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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 DuFour (Dufford) who settled there in 1738

Officers of the combined Societies are:-

President - Mr. Robert Swackhamer, 47 Bergen St., Dover, N.J.
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REUNION

Our reunion will be held, as usual, on the last Saturday of July, which is July 30th, at the Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.
Come early. Bring Lunch.

Our speaker of the afternoon will be Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Stamford, Conn., where he was transferred last year from Glendale, Mo.

This year there is a new arrangement about refreshments. The ladies of the Church decided they were too busy to carry on as before, serving tea, coffee, cakes., etc. However, Mrs. Arbela Pfeifer, one of our family members, has gotten together a few of the ladies who will be there with tea and coffee. Ice cream and soft drinks can be arranged for, but we must bring our own cakes.

Another year a Refreshment Committee would solve the problem.

THE CHURCH

The restoration of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church of Long Valley to the simplicity and beauty that marked the structure when it was erected in 1832, has been completed, and we have been invited to view it.

The project was envisioned by Rev. Chas. Schmidling, pastor from 1952 until his death Dec. 27, 1957, and was carried on by his son Eric who completed the research and the plans his father had outlined to him.

A feature of the restoration is an old chandelier consisting of a metal ring which held 16 "peg type" kerosene lamps which is believed to have been part of the original lighting system. It is now wired for small electric bulbs.

In the altar alcove is a circular stained glass window lighted from the back, copied from Rossini's painting "The Head of Christ!" This was presented as a memorial to Pastor Schmidling by his family. It was saved from the Brooklyn church where he was ordained in 1919, when that structure was razed.

History of Zion Church goes back to 1747 when union worship was started by the Lutheran and German Reformed faiths in what was then German Valley. The two groups built a union church in 1774, a block away from the present site, and three of the heavy stone walls of that structure still stand.

OUR PRESIDENT

Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Swackhamer, of 47 North Bergen St., Dover N.J., observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary at home on Wednesday June 8th.

GENEALOGY

From Mrs. Richard Emmons, of Granby, Conn., we have the following:
 Richard is the son of Floyd Swackhamer Emmons and Ethel Hazell Emmons.
 Floyd's mother is Mrs. Alfred Emmons (Bessie Swackhamer Emmons)
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Emmons have four children, Linda, Richard, Conrad & Rodney.

From Mrs. Ernest Snook, East Syracuse, N.Y. comes the following:
 "I am the oldest daughter of Mrs. Veronica Tully, of Syracuse, N.Y. who is
 a daughter of Philip A. Swackhamer."

Miss Frances Paine, of Bartlesville, Okla. has sent us the following record of her family:

Mary Jane Swackhamer (dau. of George & Elizabeth Thrush Swackhamer) b 13 April, 1845, Zanesville, Ohio; died 16 Aug. 1920, Tulsa, Okla. Married 17 June, 1866 to John Decalvas Pain, b. 28 March, 1844, Schuyler Co. Ill., d 15 Jan, 1905, Hennessey, Okla. Children -

1. George Sherman (adopted)
2. Wesley L. b. 4 July, 1867; d. 13 Oct. 1868
3. Elmer, b. 1868 - d. 1869
4. Homer Avril, b 27 March, 1869 - d. 15 March, 1956
5. Emma May, b 28 Dec. 1871 - d. 4 July, 1877
6. Walter Decalvas, b 3 Jan. 1873 - still living, Hennessey, Okla.
7. Elizabeth, b. 28 Sept. 1878 - d. Feb. 13, 1896, Hennessey, Okla.
8. Nellie Bell, b. 14 Feb. 1881 - living in Dallas, Texas.
9. John Finley, b. 16 June, 1883 - d. 21 Feb. 1958, Okla. City.

1. George Sherman (above) married Alice Adella Pain, b. 14 Dec. 1867 d. 8 Feb. 1902.

10. Sylvia b. 29 Nov. 1891 or 1892, Hennessey, Okla.

11. Maude, b. 10 Nov. 1887, Salina, Kansas. Married 1. Paul Hobbs,
 2. Arthur Reeves.

12. Ethel, b. 22 Feb. 1885, Salina, Kansas

13. Goldie, b. 12 Oct. 1889, Hennessey, Okla. m. Fred Rutherford.

14. Bertha, b. 29 Dec. 1894, Hennessey, Okla. m. Cecil Brooks.

15. Cecil, b. 14 Dec. 1898, Hennessey, Okla. m. Steve Rottger.

16. Ruth, b. 30 July, 1900, Hennessey, Okla. m. Groves

2nd wife Kate Wilson Horn,

17. Kenneth Pain, b. 19 Nov. 1905.

4. Homer Avril Pain, b. 27 March, 1896, m. 15 Sept. 1892 to Ellanora Stitzel,
 b. 7 April, 1871 - d. 6 April, 1906, Hennessey, Okla.

18. Carl Erwin, b. 14 July, 1893, Hennessey, Okla. d. 24 Dec. 1958

19. Neva May, b. 30 Sept. 1894, Hennessey, Okla. d. 3 April, 1915

20. Arvil Rector, b. 23, Nov. 1895, Hennessey, Okla., living in N.Y. City

21. William Jennings, b. 9 Feb. 1897 -d. 6 Oct. 1918 (in service)

22. John, died in infancy.

23. Homer Adelia, b. 4 July, 1900, Hennessey, Okla. - lives Enid, Okla.

24. Clarence Clayton, b. 22 Nov. 1901, " " - lives at Lamont, Okla.

25. Anneita Belle, b. 15 Jan. 1904, m. Earl Matthews (deceased) lives at
 Doniphan, Mo.

2nd Wife Emma Delilah Fry, b. 19 Dec. 1873, Newton, Iowa lives in Bartlesville, Okla.

26. Marion D. Paine, b. 25 Dec. 1908 - d. 4 Aug. 1957, Enid, Okla.

27. Dorothy Frances, b. 24 Sept. 1910, Coffeetown, Kansas

6. Walter Decalvas Pain, b. 3 Jan. 1873 - m. 9 Sept. 1893, living in
 Hennessey, Okla. Maud Mildred McDonald, b. 15 Dec. 1873, d. 4 July, 1952

28. Nellie Melsie Pain, b. 31 Aug. 1897, Hennessey, Okla. - married Albert Rottger
29. Eva Lora Pain, b. 30 Sept. 1900. M. Merle Perry 2. Aug. 1955
8. Nellie Bella Pain b. 14 Feb. 1881 - m. 21 Feb. 1899 John Joseph Connor, b. 21 May, 1877.
30. Leuie Naomi, b. 3 Mar. 1900 Hennessey, Okla. - living Dallas, Texas.
31. Lewis Raphael, b. 4 Mar. 1904, Fletcher, Okla. - living Neosho, Mo.
9. John Finley Pain, b. 16 June, 1885 - M. d. 21 Feb. 1958 Marie Chambers b. 18 Sept. 1885 - living in Okla. City.
32. Gerald Finley Paine, b. 14 March, 1906, Hennessee, Okla. living Okla. City.
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A note to Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, our Canadian correspondent, as to the lineage of our newest Swackhamer recruit, Mr. David G. Swackhamer, of Los Altos Hills, California, brings this information:

David's father, Fred Swackhamer lives in British Columbia. Fred's father, David S. Swackhamer lived near Mr. Arthur Swackhamer in Ontario. His father's name was also David, and he was a son of Christopher Swackhamer who came to Canada and settled near Grimsby, Ontario. Mr. Harold Swackhamer, son of Arthur Swackhamer, visited in British Columbia some time ago and met both Mr. and Mrs. Fred Swackhamer and their son David.

We also have word that Miss Gladys Swackhamer, of Santa Barbara, visited the David Swackhamers last year and had a most delightful time.

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DEATHS:

Mr. Frank Dufford, of Pawnee Rock, Kansas has reported the death of his brother, Mr. Elmer Dufford, also of Pawnee Rock, on Feb. 28, 1962.

Mr. Frank Dufford was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Don Korbe, of Parsons, Kan. when he received word of his brother's passing and has sent us the obituary from the local paper: -

" Elmer Dufford, son of George and Matilda Jane Heath Dufford, was born on a farm near Pawnee Rock Sept. 28, 1885, and passed away at Great Bend on Feb. 28, 1962. He was a graduate of Kansas Wesleyan University of Salina. For a few years he was in business in Chicago and in 1911 he came to the present home to take over the farming operation.

The place of his birth and the land he farmed was on the homestead his father received as a soldier's claim in 1874.

On March 11, 1909 he married Waty Dickey of Benton Harbor, Mich. They have two sons, George Raymond, at home, and William J. of Anchorage, Alaska. They also have 11 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He also leaves his brother, Frank Dufford, of Pawnee Rock, and two sisters, Mrs. Emma Ennefer, of Phoenix, Arizona, and Mrs. Maude Armstrong of Larned, Kansas."

Our last Bulletin reported a note from Mr. Elmer Dufford in which he said neither he nor his wife was in very good health. Our deepest sympathy to her and the family.

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From Mr. Alden Wert we learn that Mrs. Pauline Wert, 94, widow of J. Runkle Wert, of Long Branch, N.J. was struck by a car near where she lived and died in the hospital on May 6th. She lived alone and Alden and the family knew nothing about it until June 4th.

Her husband, J. Runkle Wert had a drug store in Long Branch for many years. He died in 1905. Pauline became a druggist and carried on the business for a long time

but finally sold it and retired. They had no children.

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Our veteran newspaper correspondent, Miss Meta Neighbour, of Middle Valley, N.J. has also passed away, at the age of 83, in her home, on Jan. 24, 1962.

Meta attended all our Reunions and kept notices of our doings in all the papers.

She was the daughter of Lemuel and S. Louise Trimmer Neighbour, was born and had always lived on the Neighbour farm in Middle Valley, owned by the Neighbour family for three generations. She was a descendant, by both parents of pioneer families who settled in Middle valley in 1738. She is survived by a brother, William (Roy), of Hackettstown.

For 40 years, until she retired in 1955 she was local correspondent for the Newark Evening News. She was also correspondent for the Plainfield Courier News, Easton Free Press, later the Easton Express, the Washington Star, the High Bridge Gazette and the Hackettstown Gazette.

We will surely miss her at the Reunions.

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Correspondence with Mrs. Wm. A. Hoffman, of Allentown, Pa., (nee Mae Trimmer) about her Dufford connections has brought us some very sad news. Her only living brother, LaMont Trimmer, of Clinton, N.J. lost his wife, Bess, a year ago. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Mrs. Trimmer was such a help to us in getting lineage data for the Dufford Family Tree.

Mae also tells us that LaMont's health is not good. Trouble with his legs makes it very difficult for him to get around.

Lenah Mills, of Morristown, N.J., her only living sister is also having a serious time with shingles.

Mae has passed her 86th birthday and complains that she is "slowing down", but a list of her activities makes one wonder.

Another letter just received says that Jennie Trimmer, widow of Dr. Ed. Trimmer, of High Bridge, N.J. has suffered a heart attack and at present is in a Nursing Home.

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OTHERS ON OUR SICK LIST.

Mrs. Elizabeth Swackhamer, of Trenton, N.J. fell and fractured a pelvic bone. She is recovering in the home of her son Milton Swackhamer, of Levittown, Pa.

Mrs. Frank L. Swackhamer, of Irvington, mother of Everett, has been placed in a Nursing Home.

Mr. Charles Daggett, formerly of Whitehouse Station, N.J. has suffered a stroke and is recovering in the Little Brook Nursing Home near Califon, N.J.

We are happy to report that our oldest member, Mrs. Augusta Dufford, of Middle Valley, N.J. is doing very well, getting around with her walker. She will be 100 years old in September.

Mrs. Alfred Emmons, of North Plainfield, N.J. has sold her home and is living with her daughter, Mrs. Fred Caskey. For a number of years Mrs. Emmons (Aunt Bessie) has suffered from Glaucoma, but until recently it had not interfered with her making beautiful braided rugs, room size. (Your editor owns one and everyone who sees it exclaims about its beauty.)

Mrs. Howard Lewis (nee Doris Brotzman) of Passaic, N.J. spent some time last winter in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital for observation and research for Muscular

Mrs. Marian Henry, of Loveland, Colo., writes that she was very much interested in the item in the last Bulletin about Miss Belle Dufford because relatives who had seen them both said they looked alike. She hopes they may meet some day and "compare faces." Miss Henry has retired after teaching for thirty three years, but is staying in Loveland where she has "put down roots." In the fall she visited relatives in Illinois, Michigan and Virginia, but found Colorado sunshine looking very good when she returned home.

Miss Mary Jane Hunsinger reports that her brother, Leon Swackhamer, Jr., and his family arrived home on June 12, from Portland, Ore. He has three daughters and a son, two of whom the family here had never seen. Her mother Mrs. Leon Swackhamer, Sr. flew home from Tucson, Ariz. Her father could not come now but expects to be back for Christmas. Leon, Jr. has been stationed in Hawaii for many years, and it has been ten and a half years since the family have all been together.

A letter from Mr. Frank D. Henry, Kankakee, Ill., says he has enjoyed the Bulletin and hopes that he and Mrs. Henry can attend the Reunion this year.

Mrs. Geo. S. Dufford, of Plainfield, N.J. has received word from Mr. Ralph Williams, of New Hartford, N.Y. that he has had an operation on his eyes which has improved his sight greatly, and he is very happy that he can again drive his car.

Miss Gladys Swackhamer, of Santa Barbara, Cal. has sent us this newspaper clipping:-

"David C. Swackhamer, manager of Ferry-Morse Seed Co. plant in Mountain View, Cal. has been promoted to Product Development Manager of the firm." This adds another Swackhamer to our family list.

BIRTHS

Gary Robert Anderson arrived in Plainfield, to Mr. & Mrs. Sigmund Anderson, Dec. 15, 1959. Mrs. Anderson is the former Carolyn Wiley Green, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. B. Green of N. Plainfield, N.J.

Suzanne Logan was born May 3, 1960 to Richard and Vivien Logan, of Scotch Plains, N.J. Another granddaughter for Marge and Leo Logan of Plainfield, N.J.

Paul Joseph Sheppard was born June 1, 1960. Son of Jeanne and Joe Sheppard. Jeanne is the daughter of Harold A. Dufford of Belleville, N.J. The first great-grandson of Mrs. Frank Dufford of Middle Valley, N.J.

OTHER DEATHS

Grace, Mrs. Alden Wert, of Hawthorne, N.J. passed away on Dec. 3, 1959 after a long illness and several operations. We all knew and loved Grace and shall miss her at the Reunions. The last one she attended was in 1958, together with Alden and her son and daughter and their families. She seemed and looked so well at that time. It is hard to believe that she is gone.

Donald A. Swackhamer, son of the late Judge Austin H., and Florence A. Swackhamer of Woodbury, N.J. died on Dec. 10, 1959. After graduating from Penn. Law School he was admitted to the Bar and was associated with his father in the practice of law until his father's death in 1934, after which he maintained an active practice until shortly prior to his death.

The following excerpt is taken from a resolution memorializing Donald, prepared by Laurence L. Crispin, Pres. of the County Bar Assn. and presented to Judge William B. Kramer in Gloucester County Court by Marshall H. Diverty Chairman and former Pres. of the N.J. State Bar Assn.--

"Don was always retiring by nature and beloved by those who knew him best. All his colleagues knew him to be possessed of the highest integrity.

The Bench, the Bar and citizens of the county in which he lived and served are grateful for the privileges which have been theirs in knowing this distinguished gentlemen of the legal profession."

Donald never married and he is survived by his sister, Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, Cal. 2 aunts and several cousins.

Mrs. Ruth D. Fenner Swackhamer died Feb. 16, 1960 in her home in Dunellen, N.J. where she had resided for 65 years. She was the widow of former Mayor Harry J. Swackhamer, who died in 1944. She leaves two daughters, two sons, four grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

TRAVELERS

Mr. & Mrs. R.W. Cochran, of Orlando, Fla. say they had a grand time at Christmas. They were in California with their son and his wife and that 10 months old grandson, Jeff. They spent a month in California.

When Mrs. Cochran wrote us, she was expecting their son Richard from Charlotte, N.C. who was in St. Petersburg on business for the Southern Dairies.

Mrs. Homer F. Lyman of Nutley, N.J. returned in April from a trip to South America. While in Brazil she met Mrs. Claudia Korb and her sister Muriel R. Seidl, both of Oakland, Cal. In conversation Mrs. Korb mentioned that her grandmother had been raised in Long Valley. Her grandmother was Mary Elizabeth Welsh. They thought they might be connected in some way with either the Swackhamers or the Duffords.

At Mrs. Lyman's request, your Editor sent Mrs. Korb a copy of the Bulletin and has from her an outline of her ancestry. She has not been able to connect with either family and I have not had time to look into the matter further. But- The Welsh and Swackhamer families arrived together in Long Valley in 1730 and there just has to be a connection somewhere.

On March 1, 1960 Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman of Westport, Conn. left on a business trip which took them first to Portland, Ore. then San Francisco, Cal. then to Australia where they spent ten days, back to Hawaii for 5 days, Los Angeles and 3 days in Palm Springs, and home on March 30th.

The trip from San Francisco to Sydney Australia took 20 hours and included stops at Hawaii, Fiji Islands and because of 100 MPH head winds, an emergency refueling stop at Canton Island. At that they were 4 hours late. How the world has shrunk!

Miss Gail Logan of Plainfield, N.J. has just returned from a three week trip to Europe which she enjoyed completely, having had delightful weather except while in Switzerland where they ran into fog which prevented them from seeing Lake Lucerne.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Emmons have returned from a trip to Cal. where they visited their son Richard and his family in Torrance, Cal. and also Gladys Swackhamer at Santa Barbara. I think I am correct in saying they came home via Mexico.

EDITOR'S NOTES

In reviewing the subject matter of this Bulletin we find we neglected to report the death of Mr. R.S. Davis, of Oak Park, Ill. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Seward family.

We are so sorry to have to report so many deaths this time, and wish to extend the deepest sympathy from the entire family to those bereaved.

Please get items for the next Bulletin to your Editor by Oct. 15. And please send some more cheerful notes also.

Our Florida stay this past winter would have been rather trying had it not been for the number of relatives and friends from the North we met there.

We arrived in St. Petersburg on Jan. 16, and on Jan 20th my husband suffered another heart attack and had to be hospitalized again. Fortunately he recovered faster than last year and we were able to drive home, coming in slow stages.

Mr. Alden Wert was our first visitor. He had arrived in St. Petersburg a day or two before we did. We planned some nice drives with him, but our plans went awry with my husband's illness. Then the weather turned cold and rainy and Alden decided Florida was too cold for him and left for home.

We had a delightful call from Mr. & Mrs. Chas. H. Ford, of Washington, New Jersey, who have a winter home in Dunedin, just a few miles outside of St. Petersburg. Charles is a second cousin on the Dufford side but we had never met. They gave us his lineage, but we wrote it in pencil and when we tried to translate it for the Bulletin found it confusing, so have asked for another which will be in the next Bulletin.

The Eugene Blanks visited us frequently.

We found a Lester C. Dufford in Pinellas Park, which is a suburb of St. Petersburg but were unable to contact him. Does anyone know to which group of Duffords he belongs?

DO NOT FORGET THE REUNION, July 30.

ELIZA DUFFORD HARRIMAN,

Editor.