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FOR

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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REUNION

Our Reunion will be held, as usual, on the last Saturday of July, which is July 25th, 1959, at the Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N. J. Come early. Bring lunch.

The ladies of the Church have always been on hand with hot tea, coffee and dessert for sale. We hope they will be there this year too.

The Church has a new Pastor. He is the Rev. Louis S. Bell, and succeeds the Rev. Charles S. Schmidling who passed away over a year ago. He has been serving the First Hungarian Church in New Brunswick until called to Long Valley. He was born 40 years ago in Hungary where he received his general education and also his theological training. He has also done post graduate work at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia.

We are looking forward to meeting Rev. Bell. We hope he and his family will join us at our Reunion.

GENEALOGY

We told you in the Fall Bulletin that Mr. Harold Gunther, of Wanaque, N. J., has been working for several years on the Dufford Family Tree. Since the last Reunion he has been very busy putting it in a form that would make it possible to print.

Mr. Gunther will not be able to be at the Reunion this year for he and Mrs. Gunther are having a vacation trip to Hawaii combined with a business trip to the Pacific Coast and will not be back in time. However, he has sent your Editor a copy of the "Tree" in the new form, hoping to gather some more names. He says when it is completed it will be available to anyone who wants a copy for the cost of the paper and mailing, which will be approximately \$1.

Mr. Gunther has made many contacts during the past year and has added many names to the list. If you have reason to believe that he does not have full information about your family, please send it to him, at Box 29, Wanaque, N. J.

From Mrs. C. R. Swackhamer, of Globe, Arizona, we have the following - "Soon, I hope, I can get at the Swackhamer Volume. Because of the voluminous data I possess, I will have to limit it to the descendents of Johannes (John). It is so costly and so few want to help to get it into print."

In a later letter to my mother, Mrs. Geo. S. Dufford, she suggests that we send out printed forms with the Bulletin to be filled in and returned to her. We will discuss this at the Reunion.

Previous to the receipt of Mr. Gunther's letter and the "Tree", he had called to all us of the death of Mrs. Jos. W. Walker, Mrs. Gunther's mother, on May 29th, 1959. Mrs. Walker, who survives her, had conducted the J.W. Walker Hdw. Co., in Paterson, N. J. for 50 years. Her father was the late William M. Dufford, and her mother, Emma Nichols Dufford. He conducted the Dufford - Vandervoort Funeral home in Paterson for many years. Beside her husband she leaves a son, Walter L., of West Yarmouth, Mass., and two daughters, Mrs. Gunther and Mrs. Archie A. Hover, of Westwood, N. J. Also three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

We were so glad to see Mrs. Walker at the Reunion last year. It had been several years since she had attended one of our meetings.

Last December we received word of the passing of Mr. Elwood L. Clark. Mr. Clark was a member of the Swackhamer family but we do not have his lineage.

Miss Edyth Cramer, of Hackettstown, N. J. passed away November 16, 1958. She and her brother William, of Morris Plains, N.J., were descendents of both the Dufford and Trimmer families. Beside her brother she leaves two nephews and aunts and uncles.

Mrs. Augusta P. Dufford, of Middle Valley, N.J., who celebrated her 96th birthday last September, and who is now our oldest member, suffered the loss of her second child in the death of Raymond C. Dufford, who passed away Dec. 18th, 1958. We reported the death of her oldest daughter last year.

We have just received a note from Miss Alice Bradley, of Princeton, Ill., enclosing notice of the death of her mother, Mrs. Andora J. McLean Bradley on April 22, 1959. Mrs. Bradley was born in Drakestown, Morris County, N.J. and was the daughter of William and Eliza McLean. She was the wife of Larz R. Bradley, who died in 1924. She leaves one son, Mr. George Bradley, of Princeton, 5 daughters; Mrs. Alfred Behrens, Miss Alice Bradley and Mrs. Wright Hedenschoug, all of Princeton; Mrs. John Behrens and Mrs. Ralph Prettyman, both of Wyandot; eleven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, besides nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Bradley was a sister to our George McLean, and it was at her home in Princeton where he passed away.

While in Florida this winter, I received a newspaper clipping announcing the death of Mrs. George H. Dufford, mother of Mrs. Valerie Lyons. Mrs. Dufford passed away January 3, 1957.

We all join in sending our deepest sympathy to the families of these lost members..

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Meyer have sold their house in Millburn and completed a summer home at 29 North Ave., Seaside Park, N.J. Their winters will be spent at their home 1224 Taylor St., Hollywood, Florida.

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Lewis are now at 260 Gregory Ave., Passaic, N.J., Apt. B-1.

Mrs. R. B. Rittenhouse is at 170 Pershing Ave., Clifton, N. J.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert W. Swackhamer have moved to 5126 Baum Blvd., Pittsburgh, 24, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Alden Wert's new address is 221 Beverly Road, Hawthorne, New York.

Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Dorfman are at 859 Blair Ave., Sunnyvale, California.

Mr. & Mrs. George White - 88 State St., Binghamton, N. Y.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Logan and Amanda have purchased and are now occupying their new home at 1209 Sunnyfield Lane, Scotch Plains, N. J.

Mr. & Mrs. John D. Logan have purchased and are readying their new home at Cedar Grove Road, R.D. 4, Branchburg, N. J. They hope to move in about August 1st.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. James Logan, of Roslyn, Pa., have another son, Christopher Dufford Logan, born Oct. 12, 1958. Ellen writes that Mike seems very much happier with his new brother than he was with his sister. He even suggests that she go back to the hospital and get a sister for Missy, to even up the family.

James Kevin Thatcher was born Feb. 26, 1959 to Peter Thatcher and his wife Diana Swackhamer Thatcher. This is a grandson for Milton and Diane Swackhamer, of Levittown, Pa.

NEW MEMBERS (Cont'd.)

Jeffrey Ford Cochran arrived at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Whitney Cochran in Pasadena, California, on April 3, 1959. Their first! This is the 12th grandchild for Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Cochran, of Orlando Fla., 9 grandsons and 3 granddaughters. The baby's father is a General Motors executive for a large section covering Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, and on into Mexico. Mrs. Cochran of Florida had hoped to make a trip out to see the new grandson and then go on up into Canada and Alaska this summer, but had to change plans and, together with her daughter, intends to go to Europe instead.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Emmons have a new son, Conrad Samuel, born April 7, 1959. On June 3, Richard graduated from Rutgers University with a B.S. in mechanical engineering. June 7th they left for Los Angeles where he has a position in air research with the Garrett Corp. They are now living in Torrance, Cal.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Mr. Leonard Brotzman, of Binghamton, N.Y., is one of our most faithful correspondents. He has helped us tremendously in locating various members of the Swackhamer family in that part of the country. He writes that his cousin, Mrs. George White and her husband will celebrate their 56th Wedding Anniversary on Nov. 17th. Her brother and his wife, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Tinkelpaugh, of Meshoppen, Pa., celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on June 17th. About 150 relatives and friends gathered to wish them well.

Mr. Brotzman also tells us that a friend, Mr. Leo Bolles, of West Auburn passed away May 15th. Mr. Bolles was not a member of the Swackhamer family but has been a great help to Mr. Brotzman in his search for records of the family.

Mrs. Florence Wzselaki, of Pittsburgh, wrote us about the new address for her parents, as noted previously. Her brother, William Swackhamer, to whom we have been sending the Bulletin at Zaragoa, Spain, has been transferred again and left for South America in January where he will be for about two years.

She also tells us that her three year old daughter Jill has had a perfect attendance at Sunday School. They are allowed to miss two Sundays for illness, and she only missed one when she had her tonsils removed. How is that for such a little girl?

We have a new correspondent on the Pacific Coast in the person of Annette Wert Dorfman, daughter of Ben Wert. She is living in Sunnyvale California with her husband Herbert Dorfman, who is an aero engineer with Lockheed, where he oversees the furnaces and deep freezes that condition the satellite "Discoverer" for outer space. She writes that her husband and a friend were sailing their 26 ft. boat up the coast, about 120 miles from Santa Barbara. Something went wrong with their engine and it could not be repaired at sea, so they were adrift for four days. Their radio went out of order with the engine. Finally a yacht towed them back to Santa Barbara. They sold that boat and are expecting a new one which is being built in Japan.

Annette looked up David Ribble who lives in Campbell, Cal. He is a brother of Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble and the late Mrs. George Chaney. Through David she learned that his nephew, Alan Chaney, of Coquille, Ore., was killed in a logging accident two years ago. David's daughter, Elizabeth Margarite, was married on March 8, 1959 to Myron Meyers. They had both graduated from San Jose State College last June. Dr. Roy D. Ribble and family attended the wedding, and are coming East again this summer. We hope to see them at the Reunion.

Mrs. Eugene Blank, of St. Petersburg, Fla., sends us news of her family, some of our relatives from the mid-west:

Miss Bess Seward who is at the Shank Rest Home in Hinsdale, Ill. is improving. This word comes from Virginia Seward Aubuchon, her niece, who lives nearby and who sees her every day.

Virginia's father and mother, the Leslie C. Swards, attended the wedding of their oldest grandchild, Leslie Carol Seward, to Robert Eugene Sandal, Jr., in Bellaire, Texas, earlier in June.

Emory A. and Lorraine Seward, of Evanston, Ill. plan to retire in October and move to the Fort Lauderdale area of Florida.

Marjorie Blank Smith, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Blank, returned to her home in

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Canal Zone after finishing the spring term of studies toward her Master's Degree in Anthropology at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She will return in September to finish work for her degree by June, 1960. She has accepted an assistantship in the archaeological Dept. of the University for the year.

We have written before about the work of her husband, Morgan Smith, an archeologist and anthropologist, who teaches jungle survival to Air Force Personnel.

Marjorie's hobby is cooking Panamanian foods. She has converted many native recipes into American measurements and available ingredients. When she came to the States in February she confounded the customs officials at Miami Airport by her declaration of one dressed Armadillo and one dressed Iguana. After much discussion they decided that dead animals could not be quarantined, and let her keep them. She cooked them at the home of her parents who say the Armadillo tasted like rabbit and the Iguana tasted like the white meat of chicken. She often cooks boa constrictor and serves it to guests, after proper warning.

Along with quite a menagerie of caged animals they have a pet boa named Isabel who roams the office uncaged, often lying in the sun on window sills. Marjorie and Morgan enjoy living in the Canal Zone and Panama and have purchased wild land on the Chagres River where they hope to build a vacation cottage.

THE SICK LIST

Mrs. L.R. Logan, our Marjorie, is just getting around again after a second heart attack which kept her in the hospital for three and a half weeks. She had the first attack in January.

Mrs. Alden Wert is gradually improving after two operations.

Mrs. Edwin Dufford, of Gladstone, N.J. was not well enough to make the trip to Florida with Mr. & Mrs. Henry Meyer, in January, but is improving.

My husband is gradually getting over a series of heart attacks which hospitalized him in St. Petersburg for nearly four weeks, and recurred late in May after we reached home.

OTHER NEWS ITEMS

In the course of settling the estate of Mr. Frank Burd, of which she was executrix, Marjorie Logan met a Mr. Leo. M. Hammer. When he saw the name "Swackhamer", he told her that was originally his family name. His grandfather had come to this country from Vienna, settled in Brooklyn, and he and his father's brother had continued using the full name, but his father had shortened it to "Hammer". We sent him a copy of the last Bulletin and asked if he could get any information about the family abroad. So far we have heard nothing. Had hoped to have some interesting news along this line for this Bulletin.

Mrs. C.R. Swackhamer writes that she and Bob hoped to leave for Jena, La., to attend a dance recital in which her granddaughter Dottie appeared. Dottie is the daughter of Dr. Wm. D., who still has a year and a half of his three year residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Oschner Hospital in New Orleans.

When our Doctor in St. Petersburg said my husband could not drive home, nor ride in the car that distance, we decided to come up by train. Our Son, Cyrus D. Harriman of Westport, Conn. thought it would be a good opportunity to bring his family down for a trip around Florida in our car and then bring it home. The children were given "leave of absence" from school on condition they keep up a "work book" which was assigned to them, and then upon return to school, make a report on the places they had been and things they had seen. Isn't that a good way to teach Geography? Apparently their work was satisfactory for Wendy graduated from Elementary School in June and next fall enters Junior High. Of course, Grandpa and Grandma attended the graduation which was most interesting, for almost the complete program was music by the graduating class of 70. It consisted of chorus music in which the entire class participated, and orchestra music in which more than half the class took part. Both were unusually good, and quite a change from the general run of graduation exercises.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip Jones and family are expected home from Formosa early in September. We hope they are not held over as they were last year.

Miss Marjorie Swackhamer of Long Valley, has sold her home which is next to the Lutheran Church, to the Church for a Parsonage for their new Pastor.

THE BULLETIN

At the business meeting of the Reunion last July, the cost of printing and mailing the Bulletin was discussed. Your Editor has asked twice for a copy of the Minutes of that Meeting, so as to get straight the action which was taken. Not being successful, she has to depend upon memory.

Until now the Bulletin has been financed by contribution. Last year the cost was something over \$100.00. It took what money was in the Treasury and most of what was collected at the meeting.

It was decided that from now on a charge of \$1.00 should be made for the two copies of the Bulletin sent out each year.

Is it worth that much to you?

We will be very interested in your reaction.

Eliza Dufford Harriman

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