNA results matched about one-quarter of all Jewish males who had been tested and was thus classified as E3b. Of course, one could have also made the obvious point that three-quarters of all males carrying the E3b signature weren't Jewish,

**Haplogroup E3b as currently distributed in Great Britain**



so I was definitely premature in making that assessment. Since then, deep ancestral Y analysis has been refined enough to put the Jewish men we formerly matched into their own new classification called E3b1c1. Family Tree DNA (FTDNA), the testing company through which our DNA study is processed says the following about this haplogroup:

**E3b1c1:** This branch likely originated in western Asia, and some of its lineages then migrated into eastern Africa, possibly through the Nile River corridor, and into the Near East. E3b1c1 is currently found in the Near East, North Africa, and some of Europe, and has a significant presence in Jewish lineages.

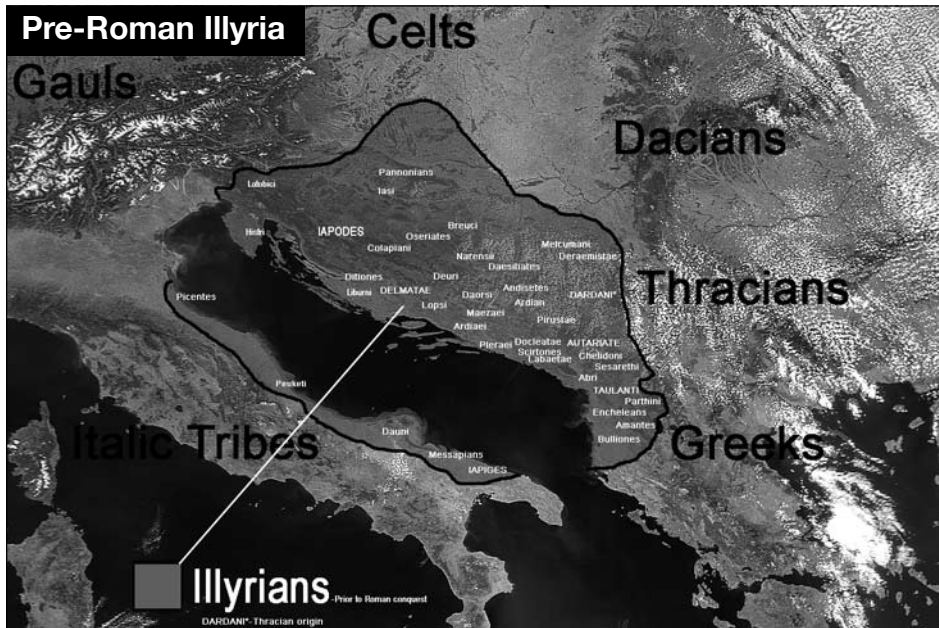
As stated earlier, our Stidham\* line is now classified as E3b1a2. FTDNA provides the following information about this haplogroup:

**E3b1a2:** This lineage is found in high frequencies in Europe, and can also be found in northeastern Africa. It is most frequent in the Balkans, but is rare in the Near East outside of Turkey. Estimates of its age vary from 11,000 to 17,000 years ago. It likely originated in western Asia, reached the Balkans shortly afterwards, and from there spread into Europe within the last 5,000 years.

### **Ancestors' Possible Migrations Summarized**

Backed with this new information, it can now be theorized that a possible (though not absolute) description of our ancient ancestors' migrations over the centuries went something like this:





Our proto-Stidham\* ancestors (as I'll call them) were Thracian or Illyrian tribesmen living somewhere in the Balkans during the centuries before Christ. They were pagan worshipers and fierce warriors and resisted the Roman army's attempts to bring them under their rule for many centuries. In the first century A.D., the Romans succeeded in subjugating them and began employing them as mercenaries in the armies of various rulers during the Hellenic period, and later as Roman auxiliary troops in their legions from the second century onwards (Ref: Bulgaria

– a brief history outline, by Dimitar Markovski: [www.eunet.bg/books/history/thracians.html](http://www.eunet.bg/books/history/thracians.html)).

One of these Thracian/Illyrian—now Roman—soldiers could have been one of our ancestors and was sent to the Roman province of Britannia and stationed at the Saxon Shore Fort of Portus Adurni (later to become Portchester Castle), to defend the Roman-Britains from invading Saxons. Soldiers stationed at these forts eventually took local wives and raised families of their own for many generations before the Romans left Britain early in the 5th century A.D., during the empire's decline and retreat. Portchester Castle is about 20 miles from the village of Stedham, the place Stan and Jack visited in 1993. (See Forts of the Saxon Shore in box below.)

From the 3rd or 4th through 16th centuries, a period of over a thousand years, our ancestral line could have lived and flourished in Southern England in the County of Sussex, and in the process became thoroughly English. The lone Thracian/Illyrian remnant our ancestors carried invisibly throughout the many centuries was the Y-DNA fingerprint each male generation passed on to his sons, the E3b1a2 haplotype.

At a point prior to the early 1600s (Timen Stiddem's birth in Hammel, Denmark or possibly Germany) the family could have left England. We don't have documented evidence of the family



IN THE LATE 3RD CENTURY AD, the Romans in their far-flung province of Britannia built a series of forts along the southeastern shore called the Saxon Shore Forts. These forts were so named, because of their strategic locations in defense against the ever-increasing invasions and piracy of the Germanic tribes: the Angles, Saxons and Jutes. In the waters of the English Channel, Roman ships transferring goods and metals from Britain to Rome were harassed by Franks and Saxons. The *Notitia Dignitatum* (Latin for "worthy of records") states that the military commander known as the Count of the Saxon Shore controlled nine forts, the names of which were listed therein, as were the units garrisoned in each (Ref: Athena Review, Vol. 1, no. 2).

Although any one of these forts could have had a Thracian/Illyrian/Roman ancestor of ours stationed amongst its troops, the most southwesterly fort called *Portus Adurni* holds the most promise, as it lies a mere 20 miles from the village of Stedham (originally called Steddaham). The village wouldn't have existed in Roman times of course, but the Church of St. James in Stedham was listed in the Domesday Book (1086) and this area could have seen our family flourish from the Roman, through Saxon and Norman periods, until their eventual migration to the continent.



The most impressive and best preserved of the Roman 'Saxon Shore' forts, Portchester was originally built in the late 3rd century. It is the only Roman stronghold in northern Europe whose walls still mainly stand to their full height. Subsequently housing a Saxon settlement, the huge waterside fortress became a Norman castle in the 12th century, when a formidable tower-keep was built in one corner.



being one the Marian exiles, but circumstantial evidence leads us to believe they certainly could have been: (1) As a mediator between the Swedes and the English in the New Sweden colony, Dr. Stiddem must have spoken good English, as well as Dutch and Swedish; and (2) All of Dr. Stiddem's children and grandchildren went by the surname Stedham, not Stiddem, in early New Sweden church records, possibly recalling the village their ancestors had come from. If the family was not one of the exile families, it still evidently left England for whatever reasons and wound up in the Netherlands, and eventually Gothenburg, Sweden where we learn that Luloff Stidden (Timen's father) was known as the Dutchman. You know the rest of the story.

## Conclusions

As stated, this is just one scenario, but a good one I believe. What we can say with confidence is that our ancestors were from ancient Thrace or Illyricum, centered in an area, which today is known as Kosovo in the Balkan Peninsula. Y-DNA testing has now shown us this. As to how our ancient ancestors eventually wound up in the Netherlands by the end of the 16th century,

we don't have hard evidence—yet. It's just as possible that our ancestors could have been employed in Roman legions elsewhere in Europe during the Roman Empire's expansion there, such as Gaul (France) or Germania (Germany) and never set foot in the British Isles. Or, they could have simply migrated over the centuries from the Balkans to Sweden. More DNA testing through the coming years may yet sort this out.

So what's next? If our family was in England and did carry a different surname prior to leaving for the continent, attention must now be paid more carefully to participants of other surname projects who carry the E3b1a2 haplotype and know their families came from—or still live in—Sussex, England. Conversely, if the family migrated across Europe gradually over the long centuries of the Dark Ages, other research strategies will demand our attention. Over time, as more and more men of all nationalities and surnames participate in DNA studies, a clearer picture of our family's migrations through the millennia will come into sharper focus.

In a future issue we'll look at places in the Netherlands and Germany with the names Stedum and Stedden to see if they may hold any clues to our family's migrations.



# Current Stidham\* News Deaths

(Continues from page 3)

## Honored



**Mark A. Stidham** honored: Purdue University's College of Technology honored eleven of its graduates as Distinguished Technology Alumni on Friday (April 11, 2008) during a ceremony at the Ross-Ade Stadium Shively Club. "Each one of these eleven men and women have made significant contributions to a wide variety of fields and industries," said Dean Dennis R. Depew. "These College of Technology alumni are proof that there is not one single successful path for our graduates, but instead there are

many career options available to our students once they graduate from Purdue." Among those honored was Mark A. Stidham of Sylvania, Ohio. Stidham [the son of John Walter [2599] Stidham] received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering technology in 1979 and is president of the North American Exhaust Division of Faurecia Exhaust Systems Inc., where he oversees operations of eight manufacturing facilities in the United States and Mexico. He previously was vice president of Atwood Automotive in Rockford, Illinois, and helped the company acquire nine product patents, including one assigned solely to him. Stidham is a 27-year member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, works with Boy Scouts of America and Junior Achievement, and has served on the Mechanical Engineering Technology Industrial Advisory Board for the College of Technology. He received the Best Performing Division award from Faurecia in both 2006 and 2007. ("Lafayette Online Community News," 15 April 2008)

## Anniversary



**Fred and Geneva (Eversole) Stidham** of Kendallville, Indiana will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today. The couple were married April 6, 1968, in Albion. Mr. Stidham [son of Samuel [2976] Stidham] is retired and Mrs. Stidham is employed at Starcraft RV. The couple have two children and their spouses, San and Katie Stidham and Henry and Teresa Collins. They also have three grandchildren. (Daily News, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 6 April 2008)

**Mr. Winston [4976] Steadham**, age 65, passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2008 in the Brewton, Alabama, hospital. Mr. Steadham was a native of Chumuckla, Florida, and was a resident of Flomaton for the past 43 years. He was a dedicated husband, father and grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to hunt, fish, loved livestock, and farming. He was a brick mason for 45 years and was dedicated to excellence. Preceding him in death were his parents-Bub [2495] and Lucile Steadham, and a brother-Clyde Steadham. Survivors include his wife of 43 years-Linda Fay Steadham of Flomaton; 3 daughters-Audrey (Dewayne) Killam, Angela (Guy) Wright, and Amanda Steadham, all of Flomaton, Alabama; 2 brothers-Charles (Myra Jean) Steadham of Atmore, Alabama, Carl (Flo) Steadham of Bay Minette, Alabama; 6 sisters-Virginia McKelvin of Jay, Barbara Jean (Hubert) Leavins of Cantonment, Annie Ruth (Tink) Kelley, Dorothy (Tommy) Owens of Jay, Lillian (Roy) Ward of Jay, and Amelia Steadham of Jay; 3 grandchildren-Joshua Northrop, Aubrey Madison Wright, all of Flomaton; his mother-in-law-Eunice Lambeth of Flomaton and many nieces, nephews and longtime family friends. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 2008. Burial followed in Flomaton Cemetery. (Press Register, Mobile, Alabama, 21 April 2008)

**Leah Lois Stidham**, born August 21, 1928, passed away Sunday, January 6, 2008. She was born in Chilhowee, Missouri, to Ethel Pearl Riddle and Chas Albin. Leah married Aubrey "Bud" Stidham [son of William Sylvester [4571] Stidham] on March 6, 1953, in Kansas City, Missouri. She moved to St George over 4 years ago with her husband after residing in Temecula, California for more than 15 years. At the untimely death of her husband Bud on January 20, 2004, Leah moved in with her daughter, Donna Kimball and husband Pete, of St George. For the past four years Leah had been battling many illnesses. Leah enjoyed crossword puzzles, spending time with her family and friends, sitting on the back porch on a warm day watching the many Hummingbirds that would return every year. She enjoyed the few trips she was able to make back to the country in Missouri to visit family. She was surrounded by her family at her bedside, expressing their love for her as she slowly closed her eyes and peacefully passed. She is survived by her 3 children, Danny (Leslie) Stidham of St. George, Utah, Donna (Pete) Kimball of St. George, Utah, and Richard (Tammi) Stidham of Las Vegas, Nevada; 6 Grandchildren, Justin (Julie), Amber, Amy (Raleigh), Morgan, Connor, and Casey; 2 Great-grandchildren, Jordyn and Karter; and many nieces, nephews and friends. She will join her husband on what would be their 55th wedding anniversary March 6, 2008, at the Arlington National Cemetery in Riverside, California. (SpilsburgMortuary.com)

**Stanley Stidham**, 51, of North Vernon died February 9, 2008, at his home. Mr. Stidham was a maintenance manager at ComPonX in North Vernon, where he had been employed since 1984. He previously worked at the Vernon Swing Factory as a machinist and at True Temper from 1974 to 1979. He enjoyed

hunting, fishing, pitching horseshoes, and spending time with his family. The funeral will be conducted February 13, 2008 at Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home in North Vernon with the Rev. Dale Boyd officiating. Burial will be at Vernon Cemetery. Born April 28, 1956, in Seymour, Mr. Stidham was the son of Estes [3085] and Mary Frances Foster Stidham. He married Angela Kay Willis on June 29, 1974, at First Christian Church in North Vernon. Surviving with his wife are his mother, of North Vernon; two sons, Joshua (Leann) Stidham of Indianapolis and Jonah (Crystal) Stidham of North Vernon; a brother, Jeffrey (Lori Ann) Stidham of Hayden; a granddaughter, Makayla Lynn Stidham of Indianapolis; and an expected grandchild. He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Clayton Stidham. (FuneralPlan.com)

**Nola Stidham**, born December 23, 1919 departed this life on January 31, 2008 at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. She was 88 years, 1 month, and 8 days old. Nola was born at Hyden, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Manuel Feltner and Laura Lewis. Nola was a homemaker and retired employee of Keen's Variety Store, where she worked for 16 years. She was a member of the Hurts Creek Church of Christ and was a life-long resident of Leslie County, residing at 592 Preacher Fork Road, Hyden, at the time of her death. Nola enjoyed her pet cat "Sugar", spending time with family, and was very active in the Hurts Creek Church of Christ. Nola was preceded in death by her parents, Manuel Feltner & Laura Lewis Feltner, her husband, Felix [2997] Stidham, two sons, Willie Ray & Freddie Stidham, one son-in-law, Arthur Pennington, three brothers, Russell, Charlie, & Ray, and three sisters, Mae, Mable, and Lula. Mrs. Nola Stidham leaves the following relatives surviving: three sons:

Delver Stidham and wife, Barbara, Connersville, Indiana; Roger Stidham and wife, Ella, Dayton, Ohio; Thomas Stidham and wife, Kathy, Indiana. Five daughters: Cleve Jane Pennington, Keavy, Kentucky; Betty Messer and husband, Charlie, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mable Morgan and husband, Kerry, Essie, Kentucky; Patricia Hollifield and husband, Mike, Hazard, Kentucky; Connie Napier, Hyden. Following the funeral service Mrs. Nola Stidham will be laid to rest in the Hurricane Cemetery, Hyden. (www.meaningfulfunerals.net)



**Lenuel Stidham**, born August 28, 1924 departed this life on March 05, 2008 at the East Kentucky Veteran's Center, Hazard, Kentucky. He was 83 years, 6 months, and 6 days old. Lenuel was born in Blue Grass Hollow, Perry Co., Kentucky, the son of the late Harrison [2994] Stidham and Mallie Lewis Stidham. Lenuel was a veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Army. He was a retired coal

miner and masonry worker. Lenuel was a member of the Hurts Creek Church of Christ, Hyden, Kentucky, and enjoyed carpentry and working with his hands as hobbies. He was a life-long resident of Leslie Co., living at 111 Shadow Drive at the time of his death. Mr. Lenuel Stidham was preceded in death by his parents, Harrison [2994] Stidham and Mallie Lewis Stidham, and four brothers, Rex, Darrell, Gene, and Ed Stidham. Mr. Lenuel Stidham leaves the following relatives surviving: his wife, Jewel Stidham of Hyden, three daughters, Teresa Asher and Dale of Hyden, Sonya Stidham of Richmond, Kentucky, Robin Gambill and husband, David, of Hyden, Kentucky, two brothers, David Stidham and wife, Jean, of Hyden, Kenneth Stidham and wife, Eunice of Indiana, and two sisters, Dorothy Pace of Hyden, and Gladys Bowling of London, Kentucky. The funeral service will be conducted March 8, 2008. The interment will follow in the Grassy Gap Cemetery located at Hyden, with full military rites observed by Leslie County D.A.V. Chapter # 133 of Hyden. (Lexington Herald-Ledger, 7 March 2008)

**Ray Stidham**, 73, Austin, Indiana, died on April 16 at Scott Memorial Hospital in Scottsburg, Indiana. He was born in Boneyman, Kentucky, and was a US Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and a retired employee of Ford Motor Company. Memberships included the Rural Street Church of Christ in Austin, Disabled Veterans of America, American Legion Scott Post 234, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Scott County Post 6582. Survivors include his wife, the former Sarah Jane Wooten; a son, Ray Lee Stidham of Austin; a daughter, Deborah G. Elliott of Austin; three brothers, Eugene Stidham of Frankfort, Kentucky, Darrell Stidham of Busy, Kentucky, and Arlie Stidham [TSS MEMBER DM-215] of Toulouse, Kentucky; two sisters, Thelma Baker of Austin and Diana Stidham of Columbus; and four grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted at the Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin on Sunday, April 20. Burial was in Spurgeon Cemetery near Austin. (www.buchananfuneralhome.net)



**Felix [2997] Stidham and his wife, Nola**

## In Future Issues:

A Report on the Recent 17th Century Symposium  
of New Sweden, by Garet Gunther.

News and Notes from the Society

Current Stidham\* News

Computer Corner

Out of the Past

Unplaced Stidhams\*

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.

## 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:

Leslie Shamus, TSS Membership Secretary  
4905 Vireo Drive  
Flowery Branch, GA 30542  
lashamus@bellsouth.net

☐ I would like to join **The Timen Stiddem Socceity** 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**The Timen Stiddem Society**  
**4905 Vireo Drive**  
**Flowery Branch, Georgia 30542**

### Look at your mailing label ►

If your membership expiration date is highlighted in red, your membership has expired. Your 2008 dues are now due. A dues statement is enclosed.