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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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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Dufford and Swackhamer Families: -

Each year brings a new store of information relative to the wide spread Dufford and Swackhamer families. Today I received a letter from St. Louis -

"In the summer of 1899 I knew a Rev. Swackhamer. We lived at the time in Minnesota and my father built railroads. One summer we were at Butterfield, Minn. where my father had his headquarters, and because there was really no place to go on Sunday. Mother had Rev. Swackhamer, who preached in a town nearby (maybe a circuit rider) come to our house and we held a service. Today I came upon Mother's kodak album and there was such a fine picture of the Rev. Swackhamer and his flock. I wondered if he was a relative of yours."

This was the first time I had heard of such a person, but found it interesting. If each of us would do a little digging, we could unearth a lot of interesting history and worthy ancestors.

The Reunion is July 29, at the Lutheran Church at Long Valley. Bring the whole family for the day. In the morning will be the gathering of the clans and at noon a picnic lunch.

The Rev. Ed. Conklin, of Plainfield, N.J. will be the principle speaker. A memorial will be held for all who have passed away since last July, and a roll will be called for all new births. If you know of either deaths or births that have occurred since last July please send the information to Mrs. Harriman, so they can be noted at the Reunion. Also, if you have any family relics or mementoes which might be interesting, bring them along. Also any genealogical records you might have.

If you have never been to historic Long Valley, N.J. you will find it a pleasant experience, and add to that the fine experience of meeting many of your kin makes the effort to attend the Reunion worth while.

There is another reason for continuing a Historical Society such as ours: - We are living in a rapidly changing culture. It is good for your children to know something of their past and the pattern of their ancestors' way of living and thinking.

You are invited to send a dollar to our Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Moren, to help cover the expense of printing and mailing this Bulletin to over 300 families.

Let's keep in touch.

May I quote from Abraham Lincoln as I close this note. This has reference to the critical times in which we live.

"We shall nobly save, or meanly love, the last best hope of the world."

(Signed) Thomas Cecil Swackhamer,
President

Summer 1961

Our President and his wife have just returned from a visit to his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Swackhamer of Urich, Mo. who have just sold their big farm and moved into a small cottage in town which their children have named "Uncle Tom's Cabin". He says they are both well and quite happy in their new surroundings.

LETTER FROM OUR TREASURER

This is the first year I have acted as Treasurer of the Society, and what appeared to be an uninteresting job in the beginning, but one I was willing to accept, has developed to be quite the reverse. Donations have reached me from many States in the U.S. as well as from Canada. Those who have already mailed cash and checks in various amounts may be sure they are listed in our cash record. A receipt mailed to each one I do not think necessary, altho if there is any question about any donation being lost in the mail a receipt will be forwarded upon request.

It is interesting to note that our subscribers want to be sure the Bulletin is continued. Some mention in the friendly notes that accompany the donations that, while they don't know many of those mentioned, they like the newsy part, while others express their interest in the historical notes. Most of their notes have something in them which reflect their interest in the organization, although many admit their inability to attend for various reasons.

Their letters are greatly appreciated and I hope sometime in the not too distant future we shall all enjoy the pleasure of sitting together at one of our Reunions, enjoying the old and making new acquaintances over our basket lunches at the Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.

(Signed) Wesley J. Moren, Treasurer

Mrs. Chester R. Swackhamer, Globe, Ariz. writes: "For 20 years or more I have tried to find a Swackhamer in Germany. A while ago I met a German girl, married to a G.I., who knows of one or two in Germany. She has written her mother to find out if one is still alive (should be 60 or 65 yrs. old). I have many questions to ask him - principally where the seat of the family is or was, etc. Too bad I did not know her when she went to Germany a year ago, but she hopes to visit again next year, and if I am alive, I hope to get some information then if not before. She says there is no "k" in the name." She goes on to describe what must be a beautiful garden where she sits and writes. She hopes to get at the Swackhamer Genealogy this summer.

She says her son Dr. William B. Swackhamer is now a specialist in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Henderson, Nevada with a group of four other doctors. He has his wife and four children with him and they all have joined the Presbyterian Church. Dottie, aged 10, is leaving in June for Lake Tahoe for a week's camping with the young group from the Church. They are all enjoying the many scenic trips they take weekends.

(Editor's Note) Sometime ago Miss Gladys Swackhamer visited Germany and tried to locate the records of the family, but was unable to find anything, she thought, possibly, because there had been so much destruction during the war, and so many valuable records had been destroyed.

Two years ago Mrs. Marjorie Logan met a Mr. Leo M. Hammer, of Brooklyn, N.Y. who told her his father's name was "Swackhamer" but he had dropped the first part of the name. He said his father came from Austria. We tried to get further information, but were not successful.

GENEALOGY

The following is from Mr. David C. Swackhamer, Los Altos Hills, California;

"I was very pleased to receive in this mornings' mail a copy of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin. I did not know such a Society was in existance. Only last summer, along with my wife and two children I visited the New England states, and were probably in your area.

Reading the Bulletin I recognized one or two Swackhamers I have heard of but never met.

My Father, Frederick Otis Swackhamer (mother-Florence Amy Corbet - deceased May 24, 1958) will be visiting with us over the Christmas Season, so I will delve into the family history a little further so I may pass the information on to you in the near future.

I am sending \$1.00 to Mr. Moren."

So far the family data has not been received.

Letter from Mr. Wm. G. Smith, Fredonia, N.Y.:

"I received the Winter issue of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin and read it from front to back. It sure is interesting. I read that Mr. Brotzman had informed you of the passing of Ida, my wife, who is sadly missed. She died of cancer of the liver and lung. Was in the hospital 13 days.

I have two daughters home with me. Audrey is 20 and a Junior in State Teacher College here in Fredonia, and Bonnie is 17 and a Senior in High School here. Hopes to go to Geneseo next year.

My oldest daughter, Donah Baker, lives in Brooklyn Heights, Brooklyn, N.Y. She and her husband work in the office of the U.S. Steel Co. in N.Y. Their address is 10 Montague Terrace, Brooklyn 1, N.Y.

My youngest daughter, Bonnie, just informed me she is the youngest grandchild of Grandfather Philip A. Swackhamer. I am enclosing a snapshot of his children taken at my place Dec. 1954 at the time of his funeral. Please see that it is put with the family records. Left to right they are, Frank Swackhamer, of Silver Creek, N.Y., Henry J. Swackhamer, of Syracuse, N.Y., Mrs. Inez Van Heusen, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mrs. Ida Smith (my wife) and Mrs. Veronica Tully, of Syracuse, N.Y.

Will try to get to the Reunion in 1961 and bring some of the family."

From Mr. Wm. L. Dufford, Minneola, Kansas, comes the following:

"We have been receiving the Bulletins since 1957 when Payson Dufford gave you our address, and we have enjoyed them very much. I regret not sending in our share of the cost before this. Kept putting it off because we had not prepared our family record to send in with it. This time have it ready. Hope the enclosed check will cover the past four years and the year ahead.

Our youngest son, James Walter and his wife, Leta Mae, are both teaching in Grand Junction, Colo. They know there are Duffords living there but have not met them. I know they are descendents of my father's brother, Eliphalet W. Dufford, through reading the Bulletins.

We have a copy of Dr. Chambers' "Early Germans of New Jersey", which helped us out with the family record.

Payson Dufford once wrote that an Uncle of his, George Dufford, came to Kansas after the Civil War. I have only met one of this family, Mrs. Armstrong of Larned, and that was back in the 1920's. I was interested in Mr. Elmer Dufford's account of this family in the 1960 Summer Bulletin. Thank you for the Bulletin.

(Editor's Note) A copy of the genealogy enclosed with the above letter has been sent to Mr. Gunther for the "Tree". Since part of it has been printed in the Bulletin, we will pick it up at his grandfather, William Dufford, who married Marilda Wise:

Their children were:

- (1) Eliphalet - married Ann Voorhees. (Went west)
- (2) Lydia - died
- (3) William - born 12-26-1852, died 12-18-1936

Married Delia Hiller (daughter of Rev. Alfred Hiller)
born 6-6-1858, died 10-10-1946, Children:

- (a) Armin A. B 9-7-1881 - D. 3-6-1886
- (b) Arthur Bray - B 9-7-1881 - D. 8-16-1892
- (c) Henrietta Hiller - B 6-12-1890 D. 10-29-1935
- (d) William Levering B 7-18-1896 - Married Grace Marcella Wright, Oct. 29, 1930. She was daughter of Walter Samuel Wright and Anna H. McNaught Wright. She was born Aug. 25, 1902. Children:
 - (1) Patricia Ann - B. Oct. 3, 1931 - married Richard W. Ripper Aug. 28, 1955 - Children
 - (a) Susan Gail, B. Nov. 29, 1956
 - (b) Steven Floyd, B Apr. 29, 1959
 - (2) Donald William - B Nov. 13, 1933 - Married Marilyn Ruth Moyer, Sept. 1, 1957.
 - (a) David William - B. Sept. 4, 1958
 - (b) Douglas Ralph - B. Aug. 26, 1960
 - (3) James Walter - B. May 31, 1935, Married Leta Mae Lawson Nov. 1, 1958
 - (a) Sharon Mae - B. Jan. 1, 1960
 - (4) Marilyn Jeanne - B. Sept. 13, 1937

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From Paris, Ill., we have a letter from Mr. J. W. Swackhamer, enclosing a copy of data taken from a Swackhamer Family Bible which was published in 1818. Originally belonged to Catherine Wyckoff, born April 5, 1760, then to Jane Wyckoff, born March 6, 1807, then to Ellen Wyckoff, born June 27, 1826.

On October 24, 1846, Ellen Wyckoff married Jacob Swackhamer, who was born May 20, 1825 and resided on a farm outside of White House, New Jersey. They had six children:

- Mary Louvega Swackhamer - Born June 8, 1848
- Cornelia Jane Swackhamer, Born Oct. 2, 1850 - Married George West of Raritan, N.J. They had one child, Ella West, born Jan. 17, 1874.
- Jacob Westley Swackhamer, Born April 5, 1853. He had two children:
 - Lizzie E. Swackhamer, Born Feb. 12, 1878, and Jacob S. Swackhamer, Born May 30, 1883
- John E. Swackhamer, Born Aug. 23, 1855
- Margaret Ellen Swackhamer, Born Dec. 10, 1859, Married Fremont Gary of Stanton, N.J. They had one son, Johnson Gary, born Feb. 2, 1889
- George Swackhamer, born March 8, 1862, married Mary K. Stryker, of White House, N.J. They had one son, George Fremont Swackhamer, born 10/14/1885.

Descendents of George Fremont Swackhamer,
Born October 14, 1885

George Fremont Swackhamer married Romalda Stratton of Camden, N.J. now residing in Haddon Heights, N.J. They have two sons:

Bryon Fremont Swackhamer, Born Feb. 15, 1912. Married Margaret Tew of Haddonfield, N.J., now residing in Haddon Heights, N.J. They have two children:

Richard Derwood Swackhamer, Born May 30, 1940
Joan Margaret Swackhamer, Born June 15, 1945
James William Swackhamer, Born July 3, 1920, married Lillian Louise Maxey, of Scranton, Pa., now residing in Paris, Ill. They have four children:
Martha Swackhamer, Born Feb. 20, 1949
Carolyn Swackhamer, Born July 19, 1951
Janet Swackhamer, Born July 28, 1954
June Lillian Swackhamer, Born June 4, 1959.

Mr. J. W. Swackhamer has sent this data on to Mrs. Chester Swackhamer, of Globe, Arizona. He says he enjoys reading the Bulletin very much and wants to keep it coming.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, of Acton, Ont. writes that he and Mrs. Swackhamer have not been very well this winter. Better now. They are building a new house quite near the old home on the farm where they have lived for 53 years. We hope they live many years and enjoy their new home.

We learn through Mrs. Esther Nobman of Roselle, N.J. that our oldest member, Mrs. Augusta Dufford of Middle Valley, N.Y. who suffered a broken hip last spring, is getting around in a walker and able to take care of herself again, and to do such little chores as washing dishes, etc. She is 97 years old and quite wonderful. Mr. Nobman is almost fully recovered from the artery transplant operation on his heart last summer.

Mrs. Frank Dufford, of Middle Valley, is still at Little Brook Nursing home, and would be glad to hear from her friends and members of the family.

Lester Alpaugh, son of our Secretary, was home from Penn. State during the Holidays and became engaged. He is a Forestry major. Will be at Camp Meade for six weeks this summer for R.O.T.C. training. His younger brother, Warren is a Junior in High School and plays on the basketball team providing some excitement for his parents who attend the games.

Mr. & Mrs. Morris Trimmer have moved to Gainesville, Fla., where he is teaching at Florida University. He is the son of Dr. C. S. Trimmer of Montclair, N.J., who with Mrs. Trimmer spent some time in Florida after Thanksgiving. They visited with their son and his family and then went on to Lakeland, West Palm Beach, Orlando and Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Apgar of Califon, N.J. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking a trip to Florida this past winter. They visited first with her nephew, Morris Trimmer and his family at Gainesville. Then they came on to St. Petersburg, to see some old friends and relatives from the vicinity of their home. This included a short visit with us. They also visited Tampa Fair. They enjoyed their trip very much but reached home in the midst of cold weather and heavy snow.

Mr. J. P. Swackhamer, of Willowdale, Ont. sent us his new address and says that in visiting the Wax Museum at Niagara Falls, Canada he came upon a figure of

General Brock falling into the arms of one Lt. Chisholm, who is a great uncle on his mother's side of the family. He says he enjoys the Bulletin and enclosed money for his subscription.

Mrs. Eugene Blank tells us that her brother Emory Seward and his wife have moved into their new house in Pompano Beach, Fla. They recently left for a trip back to Illinois where they will see Bess Seward and other members of the family.

Also from Mrs. Blank, we have learned some more interesting things that the Morgan Smiths have been doing in Panama. You have met them before in the Bulletin. Morgan has been teaching jungle survival to the U.S. Air Force in Panama. This past year some of the Latin American States have been sending some of their Air Force pilots for the same training. Then Peru asked for his assistance and when we were in Florida he was just returning from Peru. In the meantime Marjorie has been busy broadcasting a series of instructions for cooking native Panama foods over the U.S. T.V.. They have moved from the Canal Zone into Panama City itself, where she has been helping in the effort of the U.S. to understand the problems of the natives of Panama, and do something about them. If you happened to see N.B.C.'s Chet Huntley's TV broadcast about our problems in Panama, you will understand why we can be very proud of these members of our family.

Mr. Brotzman's report this time is not very happy. His sister, Miss Augusta Brotzman passed away on March 12, the day before she would have been 72 years old. She had seemed to recover so well from her operation last year. Then he tells of the death of a nephew, Edson Letzer, then his cousin's husband, Clarence Rhodes, who had been blind for several years, then the husband of a niece, Arthur Dudley, who has been a helpless invalid for several years. A later card says that his brother, Forrest Brotzman had had an accident with his team, similar to the one he himself had last year. Fortunately, no bones broken, but badly bruised.

We have word from Mr. Gunther of the death of Mrs. Gunther's father, Mr. Joseph W. Walker, on Dec. 9, 1960, at the age of 85. Mrs. Walker was a Dufford and attended several of our Reunions. She died in May, 1959.

We are also so very sorry to have to report the death of Mrs. Bert Swackhamer, of Long Valley, N.J. on Easter Sunday, April 2, 1961. In the Summer Bulletin, 1960, we reported the death of Roy Swackhamer, Bert's brother, as sent in by Eleanor, and at the end of the Bulletin we noted the death of Bert. Now Eleanor is gone too. Three deaths in one family in a year. She was the daughter of James and Ellen M. Purdy. She was born in Morristown, but spent most of her life in Long Valley. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Robert Alpaugh, and a son, Bert, Jr., both of Long Valley, six grandchildren, and a brother, James Purdy.

Mrs. Ella M. Dorn, of Chicago has sent us a clipping from a Chicago paper about the death of a Harry M. Dufford, of Elmhurst, Ill., beloved husband of Marguerite, Nee Connally, father of Jack and grandfather of four; brother of Ione Ninnick.

This Harry M. Dufford came to the attention of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Dufford of Bethlehem, Pa. who tried to contact him and find where in the family he belonged, with no result. Mrs. Dorn has written the family and we may get further information through this source.

Mrs. Dorn, one of our best "reporters" has also sent in an interesting clipping from the Chicago Tribune, in relation to the recent National Congress of American Indians, held in Chicago. The article is too long to be quoted, but the headline gives pause for thought. It is "Plants Indians Developed Supply Half World's Food." Here are excerpts:

"The discovery of America by Christopher Columbus initiated the most dramatic and far reaching cross fertilization of cultures in the history of the world .. To date anthropologists have concentrated principally on the effect of European cultures on those of the Indians and have given little attention to the ways in which Indian cultures have modified those of Europe and the European colonists in the new world...

Many food plants first domesticated by American Indians are important in the world diet today. Of the four leading world crops, the total tonnage of the two originating in the Old World (rice and wheat) is almost exactly equal to the total tonnage of the two from the New World (potatoes and maize). Altho the other New World crops are less important than Old World barley, oats and soy beans. Manioc is today a staple food in tropical Africa. The American sweet potato would not be far behind. Thus we see that Indian domesticated plants furnish almost half of the world's food supply.

The history of the potato is a fascinating chapter in culture history. The potato was widely raised by Indians in the Andean highlands in South America in pre-Columbian times, and was first brought to Europe by the Spaniards in 1570.

Its first appearance in England was in 1596... and by coincidence it was first mentioned by French writers in the same year. But it was in Ireland that it achieved its greatest importance in the diet. The earliest certain date for the presence of the potato in Ireland is 1606. Within the next 50 years it became the most important single source of food in that country... It was raised in increasing quantities until attacked by blight in 1845. The resultant potato famine initiated the emigration of large numbers of Irish into the United States...

Maise (corn) was the main article of diet in aboriginal Mexico and has continued in first position down to the present time...

Maise has obtained such a firm foothold in the dietary of southeast Asia that some botanists believe it may be native to that area... Maise was introduced into Asia earlier than the potato into Europe, but there is no pre-Columbian evidence for it in documentary sources anywhere in the Old World."

Mrs. Dorn has just passed her 85th birthday. Congratulations!

Mr. Payson Dufford sent us a clipping from a New York paper, which seems to be a "sidewalk interview" with one Mrs. Solange Dufford, of E. 96th St., N.Y.

There is also a Mrs. Norman Dufford on W. 97th St., N.Y. City. Neither is listed in the "Tree" and we have written them asking for their connection. So far have heard nothing.

From Mrs. Annette Wert Dorfman we have word which came too late for the last Bulletin, that she had driven her Volkswagen 6,600 miles east and back all alone last summer, making the return trip in 55 hours. Her nephew, Wm. G. Wert and a classmate drove out in October. They found work soon after arrival as mechanical engineers at a Navy Shipyard. They had earned their B.S. in English at N.Y. State Maritime College. A later letter says that George Wert is leaving for the sea. He is third engineer on a ship transporting supplies or troops to Hawaii, Alaska, and the Pacific area.

Annette also writes that her husband is back in the Chem. Lab. at Lockheed and does research and development work on the outside coating of the satellite "Discoverer".

They were in the Hearst Regatta in May (a sailing race) and placed 9th out of 21 boats. The "Annette" weighs 5 tons.

Our newest "U.S. Marine", Jack Hargreaves, of West Caldwell, N.J. has finished his training and is with the U.S. Fleet in the Caribbean.

His sister, Mrs. Richard Wilson, is waiting to go to Germany to be with her husband, who is being transferred from Virginia to the German area. They expect to be there about 18 months. He is in the Army. They have another little daughter. So far I do not have her name or date of birth.

BIRTHS

Mr. & Mrs. Philip P. Jones (Jinny Logan) have another son, Jonathan David, born February 23, 1961.

Mr. & Mrs. John McCaffrey have a new son, Kenneth Alden, born Jan. 19, 1961.
Mr. & Mrs. Carson Meyer added a son to their family, Steven Todd, born on
February 21, 1961.

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Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Dufford, of Gladstone, N.J. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October. Neither of them is very well. He has passed his 85th birthday.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Trimmer, of Chester, N.J. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21st.

Until his retirement four years ago Mr. Trimmer operated the homestead farm in Middle Valley. He is a son of Morris S. and Mary Elizabeth Trimmer and is a descendent of the pioneer settlers of Middle Valley. Mrs. Trimmer, the former Nellie Apgar is a daughter of the late Peter L. and Gorgianna Beavers Apgar. They have one daughter, Mrs. Howard Robinson, also of Chester.

Through Mrs. Homer Wieder (Alice Ramsey) we learn that her brother George Ramsey of Hawthorne, N.Y. has retired. One of her sons is married and the other is in college. Her niece, Mrs. Alan S. Roth now has five children and with her husband and family have moved to Hopkins, Minn.

Mr. & Mrs. Henry Meyer are now at their summer home at Seaside Park, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Miller have moved to their new home in Fanwood, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. John Saums have completed and moved into their new home on Old Church Road, Warren Township, Plainfield, N.J.

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FROM YOUR EDITOR.

Your Bulletin has been delayed this summer because of a broken right thumb which has made writing or typing very difficult. It is now back in working order. To our reporters - please forgive us if you have not received acknowledgment of your letters and notes, and please accept our thanks through this medium.

ELIZA DUFFORD HARRIMAN,

Editor