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FOR

The descendants of Samuel Swackhamer (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:

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.

Members of the Dufford - Swackhamer Families: -

July 28th - at the Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J. is the place and time for the Annual Reunion.

The schedule for the day:

1. Arrive at Long Valley with your families and lunch baskets so we can eat by 12 noon. Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Moren are bringing another big cake, such as they brought last year, and will see that ice cream and coffee are available.
2. After lunch business and visiting with a brief memorial service for those who have died the past year. Calling of names of births in our families. Would you be so kind as to send any information about births or deaths to our Secretary.
3. Something new and interesting - Through the courtesy of the Washington Township Historical Society, a number of restored homes will be open to our Reunion. These homes have long been associated with the Valley and have been beautifully restored.
 - a. Old Fort, also known as the Schoenheit House
 - b. Old Philip Wise house.Also one or two more will be available.

These places are within walking distance of the Church. Mr. Chris Lanner and other members of the Historical Association will be present to guide the tour.

WHY make the trip to Long Valley and attend the Dufford - Swackhamer family Reunion?

1. So we might have the pleasure of meeting you.
 2. In order to renew old acquaintances.
 3. To visit the early homes of your ancestors and learn of the history of their first settlement in this country.
 4. To enjoy the beauty of one of this country's finest rural scenes that is gradually being eaten away by the ever growing population.
- Long Valley is easy to reach via Hackettstown or Morristown, N.J.

Hope to see you.

Thomas Cecil Swackhamer,
President

BULLETINS RETURNED. (Winter, 1961)

Mr. Wm. G. Dufford, Chugiak, Alaska, and later returned from Anchorage, Alaska.
Mr. & Mrs. George Hartman, 44 Crescent Drive, New Providence, N.J.
Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Daggett, Whitehouse Station, N.J.
Mrs. George Vay, 98 S. 16th St., East Orange, N.J.
Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Hann, 34 Orchard St., Dover, N.J.
Dr. & Mrs. Floyd Helton, Central College, Fayette, Mo.

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.

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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."

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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.

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.

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.

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 Nursying 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

Dystrophy, from which she suffers. So far they have found no cure, but we sincerely hope that the research will lead to the arrest of the trouble. In spite of her handicap she gets around very well and, with her husband and son, attended the Reunion last year and is looking forward to joining us again this summer.

WEDDINGS.

Mrs. John Leland Cross was married to Wilfred Strickland King in New York on December 2, 1961. They are making their home in New York. Mrs. King is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Dufford Ribble, of LaJolla, California.

Mrs. Herbert Dorfman, of Sunnyvale, California sends us word that her nephew, William G. Wert, son of James Wert, of Peekskill, N.Y. was married on April 28, to Barbara Faulkenberg, at the Lutheran Church in Peekskill. The bride and groom have since driven across the country, visited the World's Fair in Seattle, then to San Diego and finally to Sunnyvale for two weeks. He has gone on active duty in the Navy as a commissioned officer and is awaiting location.

Mrs. Dorfman flew east for the wedding and spent two weeks here. She says her husband is very busy at Lockheed, has written 8 technical books since January and is readying their sail boat for a vacation.

BIRTH.

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph McDonald of St. Paul, Minn. were blessed by the arrival of a daughter, Lisa Lynn, in May of this year. Mrs. McDonald is our President's sister.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Miss Gladys Swackhamer, of Santa Barbara, California, is visiting relatives in the East. She came principally for her Class Reunion at Smith College. She is leaving next week for Woodbury, N.J. and Hagerstown, Md., to attend to some matters in connection with the estate of her brother, Donald Swackhamer. We hope she will come back in time for the Reunion.

Mr. Leonard Brotzman, our Binghamton correspondent says news is scarce except that his niece, Avis Newman Stanton, is going to Buffalo Cancer Clinic for treatment. With all the new treatments now available for cancer, we hope she will find help.

Mr. & Mrs. Chas. Ford have sold their home in Washington, N.J. and plan to make their home in Dunedin, Fla. their permanent address. They are now back in Washington for the summer.

Mrs. Ford has almost completely recovered from an operation on her ear to restore her hearing. She says it is so wonderful to hear again without a hearing aid which she had used for the past 15 years.

Their granddaughter, Miss Ingrid Ford, graduated from the Muhlenberg Hospital Training School for nurses this year, in Plainfield, N.J. and is now a full R.N. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ford, who also have another daughter, Pamela, still in high school.

Dr. Hugh Ford, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Ford, of Washington, N.J. has concluded his studies at the University of London and has received his Ph.D. He is now teaching Spanish history at Teachers' College at Trenton, N.J.

The James Fords flew to Bermuda for the month of March.

Mrs. R. W. Cochran, of Orlando Florida seems to be the traveler of the family. After she and Mr. Cochran came back to Florida from their annual Christmas trip to

visit their son's family in California, she enjoyed a Caribbean cruise. Now she is planning a trip with her granddaughter, Robin Cochran of Charlotte, N.C. to Alaska, via Toronto, by rail to Edmundton, bus to Fairbanks over the Alcan Highway. They will visit Seattle and the World's Fair either going or on the way back.

Our own Gail Logan is spending a month in Europe. A card from her says she is having a wonderful time. Will probably be back by the time this Bulletin goes out.

Mrs. Ralph Williams, of New Hartford, N.Y. writes that Ralph's eyes seem to be fine since his operation. He is able to drive back and forth to work each day. Their son George, after working last summer in G.E. returned to Union College in September for his Sophomore year. He made the Dean's list last year and is working hard to stay on it this year. He is taking a five year liberal Arts and Engineering course. He joined the Theta Delta Chi fraternity and enjoys every bit of it.

Mr. Frank W. Dufford, our former President, has purchased and is now living in the Elmer Hoffman house in Middle Valley, N.J. We hope he will again become active in our organization.

Mrs. Ella M. Dorn, of Chicago, who has furnished us with so many interesting items for the Bulletin, is in good health and has just passed her 86th birthday. Many Happy Returns!

Mrs. Fred'k. Birch writes that Mr. Birch had an accident with his car in which no one was hurt. He is 84 and could not get further insurance, so has turned in his car and license.

Mrs. Florence Wszelaki and Jill have gone back to their home in anticipation of her husband's discharge from the Army in August.

From a letter received in December from Mr. J. W. Swackhamer, of Paris, Ill. - "The other day I received a letter from Mr. Jas. B. Swackhamer, Route 3, Frankfort, Ind. Since I have never seen his name in the Bulletin, I thought perhaps he might not be receiving it.

He states he is 36 years of age, married 11 years and has a girl and two boys, ages 10, 8, 4. He received his B.S. in Agriculture Education in 1950 from Purdue. He taught Vocational Agriculture for two years, and since that time has been associated with the Clinton County Bank and Trust Co. in Frankfort, Ind. as manager of the Scircleville Branch.

Since that is not too far from me, I hope to see him in the not too distant future."

We are so glad to welcome another Swackhamer to our roster. We immediately sent him a copy of the Winter Bulletin and placed his name on the mailing list.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy W. Swackhamer, formerly of Long Valley, are now living in Moreland, Georgia.

Our Treasurer, Mr. W. J. Moren received the following from Mr. William L. Dufford, of Minneola, Kansas, along with a check for the Bulletin:-

"Grace and I made a trip back east in October and November. We visited Long Valley all too briefly as we had so many relatives to see and our time was limited. We had a short visit with my cousin Payson Dufford. Also visited my cousin LaMont Trimmer and his son Donald at Clinton, N.J.

We visited the Long Valley Cemetery and were so glad to see it was so well kept. Also the Lutheran Church, where my mother and father used to sing in the Choir. It is very beautiful inside since it has been restored. We were pleased to see how the cemetery and grounds around the old German Church ruins had been

cleared. I remember it has having been grown over with trees, brush and weeds when I was a boy there in Long Valley."

The N.Y. Herald Tribune of April 4, 1962 carried a picture of our Mr. Harold Gunther under the heading "Unless the Rains Come, a Summer Thirst in Jersey". Under the picture this:- "UNFILLED RESERVOIR - Harold Gunther, chief engineer of the North Jersey District Water Supply Commission standing yesterday on the dam of the Wanaque Reservoir, which is usually overflowing at this time of year. The water level should be 12 feet higher."

We hope the rains during May and June have helped.

Another Swackhamer recruit is one "Rusty" Swackhamer, of Wenatchee, Wash. He is employed by the Local Loan Co., and is the top bowler in the area. His name is now on our mailing list.

Mr. G. Lester Alpaugh, son of Mr. & Mrs. George Alpaugh, of High Bridge, received a degree in Forest Management from Penn State U. at commencement exercises on June 9th. At the same time he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army R.O.T.C. He will be employed at the reservoir construction site in Round Valley, N.J.

Warren Alpaugh, another son of Mr. & Mrs. George Alpaugh graduated from High Bridge High School June 19th and in the fall expects to enter Upsala College, East Orange, N.J.

Mrs. Alpaugh is our Secretary.

Florida was not very good to three members of our family this winter. First, your Editor caught the flu on the way down in late December. The following week Mr. Alden Wert arrived in St. Petersburg, and immediately caught "cold". A little later Mr. & Mrs. Lester Apgar called on us. Mabel was just coming down with Flu and was quite sick for a few days.

Flu left all of us miserable until we reached home. It spoiled a trip to Nassau for the Apgars.

We are all O.K. again.

We Harrimans have been busy since we reached home April 4th, which was Bee's birthday. We arrived home in time to celebrate. May 3, Cy and Bee celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Our granddaughter, Wendy, was confirmed in the Congregational Church here in Westport. Wendy celebrated her 15th birthday May 20, and Donald celebrated his 13th birthday on May 21. This month Wendy graduated from Junior High School.

Our younger grandson, Evan, appeared in a recital given by his music teacher last week, and is now away at camp for the next four weeks.

A letter from Mrs. Stephen D. Wilson tells us she was another victim of Flu which she contracted in March and is just now beginning to feel like herself again.

Mrs. Wilson learned from Jeanette Dufford Pierson of Morristown, that Russell Dufford, of Lynchburg, Va., has suffered a heart attack and is in the hospital. Do hope by now he is mending nicely.

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We are indebted to Mr. Payson Dufford for a clipping from the "Newark Evening News" of May 8th about the Long Valley project of restoration of the cemetery and walls of the old Church, of which I am quoting excerpts:

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"OLD CHURCH TALES REVIVED

The Long Valley Project Stirs Retelling.

Tales of a minister who angered his flock because he read his sermons, and of women who took their spinning wheels to worship services are being revived along with the crumbling walls of a long empty German Church here.

Built in 1774 and abandoned in 1832, the former meeting house of the Evangelic Reformed and Lutheran congregations on Fairview Avenue and its cemetery are the restoration project of the Washington Township Historical Society.

The first log church long since replaced by a stone structure crumbling walls of which remain, stood somewhere close by "As soon as we can raise the money, we hope to strenghten what's left of the church walls. They are dangerous now" Christian Lanner, society president said. ----

The cemetery's last recorded marker is dated 1840. Of the 128 graves found so far, the oldest is that of Leonhard Nachbar, who died in 1766. --- Many grave stones are inscribed in German. ---

An early preacher in the log church was Rev. Henry Muhlenberg, the patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America, for whom Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pa. was named. His younger son, Ernst Muhlenberg was Lutheran pastor when the stone church was built.

Rev. John Augustus Wolfe, the first full-time pastor, became the despair of the congregation because of his interest in women. But early records show that the congregation was angriest because he read his sermons, claiming "he lost his memory on the sea".

Another trial of the pioneers was the Colvinists. English families from New England headed by a man named Colvin. They settled on the side of Schooleys Mountain. Their dictume was that the Lord Abhors idle hands. To demonstrate their impatience with the "idle worship" the women of the sect hauled their spinning wheels to church and worked during the service."

EDITOR'S NOTE.

Your editor is very grateful for the many letters of commendation about the Bulletin which have come in. The work is most interesting. Keeping in touch with members of the family we have always known is wonderful, but the most rewarding phase has been getting in touch with those whom we had never met, meeting and getting acquainted with them. Believe me, it is a wonderful family.

However, we are finding it more difficult to get news of interest to the younger people. Consequently, we feel it is time this work should be taken over by the next generation.

Let's talk it over at the Reunion.

Hope to meet you all at that time.

ELIZA D. HARRIMAN,
Editor

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