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The descendents of Samuel Schwackhammer (Swackhamer) who, in 1730 settled in New Jersey in the Long Valley - and of Philip DuFour (Dufford), who settled there in 1738.

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NOTES FROM REUNION, JULY 26, 1958

Copy of the Minutes of the meeting has not been received, so we shall have to depend upon memory.

You will notice the change in Officers as mentioned above.

We were so very sorry to learn that one of our most faithful members of the Dufford family would not be with us again. She was Mrs. Clarence Toye, of Dover, N. J. She passed away late in 1957. We will miss her.

The two oldest members present were Mrs. George S. Dufford, 92, and Mrs. Alfred Emmons, 84. There were four generations of Mrs. Emmons family present. They were, beside her, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emmons, of Plainfield, N. J., their son, Richard with his wife and daughter Linda and son Ritchie, of New Brunswick, N. J.

DUFFORDS!! - We have a Family Tree. Mr. Harold Gunther, of Wanaque, N. J. has been working on the family tree since the 1930s. It is in graph form and is about 35 ft. long. It is a wonderful piece of work, and we were all so glad to greet him and Mrs. Gunther, with her mother, Mrs. J. W. Walker. Mr. Gunther was able to add a number of names of the latest generation. He is now working upon a form which could be printed.

A letter from Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble was read. They have disposed of their home in Mountain Lakes and moved to LaJolla, California. His practice in Radio City is now under the charge of his former associate while he is a "semi-retired consultant" which calls for a few weeks visit each year. He sends kindest regards to friends and family in the East.

We hope his trips east will be timed in July so he can attend another of our Reunions.

The death of Miss Grace Cregar, for years a teacher in the school at Middle Valley, again takes away a good friend who seldom missed attending a Reunion.

Mrs. Frank Dufford, of Middle Valley, told us her granddaughter, the new bride, Mrs. Robert L. Sheppard had left that day for Germany to be with her husband who is serving in the Army there.

We hope to have a copy of the Minutes for the next Bulletin.

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GENEALOGY

We have found another branch of the Dufford family in Ohio. A Mr. Joe Dufford, of Findlay, Ohio has been corresponding with Mr. H. Payson Dufford. His son, Terry, a student at Wittenberg College, had found Payson's name in a notice of the alumni of that college. Mr. Joe Dufford's letters were read at the Reunion and a copy of the Summer Bulletin was sent to him. He says he has shown it to numerous relatives and they are all interested in knowing the connection with the original Duffords.

In a letter to your Editor he says:-

"I know very little about our family tree, but have tried to trace a little about my ancestors and here is all I have able to accumulate.

Great Grandfather: George W. Dufford, born Franklin, Pa.
Sons: Will, Jerry and Isaac Dufford
Daughters: Amelia (Dufford) Greenlee, Oklahoma
Emma (Dufford) Gohn, Butler, Pa.

Grandfather: Isaac Dufford - wife Bertha Styer (1st wife)
Nanette Lyons (2nd wife)
Sons: Norman W. Dufford, bn. Allentown, Pa.
James Styer Dufford, bn. Findlay, Ohio
Daughters: Jesse (Dufford) Hoffner
Ruth (Dufford) Temple

Father: Norman W. Dufford
Sons: Joe C. Dufford (one son)
Robert James Dufford (single)

Myself: Joe C. Dufford, Findlay, Ohio
Son: Terry Allison Dufford.

James Styer Dufford, my father's brother has one son and one daughter, John Wesley Dufford and Dortha Ann Dufford Sage. I would appreciate any information you can give me.

Another letter to Payson follows:

"I have an uncle here who just came back from Warren, Pa. and brought this item copied from a library book entitled "Presidents - Soldiers - and Statesmen", 1776-1859, Vol. II.

Frank J. Gohn was born in Erie County, N. Y. March 21, 1846 and was living in Buffalo, N. Y. when he enlisted in that city June 18, 1863 as a private in Co. C. 74th Reg. N.Y. Vol. Inf. He engaged in no important battles but had experience in scouting, on guard, and garrison duty. He was called with his regiment to New York to suppress the Draft Riots and was discharged at Buffalo, Aug. 3, 1863. Comrade Gohn was married July 4, 1876 at Karns City, Butler County, Pa. to Sarah E. Dufford who was born in that county July 10, 1849, daughter of George M. and Martha Dufford. Both are deceased. There are six children of this union; Alfred A., Francis B., Corin D., Winnie, Jessie B. and Florence. Mr. Gohn's parents are Bartle and Mary A. Knapp, both now living.

A paternal great uncle of Mrs. Gohn, General Henry Dufford served in the war of 1812, and two of her brothers helped serve the Union, Jeremiah Dufford having served 3 years and 3 months and George W. Dufford who died in the service 1862, both in Pennsylvania Regiments.

So far neither Mr. Gunther nor I have been able to locate the Henry Dufford mentioned. We think his parents might give us the connection, and we plan to look into this further.

We have a letter dated Nov. 8th from Mrs. Joan Venable, of Hominy, Oklahoma as follows:

"A copy of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin, summer issue, 1958 has just come to my attention and since I am very much interested in genealogy I was happy to find such a paper is being published.

My great grandmother on my maternal side of the family was Amelia Jane Dufford. She married Robert Stewart Greenlee, 16th Sept., 1872. Her father's name was Jacob Dufford, her mother Martha Sagasar. This is all the information I have on the Duffords and would like to have much more."

Apparantly this is on the same line as Mr. Joe Dufford. Can anyone help us find this connection?

We have lost our oldest member. Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Trimmer died Oct. 15, 1958 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Lester Apgar, at Califon, N.J. She was born in Middle Valley June 29, 1857, and was 101 years old. She was the daughter of the late Lawrence and Catherine Swackhamer Dufford and the widow of Morris Trimmer, who died in 1942. Surviving beside Mrs. Apgar are two sons, Lawrence D. Trimmer of Chester and Dr. Clifford Sharpe Trimmer of Montclair, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. She was affectionately known to all of us as "Libby" and we shall miss her at the Reunions. I think I am correct in saying that since the beginning of both the Dufford and Swackhamer Reunions she only missed the last two, after her 100th and 101st birthdays.

Our immediate family has also suffered another loss in the death on September 11, 1958 of Mr. Frank Burd, of Whitehouse, N. J. His wife, the former Bertha Swackhamer died in 1956.

We have also to report the death of Samuel K. Trimmer of New York on Sept. 20, 1958. He was the youngest son of the late Lawrence Hager and Elizabeth Dufford Trimmer, of Middle Valley, where he was born. He was a distinguished musician, having studied piano at the New England Conservatory of Boston, the American Institute of Music in New York and in Berlin. He was at one time director of music at Texas College for Women in Fort Worth, Texas and West Virginia Junior College in Bristol. He maintained his own studio in New York for many years. Surviving are a son, Jacques T. of Miami, Fla., one brother, Lamont T. of Clinton, two sisters, Mrs. Mae Hoffman of Allentown Pa., and Mrs. Lenah Mills of Morristown, and several grandchildren.

Our last Bulletin told you that Irwin Leland, of Dunellen, N.J. was in the hospital. He passed away the day the Bulletin was mailed. Mr. Leland was the husband of Helen Swackhamer Leland.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Mrs. Lester Apgar, Califon, N. J. has almost completely recovered from the serious illness which hospitalized her last spring.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, of Acton, Ontario writes that his brother, Clinton Bennett Swackhamer, of Hillsburgh, Ontario died in May, 1958, at 72 years of age. He and Mr. Arthur were great grandsons of Christopher Swackhamer and Kate Terryberry who settled in Canada.

On a happier note, his granddaughter, Nadine Swackhamer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Swackhamer, of Hamilton, Ontario, was married to James Thompson of

Brampton, Ontario, on July 19, 1958. They are making their home in Brampton.

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Miss Ruth Marion Strandberg, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Strandberg, was married to Mr. Richard S. Lehlbach of Scotch Plains N.J. on Oct. 4, 1958. They are making their home in North Plainfield.

Mr. David Linster, son of Mr. & Mrs. Donald Linster of North Plainfield, was married Nov. 15, to Miss Lois M. Peay in Syracuse, N. Y. They will live in Syracuse where David is an engineer for General Electric.

Mr. & Mrs. H. Carson Meyer, Hollywood, Fla., are parents of a son, Michael Carson, born Sept. 20, 1958.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Meyer have sold their home in Milburn. They are completing a summer home in Seaside Park, N.J. and will spend their winters at their home in Hollywood, Fla.

Miss Bess Seward's new address in Tri State Nursing Home, 2804 6th St., Peru, Ill.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Dufford attended our Reunions regularly until a few years ago when they moved. For some reason it has taken us all this time to locate them. They are living in Bethlehem, Pa. They write that Harry has had to give up his work at Lehigh University because of his health. They spend some of their time at their farm in Iowa. It was so good to hear from them. Thanks to Miss Edyth Cramer of Hackettstown, N.J. for their address.

Dr. & Mrs. C. S. Trimmer are in their new home at 8 Harvard St., Montclair, N.J. Lt. Homer Wieder, Jr., is stationed at camp Bliss, El Paso, Texas, where he has been assigned to the Missile Program.

Rev. & Mrs. Cecil Swackhamer, of Glendale, Mo., have been in Leeds, England this summer. Rev. Swackhamer has for the second time exchanged pulpits with Dr. Wynne Hughes of the Headingley Methodist Church in Leeds.

Mr. Farris Swackhamer, of Cranford, N.J. was recently presented with a plaque by Cranford Township Committee in recognition of services rendered to the Police Department. A chemist, Mr. Swackhamer supervises use of police drunkometer and testifies in court cases in which the apparatus has been used.

We have a newspaper clipping including a picture of a very charming girl, 17 year old Virginia Dufford of Succasunna, N.J. modeling a mint green dotted swiss formal dress which she made and which won her an "excellent" in county fair 4-H club competition. She and county 4-H leaders hope to win a place for the gown at the National Club Congress.

If a minister hadn't picked up his first hitchhiker, and if this hitchhiker, a Wittenberg student who had only hitched a ride home twice during the entire school term, hadn't been a son of two members of the pulpit committee of St. John's Lutheran Church of Findlay, Ohio, that church might still be without a pastor. The parishioners of St. John's say it was more than a coincidence. It seemed to be an Act of God. The church is happy and proud of its new minister. The Rev. Charles Mueller and his family are very happy to be there. The church had been without a pastor since last fall, and the pulpit committee, of which Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dufford were members, was having a hard time finding one, with only 27 Lutheran graduates available and 37 vacancies to fill in the Ohio Synod.

Then Terry Dufford decided to hitchhike home one weekend instead of traveling by bus.

The Rev. Mueller had had a church in Lansing, Mich. but had been in Columbus conferring with the president of the Lutheran Synod regarding a transfer to Ohio where

he had formerly lived. He passed the waiting Terry and drove about two hundred yards and then decided to go back and pick him up. During the ride home Terry "sold" him the idea of looking into the work at St. John's and took him to see the church before taking him home to his parents.

The rest is history.

Philip and Jinny Jones are still in Formosa. They had planned to be back in the U.S.A. last summer, but at the last minute were persuaded to stay another year. So, the Logans will not see their newest granddaughter until next summer. They have had some anxious hours but the young people seem quite unperturbed by the troubles between Formosa and Red China. We will all feel better when they get back.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

The last Bulletin addressed to Mrs. Morris Swackhamer, 576 W. 19th St., Paterson, N. J. was returned. Does anyone know a newer address?

An apology is in order. In the summer edition we told you about the 50th wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. & Mrs. Alden Wert. In mentioning their children we neglected their son George. We also neglected to name their great grandson. He is Richard Roenbeck. Forgive us?

We are planning to leave Plainfield for Florida around December 1st and expect to be there until about April 1st. Our address there will be 309 4th St. South, St. Petersburg, Fla. Please send news items for the spring Bulletin to us there. And PLEASE send some news.

Any contributions toward the cost of the Bulletin are to be mailed to our new secretary-treasurer, Miss Marjorie Swackhamer, Long Valley, N. J.

The new officers and your editor wish you all a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

ELIZA D. HARRIMAN,
Editor.