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This publication is for the descendants of Samuel Schwackhammer (Swackhamer) who, in 1730, settled in New Jersey in the Long Valley - and of Philip DuFord (Dufford), who settled there in 1738.

We hope these pages will be of interest.

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OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

Earlier in the year Mr. Leonard Brotzman, of Binghamton, N.Y. wrote that he had seen a copy of a newspaper dated 1842 which included news of the New York State Legislature. One item in it mentioned that a "Mr. Swackhamer" was Chairman of a Committee on Temperance. Mr. Brotzman wondered just who the Mr. Swackhamer was. He enquired among his relatives and even wrote the Clerk of the Legislature in Albany, but could find no trace of a Legislator named Swackhamer.

We made inquiries here and the problem was finally solved by Mrs. Bessie Emmons, of North Plainfield, N.J. who found among some papers of her father, Mr. Ruliff Swackhamer, a copy of an article from one of the New York papers, excerpts from which follow:-

"The Late Conrad Swackhamer,

The funeral of this gentleman took place yesterday from his late residence at Fort Washington, N.Y. Very many of his friends and relatives were present, and many prominent men were among those who paid their last attention to the remains of their esteemed associate.

Mr. Swackhamer was a native of New Jersey where he was born in 1814. He came to the city quite young and for a time engaged in the grocery business. This occupation, however, he speedily abandoned, devoting himself to the great business of politics for which by intellect and temperament he was well fitted.

He was elected to the State Legislature and achieved a high reputation as speaker and debater. He later became an editor of a newspaper in Williamsburg.

Early in the year 1846 he was elected as a member of the convention authorized to frame a new Constitution for the State of New York; and while acting as a member of that body he was a prominent advocate of an elective judiciary.

Throughout the presidential campaign of Pierce, Mr. Swackhamer was a devoted partisan of the Democratic nominee and was rewarded with the position of Navy Agent of New York.

Mr. Swackhamer was one of those strong and original minds which, emanating from the ranks of the people, owes little to education, its forces and greatness being developed from within.

He was always an advocate of the public school system of New York which both Americans and foreigners pronounced the best system in the world.

For some years past Mr. Swackhamer has held the position of assessor of taxes."

The following from the obituary of his brother Ruliff who was the father of Mr. S. S. Swackhamer, and whose only living children are Mrs. George S. Dufford, Mrs. Bessie Emmons and Mrs. Frank Burd.

"In 1853 he (Ruliff) received an appointment to a Government position under the Pierce administration, and with his family, moved to New York. He was assistant to his brother "Conrad" who was at the head of the Custom House in that city."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

From Mrs. Lester Apgar, Califon, N.J.

Dr. Mary Trimmer Spinks who finished her internship at Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia, in July is now serving in the new Psychiatric Hospital, Philadelphia. The Spinks have just purchased a home in Germantown, Pa.

Dr. & Mrs. C. S. Trimmer returned Sept. 1st from a month vacation at Dalousie, India, to their work at the United Christian Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan.

Rev. Chas. Schmidling, Pastor of the Lutheran Church at Long Valley is now in fine condition after his stay and treatments at Hunterdon Medical Center.

From Mr. Leonard Brotzman, Binghamton, N.Y.

Mr. Glenn Swackhamer, of Oneonta, N.Y. stopped with his wife and small daughter to enquire where the Reunion would be held. He gave them the name of our Secretary-Treasurer.

His oldest sister's husband had passed away at 84. His wife had died three years ago.

He planned to drive around and see some of the relatives during the summer but, although he feels lots better after his heart attack, still was not able to do much driving.

(Mr. Brotzman, together with Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Smith have been a great help in searching out the Swackhamer family in upper New York State.)

Mrs. Mary Jane Hunsinger, Springville, Pa.

Mrs. Hunsinger reports the marriage of Frank Swackhamer and Jean Scott on May 5th, 1956.

She, herself, has been quite ill and spent some time in the hospital for surgery, but is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swackhamer, her father and mother, are planning a trip to Hawaii to spend Christmas with their son Leon Swackhamer, Jr., and his family. We hope to hear more about their trip in the next Bulletin.

From Mr. Alden Wert, Hawthorne, N.Y.

Miss Annette Wert, daughter of the Late George B. Wert of Hackettstown, N.J. was married in May to Mr. Herbert Dorfman. They are living at 6708 Elmer Ave. North Hollywood, California.

In reporting the birth of Kieth McCaffrey in the last Bulletin we made a mistake in the address. It is Hawthorne, New York, not New Jersey.

Alden also reports that he and Grace are great grandparents again. They are sons of Martha Roenbeck of Babylon, L.I., David and Douglas. (Congratulations)

From Mrs. Ruth Ramsey Johnson, Plainfield, N.J.

Anne L. Ramsey, daughter of George and Ruth Ramsey, of Hawthorne, N.Y., was married June 23d, 1956 to Robert Miendorf, of Millburn, N.J.

1st Lt. Samuel W. Johnson, his wife, Barbara and son Billy arrived from Ulm Germany Sept. 4th where he was stationed for 18 months with the 84th Field Artillery Battalion.

Lt. Richard Ramsey Johnson is in Greenland with the 155th Army Transportation Co. He will return to Ft. Stony, Va. in November.

From Mrs. James Logan, Roslyn, Pa.

Ellen writes that her sister Catherine, youngest daughter of Dr. Ray T. Dufford of Evansville, Ind., was married on June 9th, 1956 to Norman Paula. Mr. Paula is Concertmaster of the Oklahoma City Symphony Orchestra where Catherine is 1st Oboist. They spent the summer teaching at Rocky Ridge Music Camp in Estes Park, Colo., and are now on their way back to Oklahoma City.

NEWS FROM OTHER SOURCES

Mr. Roy Swackhamer, of Long Valley, N.J. was married early this summer to Mrs. Erma Suydam, of Quakertown. They are now residing at Mr. Swackhamer's home in Long Valley.

Miss Charlotte Anne Niese, of Princeton, N.J. was married March 4, 1956 to John Roy Dufford, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. J. Roy Dufford of Morrisville, Pa. They are now in Lackland, Texas where Mr. Dufford is a Lieutenant in the Air Force.

The family of your ex-president, Mrs. Leo R. Logan, has created quite some news this summer.

On May 29, Miss Gail Logan graduated from Keystone Junior College at LaPlume, Pa., and was immediately employed by Ethicon as medical secretary.

Jack Logan graduated from Seton Hall on June 9th. He has recently ended his association as Swimming Instructor at the Plainfield Y.M.C.A. and having a much needed vacation.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Jones (Virginia Logan) have been transferred from Washington to Formosa for a two year stretch. Philip is in Government Service. Mrs. Logan is missing her two grandchildren Peter and Stephen.

Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, California stopped for a visit on her way home from a summer sojourn in northern Europe, which she covered pretty thor-

oughly, getting back to Munich, Germany where she was a delegate to the International Conference of Social Workers. She told us some interesting things. The theme of the Conference was "The Impact of Industrialization upon the Family." One point which we thought might interest you was the fact that in most other countries represented Social Work is carried on by and under the supervision of Government. What happens to "Charity"?

Her most interesting experience came when traveling through the Fjord country of Norway. She discovered her seatmate on the train to be a gentleman from her home town of Woodbury, N.J. who knew her father, Judge A. H. Swackhamer and her brother Donald.

The Swackhamer family in and around Plainfield suffered a great loss in the death, on June 10, 1956, of Carl E. Drange, husband of Mabel DuBois Drange. He was a grand person and dearly loved by all.

Mr. Payson Dufford sent us a newspaper clipping announcing the death of Rev. Leo J. Dufort, pastor of Notre Dame de Lourdes Roman Catholic Church of Schuylerville, N.Y. The spelling of the original name of DuFord has undergone so many changes through the years and we are wondering if he could have been a member of the family. Does anyone know anything about him or his family?

Early this year Mr. Moren received a letter from Mrs. Philip G. Dufford of Grand Junction, Colorado, giving us more family names including Mr. Philip Dufford's brother, Mr. Edwin A. Dufford of Pocatello, Idaho, and Mrs. Code Hammer of Atlantic, Iowa. Mrs. Hammer's daughter, Janice, had met Dr. Ray Dufford when she was a student at Stephens. The Philip Dufford's son Bud also met Dr. Ray while teaching flying at the University of Missouri.

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Blank, formerly of Passaic, N.J. moved to St. Petersburg, Fla. after Mr. Blank retired. Their new address there is 3117 28th St. N.

Mrs. C. C. Dufford, mother of our President, has sold her house in Glen Ridge and moved to an apartment at 101 Gates Ave., Montclair, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. Milton Swackhamer have a new address. It is 226 Magnolia Dr., Levittown, Pa.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Thatcher are living at Sutphen Rd., Yardley, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Jones can be reached at "Box 9, APO 63, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Cal.

You will note in the minutes of the Reunion this past summer that we were visited by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer and their son and daughter-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Harold Swackhamer, of Hamilton, Ontario. Mr. Arthur Swackhamer has been working on the genealogy of the Swackhamer family in Canada, and with the help of Miss Marjorie Swackhamer of Long Valley, was able to connect his data with the original ancestor. He has promised us the story and we hope to have it for the next Bulletin.

You will also note, from the minutes, that we have a new Entertainment Committee. We hope they will have some real entertainment for us at the next Reunion.

We were so glad to have our Vice President's wife, Mrs. Robt. Swackhamer, with

Our oldest member present was Mrs. Elizabeth Trimmer, 99, and the youngest was David White, three and a half.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Swackhamer were with us, coming all the way from Hamilton, Canada. They brought regards from the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Swackhamer of Toronto, Canada.

Also with us from a distance were Mr. & Mrs. Arthur S. Wall of Tucson, Arizona, who were visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Leon Swackhamer, of Springville, Pa.

Everyone had a lovely time visiting with friends and relatives after the meeting until a thunder shower sent many to their cars and others inside. All in all it was another wonderful family get together.

Mary Jane Hunsinger,
Secretary, Treasurer.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

The idea of the Bulletin originated in the mind of Mr. Milton Swackhamer, and until the present time he has edited it and been responsible for its printing. This year he finds the pressure of his work so great that he has asked to be replaced. We are very sorry for he has given us such interesting Bulletins. We believe they are responsible for gathering the interest of the two families to the extent that, although the original edition numbered about 125 copies, we are now sending out almost 300 to families all over the United States, some in Canada, and some to the Far East including Hawaii, Formosa, Pakistan.

Milton was absent from the Reunion this year for the first time since the Swackhamer family organized. They were moving into their new home in Levittown, Pa. and were just too busy to attend. Everyone missed him and we all hope to have him back another year.

In the meantime, I know I speak for both the Swackhamer and Dufford families when I say we owe him a tremendous vote of "Thanks" and extend best wishes for happiness and prosperity in the new home.

Mr. Wesley J. Moren has contributed the following, which expresses perfectly what we would like to say:--

"The Editor of this pamphlet works hard to secure and publish information of interest to the Swackhamer and Dufford families. Some few members send in contributions but many more could drop an interesting note which would lend to the enjoyment of others, if time and a very small amount of effort were put forth to do it. An illness, a new baby, a birthday party or anniversary gathering would be interesting to a lot of members and would let all of us know what was happening in the Klan.

Encourage those who are trying to make this paper a success by sending in your contribution of news."

We are going to try to send out two Bulletins this year. The next one will come out in the spring. Deadline for news APRIL 1st.

May we say, too that the cost of printing and postage is increasing constantly. This is taken care of by contribution since the organization does not collect dues. If you have not already contributed this year and are interested in keeping up this publication, \$1.00 sent to our Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Mary J. Hunsinger, Springville, Pa. R.D. 2, would help. Thank you.

Your new editor takes over the job with much trepidation, but will do her best, with your help, to measure up.

ELIZA D. HARRIMAN,

Editor.