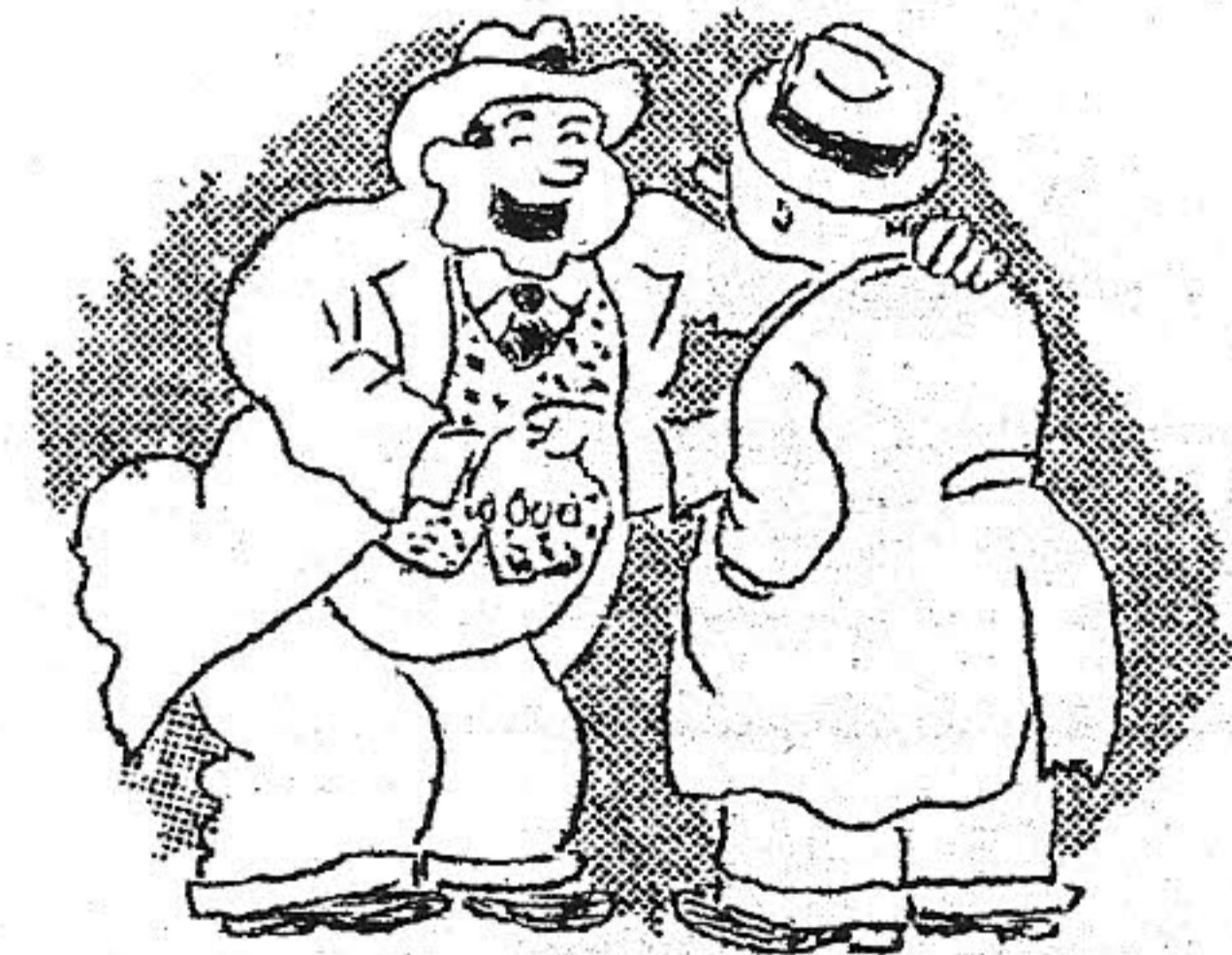
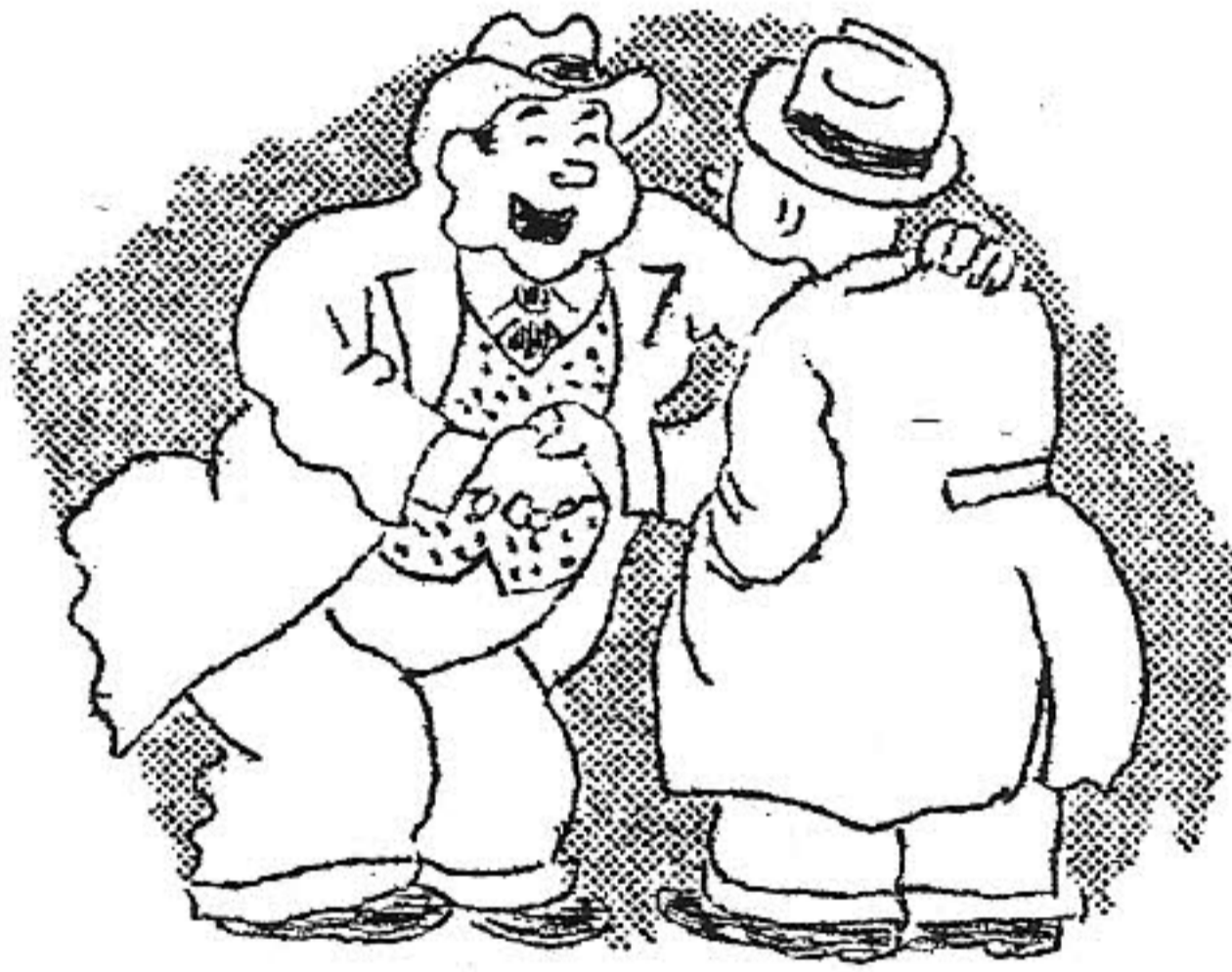


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# SWACKHAMER - - DUFFORD BULLETIN



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This publication is for the descendants of Samuel Schwachhammer and Phillip Dufford who find some pleasure in knowing about their forefathers. Not that we feel we are better than those who cannot trace their ancestry. We just think it is nice to know.

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### A BIT OF HISTORY

#### SWACKHAMER

(From Chambers "Early Germans of New Jersey")

Samuel Schwachhammer was born in 1700 and died February 3, 1782. He came to this country in 1731, it is believed from Neuwied, Germany (George Dufford claimed this date should be 1730) He built his home in what the Indians called the Long Valley His funeral notice in an old church book states that he married three times and had 25 children, 73 grand children and 25 great grand children.

His will dated February 1, 1780 and probated March 8, 1782 (Trenton Lib. 23, fol. 247) Names wife Elizabeth and 13 children as follows;

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| 1. Conrad b.1720, d.1813 M. Elizabeth          | 7. Barbery |
| 2. John b.1727, M. Sussana Margaret Terryberry | 8. Hellena |
| 3. Catrina (Catherine) b.1733 d.1815, M.       | 9. Baltus  |
| 4. Ann, M. a Leeke                             | 10. Samuel |
| 5. Dolly (Dorthea) M. Philip Terryberry        | 11. Andrew |
| 6. Elizabeth, b.1748, d.1823, M. Jacob         | 12. Jacob  |

Dufford son of first Jacob Dufford

13. Daniel

On August 16, 1941 a first meeting of Swackhamer descendants held the first meeting and laid plans to raise funds to erect a tombstone over the grave of their pioneer ancestor. This was done before the next meeting a year later. Meetings of the group which called itself the Swackhamer Historical Association, continued until 1951 when it was proposed that it unite with the Dufford group since so many persons belonged because of intermarriage to both groups.

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#### DUFFORD

(From the Research of George Dufford, father of our President)

The name was originally Du Ford and originated in Le Mans in the province of Orne, France. Religious persecution caused an exodus to other countries such as England, Germany and Holland. In those days of illiteracy the spelling of the name became confused because of the various pronunciations in different countries. Hence the name has been spelled Du Four, De Voor, Toffort, Duffort, Tuffert, Tefort, Dufford, and Du Ford. On September 11, 1738 the ship Robert and Oliver, Captain Roberts, Master delivered to Philadelphia among others Philip Du Ford, Senior, Philip Du Ford, Jr., and George Stephen, Son of Philip, Jr.

They followed the Delaware to the Muscanetcong up that to an old Indian trail and thence over Schooleys Mountain to the Long Valley.

In the very beginning Philip, Jr. and son George Stephen seem to drop out of sight. In the will left by Philip, Sr., dated February 16, 1767 and probated February 1, 1769 he names wife, Catherine, sons Adam and George, daughter Mary Magdalena, and grandson, George Stephen, the son of Jacob. Jacob had been disenherited by his father because he married an Indian maiden. (This fact was ascertained by George Dufford, who back in 1890 talked to one Rudolph Schaffer, then 90 years old who said his father had often spoken of seeing the man named Dufford fishing in Lake Hopatcong, with the Delaware Indians. He had married an Indian girl and had been disenherited.)

The son Adam appears on Tewksbury Township records as a tax payer in 1758. That is all of him. George had a daughter, Catherine born 1752 and confirmed in 1772. No further record. Mary Magdalena married Andrew Mack and no further record of her. Jacob and his Indian wife had three children, Mathias, David & George Stephen and these three are the ancestors of all the Duffords.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Milton Swackhamer, your editor is leaving February 12, for a month in Miami. His wife, Diane O'Donnell Swackhamer will accompany him.

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Gladys V. Swackhamer whose late father, Austin H. Swackhamer was judge of Gloucester Conty Common Pleas Court for over a period of twenty years now makes her home in California. Her address is Box A, Camarillo, California. She writes that she has met a Dr. Walter Swackhamer and wife who live near Santa Barbara. He was at one time with the Veterans Administration. He is a brother of Dr. Chester Swackhamer who with wife Daisy now reside in Globe, Arizona. Their father came west from Warren County, N.J.

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Did you know that George Dufford's mother was Susan Swackhamer descended from the first Samuel's son John. George married Hattie Swackhamer who was descended from the first Samuel's son Conrad. Thus Marjorie, daughter of George, besides being a Dufford has as her ancestors two of Samuel's son. She should be our President.

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Last year Lloyd and Ruth Moren adopted a thirteen months old baby boy. This year they have been blessed with a son of their own. Lloyd Moren is the son of Wesley Moren and Deliah who is a sister of your President.

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Eliza Dufford Harriman and husband Chester are leaving February for a Florida trip. Before going Betty asks that you all try to make this bulletin a success by contributing and our genealogical society a success by attending the annual picnic and meeting held in Long Valley, N.J. the last Saturday in July. She points out that family life has helped to make America great. Communists fear and try to destroy it. She suggests that each family "eldest" bring a group to the annual meetings.

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Your President would like to know if any of you have any talents in the entertainment line. We would welcome your talents at our next meeting.

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HELP MAKE THIS BULLETIN  
INTERESTING

Everyone Has Some News.  
Deaths, Births, Marriages  
and Social Events will  
all Interest Someone.  
Please send them to:

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Trenton 8, New Jersey

Doctor Chester and Daisy Swackhamer now reside at 243 South 2nd St., Globe, Arizona. Some of us heard from them at Christmas time. They write that one son, Bob is living in California and the other, Bill is a Physican and Surgeon in Jena, Ecuisianna. He and his wife Dot have children. Doctor Chester and Daisy spent two weeks with Bill and Family last April.

Doctor Chester is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and many other organizations. He has taken to bowling of late and is Hospital Physician for County patients at the Gila County General Hospital. Last October he underwent major surgery but returned to work after four weeks. He does emergencies at the hospital, making no calls. He is kept busy enough however. One day he worked ten hours at a stretch --- a highway accident with eleven in one car.

T. Cecil Swackhamer, our Methodist Minister cousin from Missouri made a trip to Europe this past year. We understand he was one of five Methodist Ministers in the United States chosen to go. We would like to know the details and tried to get them. I wonder, Cecil if you would send them to us?

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Diana Shaltmar, daughter of your editor is living with her husband Peter Thatcher at 19 Sullivan Village, Easton, Pa. This is on the Campus of Lafayette College where Pete is majoring in psychology. After graduation in June he expects to do personal relations work with a large manufacturing concern. Pete is an ex-Marine.

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Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Swackhamer of Pittsburgh, Pa. have announced the marriage of their daughter, Florence to Mr. Walt Wszelaki.

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George F. Crater, a long time resident of Dover, N.J. passed away September 29, 1952 after a long illness. His mother was Elizabeth Swackhamer Crater, daughter of David Swackhamer.

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On January 20, 1952 Robert Swackhamer of Dover who was the first secretary of the Swackhamer group and who served until his resignation last July, was elected Commissioner of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to be held in Minneapolis this May. He reports that his various offices in the local church keep him very busy, especially the office of Treasurer which he has held for over 35 years. There are over a thousand members and with a sizeable Annual Budget, Endowment funds and Special funds his office is almost a full-time job.

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Just learned from Robert the details about T. Cecil Swackhamer. He is pastor of the Webster Hills Methodist church in Webster Groves, Missouri and was one of five ministers selected to go to the British Isles last summer in an exchange of Ministry.

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