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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.

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GENEALOGY

The following letter from Mr. Arthur Swackhamer of Acton, Ont. reached us too late for the Fall Bulletin:-

"In reply to your letter of Sept 11, I want to tell you we enjoyed our visit very much indeed. We would have liked to have had more time to spend with you.

You asked for the history of our branch of the Swackhamer family as I told it to you at the gathering last July.

According to the Bulletin, Samuel Swackhammer and his wife Elizabeth had thirteen children. One son, John, born 1727, married Susanna Margaret Terryberry. Then also in the Book of Early Pioneers, shown us by Miss Marjorie Swackhamer of Long Valley, N.J., it says that John and Margaret Terryberry had three children, John, Christopher, and Samuel. Son Christopher married Kate Terryberry and went to Canada.

Christopher and wife settled near Grimsby, Ontario, on a farm on which they lived and raised a large family. I am not sure how many there were but I have heard of nine. On our way home last summer we stopped at Grimsby and visited the cemetery of the Anglican Church where Christopher and his wife are buried. The dates on the tombstone read: - 'Christopher Swackhammer B. 1768 - D. 1840. His wife B. 1772 - D. 1858'

Their eldest son Jacob, (My grandfather) served in the war 1812-1814 for which service he received a land grant of 200 acres. In 1819 he and his second wife, Mary Thompson came and settled on this farm near Acton, Ont. They had a family of thirteen children. Jacob also had two children by his first wife, Betsy and Ellen, making fifteen children, thirteen daughters and two sons, Christopher and Hiram. Betsy married Fred Terryberry and lived near Grimsby, Ont.

Christopher Swackhamer's first wife was Elizabeth Denny and they had nine children, four sons and five daughters. Christopher's second wife was Esther Zimmerman who had two children, James Arthur Christopher and Clinton Bennett.

Arthur married Iona Grace Denny and they have a family of four sons and one daughter. Also ten grandchildren.

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Brother Clinton married Elizabeth Tasby. They have one son and one daughter, both married, and seven grandchildren."

GENEALOGY sent by Florence Swackhamer Wszelaki, of Pittsburgh, Pa. "WHO WAS MY GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER?"

My great grandfather was John Swackhamer - married Mary Virginson. They had four sons - Victor (my grandfather), Daniel, George and Benjamin. Whereabouts of sons and daughters of the latter three we do not know. *Could this be the Daniel of Ott m. to DARCUS?*

Victor married Mae DeHass and had the following children: - Mrs. Freda Bonner, Mrs. Eloda Viard, Mrs. Grace Beckwith, Daniel, George, Herbert Wayne (my father), John, David, Mrs. Grace Whiting, Kenneth, Mrs. Florence James, and James.

Mrs. Bonner has seven children all of whom are married and have children of their own. Their names are - Herman, Kenneth, Ophelia, Lavilla, Florence, Cora and Jayne. (Kenneth and Ophelia are deceased).

Mrs. Eloda Viard has four boys - twins Milton and Milford (Milford single), Raymond who has two daughters, - Cecil (deceased) who had one daughter.

Mrs. Grace Beckwith - (no children)

Daniel never married. *Son of Victor*

Mrs. Florence James - (no children)

George, (deceased) had four children, George, Jr., Ruth, Dorothy and Daniel. They are married and have children whose names I do not know.

H. Wayne has three children - William, who has one son Billy, Richard (single) and Florence who has one daughter, Jill.

David has nine children - Donald, Merlin, Leon, Ila, Arley, Russell, Dora, DeMonte and Joel.

John has nine children - Alfred, Mary, Calvin, Edna, Irma, Jane, Gerald, Rita and Carol.

Kenneth has three children - Mary Louise, Jackie and Ralph.

Mrs. Grace Whiting has eleven children - Byrl, Betty, Alvin, Stella, Margaret, Enid, Philip, Richard, Theodore, Stanley and Harry.

Letter received from Mrs. Juliet T. Murphy of Peapack, New Jersey.

" I am writing in regard to the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletins you have been sending to my mother and father, Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Tiger. My mother was Mary Abelia Swackhamer, daughter of Samuel Swackhamer, Ironia, N. J. My mother died seven years ago last December and my father is now in a mental hospital. They celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary the December before she died. I enjoy the Bulletin if you care to keep sending them to me."

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Mr. Leonard Brotzman, Binghamton, N. Y. writes:

"I had a letter from Mr. & Mrs. Smith a few days ago saying he had an operation for hernia and would not be able to return to work until May 1st. (These are the Smiths from Dunkirk, N. Y. who attended our Reunion in 1955).

I was reading a history of Albany County in the Binghamton Public Library recently and found where a Rev. Lambert Swackhammer was called to the Lutheran Church in the township of Berne in 1850. He served five years and received 161 into the church.

I have a postal from Claude Northrup of Waverly, N. Y. saying his wife Bessie died January 22, 1955. Her mother was my mother's sister. My remaining brother-in-law died last fall and one of his daughters passed away in the spring."

Mr. Brotzman also gave us addresses of a niece and nephew in Clark, Summit and Nicholson, Pa. who might come to the Reunion. Their names have been added to our list.

He also sent an Ad from a newspaper about the "Swackhammer Convalescent Home, Montrose, Pa." Does anyone know who this member of the family is and do we have them listed?

Mrs. Lester Apgar, of Califon, N. J. writes:

"Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Trimmer, of Lahore, Pakistan are leaving for the U. S. A. April 8th, and expect to arrive in New York City June 12th. (We have since learned that they will be welcomed by a new grandchild, born to their daughter and son-in-law Mrs. & Mrs. Raleigh Spinks.)

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Dufford Trimmer who have resided in Middle Valley for many years on one of the Dufford farms, will retire and move to their newly built home at Chester, N. J. about May 1st."

Mrs. Florence Swackhamer Wszelaki, Pittsburgh, Pa., writes:

"Here are items for the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin which I have been meaning to send for over a year. Sorry I'm late but will try to be closer in touch in the future:

On September 5, 1955, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wszelaki, Jr. had a 10lb. 5 oz. baby girl. They named her Jill Nadine. Mrs. Wszelaki is the former Florence Swackhamer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. H. Wayne Swackhamer of Pittsburgh.

Mrs. Mildred (English) Swackhamer, wife of David Swackhamer, resident of Benezette, Elk County, Pa. died on November 8, 1955 in St. Mary's Hospital. She is survived by two daughters, Ila and Dora, and seven sons.

On October 9, 1955, Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Beckwith, 4815 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Mrs. Beckwith is the former Grace Swackhamer of Benezette, Pa.

In October, 1955 Mr. & Mrs. William Swackhamer and son Billy sailed on the later ill fated ship Andrea Doria, for Spain. They are now making their home in Zaragoza, Spain, where William is an engineer for the Pittsburgh-DesMoines Steel Co. After leaving Spain in about six more months they expect to go to one of the

South American countries. William is the son of H. Wayne Swackhamer, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

On June 23, 1956, Miss Ila Swackhamer, daughter of David, of Benezette, Pa., became the bride of Raymond Kraus, of St. Mary's, Pa.

On July 21, 1956, Arley Swackhamer, son of David, took as his bride, Miss Darline Springstead, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Springstead, of Mesquite, Nevada.

On June 30, 1956, Miss Erma Swackhamer, daughter of John Swackhamer of Bradford Pa., became the bride of Mr. Robert Austin, of Bradford, Pa.

In September, 1956, Mrs. Freda Bonner, of Geneva, Ohio, flew to Miami, Fla. to live with her daughter Florence. Mrs. Bonner, who is 75 years old, is the former Freda Swackhamer, daughter of Victor Swackhamer, deceased, of Benezette, Pa.

November 9, 1956, Mr. Kenneth Bonner, Port Allegheny, Pa., died at his home. Mr. Bonner was 47 years old. He was the son of Mrs. Freda Bonner of Miami, Fla."

The following from Mrs. Harold Swackhamer, Hamilton, Ontario:

"I am enclosing a clipping regarding the 50th Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer, of Acton, Ont. This might be of some interest to the readers of your Bulletin since we visited with you at your meeting last July. Needless to say, we enjoyed meeting you and feel now as if we knew some of you. Mr. Swackhamer particularly enjoyed the trip down and learning about his ancestors. It meant so much to him because he has talked for some years of wanting to go to your Reunion, and we were happy that last year we were free to take them on that little trip.

At the moment of writing they are both enjoying good health and enjoyed meeting so many of their friends on their Anniversary. They have a lot of pleasant memories."

Excerpts from the clippings:

"On Saturday, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer were at home to their friends on the event of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They have resided in the community all their lives, and 48 years on Maple Hill Farm. All the members of their family were present. The guests were greeted at the door by the sons and son-in-law. Their daughter and Daughters-in-law served tea, assisted by the granddaughters and Mrs. Phyllis Lendrum of Hamilton, a friend of the family. Guests were present from Acton, Hamilton, Toronto, Brampton, Burlington, Guelph, Rockwood, Hillsburgh, Erin, Streetsville, Hornby and surrounding areas. There were over 100 guests to extend their best wishes.

Telegrams were received from Prime Minister Leslie Frost and a certificate of congratulations from Mr. Dunbar, Provincial Secretary. Greetings were received from Mr. Hall, M.P.P. of Halton County, John Root, M.P.P. of South Wellington, Mr. Hotchins, M.P. of South Wellington. Innumerable cards, letters, flowers, gifts and congratulatory phone calls came from friends all over Ontario and from as far away as Florida and British Columbia.

At the family dinner January 13, at Hawthorne Lodge, the children and grandchildren presented Mrs. Swackhamer with an amethyst necklace and earrings, and Mr. Swackhamer with a gold Cornell wrist watch.

Mr. Swackhamer served several terms on the Erin township Council and as Reeve, and as a director of Acton Fair, and is a past president of the Acton Fair Board."

I am sure the entire family extends to Mr. & Mrs. Swackhamer our congratulations and best wishes for many more happy years together. The article contained a picture of the happy couple which will be placed in our scrap book. ?

From Miss Gladys Swackhamer, Santa Barbara, California, comes a picture of season ticket holders from Santa Ynes, Cal., for the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra series, attending the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra concert at the Granada, and a post-concert party at the Coral Casino. The picture includes Dr. & Mrs. Walter Swackhamer. This also will be placed in our scrap book.

Mrs. Cyrus Harriman, of Westport, Conn. has sent us a clipping from the drama section of one of the New York papers containing the announcement of the opening of a James Joyce play "EXILES" at the Renata Theatre in Greenwich Village which was directed by E. W. Swackhamer. Does anyone know to which of the many branches of the Swackhamer family this person belongs?

We received from Mr. & Mrs. James Logan, now of Roslyn, Pa., an announcement of the birth of a daughter, Melissa Anne, born March 3, 1957. So Mike has a little sister. You will remember that Mike was christened at the Church at Long Valley after one of our Reunions.

FROM OTHER SOURCES

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence J. Miller have a son, Blake Thomas, born March 19, 1956. They are living in their new home at 800 Franklin Ave., Westfield, N. J.

Carson Meyer who was seriously injured in an auto accident in April 1956, was able to go back to college on crutches this past fall. He is finishing his senior year at Southern Florida University, Lakeland, Fla.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard A. Burr are now located at 738 18th Ave., So. Belmar, N. J.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Lyman have moved to a new home, 50 Window Place, Nutley, N.J.

Mrs. Fred Neighbor has left Hollywood, Fla., and is now at Far Hills, N. J.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Jones (Jinny Logan) are having some very interesting times in Formosa. They have weathered a typhoon and an earthquake without any serious damage. At Christmas time they entertained the Japanese Minister to Formosa, who, although not a Christian, enjoyed the Christmas celebration and proved a most delightful guest. They are finding the servant problem quite a headache. They have had five cooks since they settled in Formosa and the end is not yet.

Mr. & Mrs. Francis Swackhamer, of Miami, have adopted three children. I talked with them on the phone while we were in Miami and Francis said he would send me the details, but until now have not received them. Either Francis and

Myrtle are too modest or Pan-American Airways is keeping Francis too busy.

We are so sorry to have to report the following deaths:

Our particular branch of the Swackhamer family suffered a great loss in November, in the passing of Bertha Swackhamer Burd of Whitehouse, N. J. Her sisters, Mrs. Geo. S. Dufford and Mrs. Bessie Emmons are the only surviving children of Rulif and Jane Swackhamer.

Then on March 31st, a niece, Mrs. Harry Williams of Paw Paw, Mich. passed away.

One of our old timers, Mr. George Mc Lean, formerly of Long Valley, N. J. passed away at the home of his sister, Mrs. Dora Bradley in Princeton, Ill. on February 4, 1957.

Elizabeth N. Dufford, daughter of Mrs. Laura A. Philhower Dufford, of Middle Valley, N. J. died this winter.

Miss Margaret Swackhamer, sister of Francis, Roy Swackhamer, Jr., and Mrs. John Garlinsky, passed away in Newark, N. J. on January 11, 1957.

We just recently had word that Ernest Karn, of Denville, N. J. died in 1954.

The cost of printing and mailing this Bulletin is ever increasing. Have you sent your contribution to our Treasurer? \$1.00 from each interested family will help.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Your editor has just returned from five months in Florida where she had a most enjoyable winter, due to the great improvement in her husband's health.

There is a saying that if you stay in Florida long enough you meet everyone you ever knew. To a great extent this is true. We met many old friends and acquaintances whom we had not seen in years.

Leon is a member of the Plainfield Chapter of the S.B.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (Barbershop singers) and we had a wonderful time visiting the various Florida Chapters and attending their concerts.

At a meeting of the Tampa Chapter the President of the group, Mr. J. N. Graham greeted him. After learning that he was from New Jersey, mentioned that he had visited an uncle of his wife at Long Valley one summer, and had attended a big family reunion. The uncle proved to be George McLean. I later spent a delightful evening with Mrs. Graham while the men were at practice. We went over her copy of the McLean family tree to find out if and how we were related. She is the daughter of Amos McLean, brother to George. Amos McLean left New Jersey early in life and settled in Georgia, where he married, and where Mrs. Graham and a sister were born. There was no indication in the family tree of any connection with either the Swackhamers or Duffords, but through correspondence with Mrs. Stephen Wilson and her correspondence with a Mrs. Pruden of Morristown (another niece of George McLean) we have discovered that George's grandfather, Nicholas McLean's second wife was Elizabeth Wack whose mother was a Dufford.

While in St. Petersburg we visited with Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Blank and met their daughter Marjorie, Mrs. H. M. Smith. The Smiths had just returned from Panama where Mr. Smith was with the Air Force. He was part of a team who taught members of the Air Force how to survive if forced down in the jungle. They moved to Montgomery, Ala., and were just getting settled when he was called back to Panama, so they are moving back. Hope to have their new address soon.

The Fall Bulletins were returned from the following:

Mr. Tice Swackhamer, Bernardsville, N. J.
Mr. Mathias Swackhamer, Bernardsville, N. J.
Mr. Willard Riley, Boonton, N. J.
Mrs. J. L. Brasher, Blairstown, N. J.
Mr. Richard W. Swackhamer, Mesa, Arizona.

Can any one tell us what has happened to these members of the family?

We hope to greet many more of our family members from far places at our Reunion in July 1957.

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Editor.