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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 Dufford (Dufford) who settled there in 1738.

Officers of the combined Societies are:

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OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Long Valley, N.J. is a significant place to me. It gave a place in this good land in the eighteenth century to our ancestors. Out of its fertile valley soil they earned their living. The gentle hills and the little river gave them beauty. They made it Home.

Each year that we go back we find the spreading city creeps into the farm lands so that now housing developments are across the fence from large dairy farms, their lush pastures and red barns. Many earn their living in New York but want their homes in country air and grass.

The village Lutheran Church has been beautifully restored, as are many old homes -- so that it goes in the twentieth century.

I like the Valley because from this place the pioneers sent out their sons and daughters to all parts of the world. They have gone as intelligent, industrious citizens. Our people have been good for this country. They have been contributors to the common welfare.

As members of the Dufford - Swackhamer families you have a heritage to remember and recount.

The Reunion in 1963 will be the last Saturday in July, (the 27th). Mark the date now. Lay your plans to join us there. I hope we will be able to have an officer of the New Jersey Genealogical Society to speak to us and help us complete family records, and improve skills in compiling family records.

In the meantime, PLEASE, if you have any family records and have not sent a copy to the Editor, do so. We want every genealogical record possible. They will be deposited with the Long Valley Historical Assn., and the Newark, N.J. Historical Assn. Some day someone looking for records may be very glad that you contributed your family lines.

Also, send in births, marriages and deaths in the families.

If you find persons carrying the names Dufford or Swackhamer of Swackhamer, and they have not heard of our Historical Assn. send their names and addresses to the Editor. We would like them to have a copy of the Bulletin.

We need a dollar from each of our families to meet the expenses of publishing and mailing our paper. It is a labor of love, I assure you, and cannot go on without this small contribution from you.

The citizens of Long Valley are becoming history conscious. The old church ruins are being protected, the cemetery nicely kept, historical places are being marked and preserved, and a number of old houses restored to their original beauty. Long Valley is not a great place - but is significant; it is not a large place, but good. It is such places as this that have made for greatness and goodness in our country. It is the soil from which we have had our start in the United States.

Our President and Mrs. Swackhamer have just returned from Missouri where they attended a reunion of his immediate family. His father and mother, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas A. Swackhamer are 84 years old. They have three sons and two daughters who were all present with their families, 29 in all.

OUR OLDEST MEMBER.

On September 27, our oldest member, Aunt Gussie Dufford to many of us, celebrated her 100th birthday. CONGRATULATIONS.

May I quote from a column in the "Hackettstown Gazette" of Sept. 29th:-
"Greetings from President Kennedy and many of her personal friends were at hand as Mrs. Laura Augusta Dufford reached her 100th anniversary at her home in Middle Valley, where she lives with two sons.

The oldest resident of this vicinity, she is mentally alert and in generally good health except for failing eyesight. Her greatest problem is to keep occupied. Two years ago she bounced back from a fractured hip and complications which kept her in the Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N.J. for a couple months, but she continues to get around her home with the aid of a walker support and still does some chores, even to washing dishes.

The card that arrived from the White House bore the signature of John F. Kennedy under the presidential seal and engraved message which said "My sincere congratulations upon your birthday. May good health be yours for many more happy years."

Among others who sent greetings was Congressman Peter Frelinghuysen of Morris County.

Mrs. Dufford was born Sept. 27, 1862 on a farm on Beacon Light Road near Fairmount. She is the last survivor of the 12 children of Jesse and Sarah Hoffman Philhower. Since her marriage she has resided at the Dufford Homestead farm on Main road in Middle Valley. Her husband was Andrew Dufford, a descendant of the pioneer settlers of Washington Township, who died April 10, 1910.

Mrs. Dufford had eight children, six of whom are living. They are Andrew and Halsey at home, Mrs. George Nobman, of Roselle, Mrs. Harry Lyman of Nutley, Mrs. Myron Gano of Pattenburg and Mrs. James Crystell, of Middle Valley. Another daughter, Elizabeth, died in 1956, and a son, Raymond, in 1958. There are four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

For many years Mrs. Dufford has been a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley and its Women's Missionary Society. She was a member of the Ladies Home Union Society, of Middle Valley. Until her injury two years ago she was regular in her attendance at the annual reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford families held each July in Long Valley."

GENEALOGY

Mrs. C. R. Swackhamer, of Globe, Arizona, who has a great mass of Swackhamer genealogical data, and Miss Gladys Swackhamer, of Santa Barbara, Cal. have been actively trying to locate the part of Germany from which the original Samuel Schwackhamer came to this country. Last summer, in discussing the matter with our president, Rev. T. C. Swackhamer, of Stamford, Conn. he found in his records, following, taken from a letter to him from Mr. Everett Swackhamer, of Irvington, N.J., which may throw some light on the subject: -
"I thought I had come across some additional information regarding the family history at the New Jersey Historical Society Library, but found very little I did not already know. Unfortunately all census records for the State of New Jersey up

to and including the year 1820, were destroyed by fire. This closes out a good source of information.

I did find the following interesting bit of information, however:- The German families who settled in Long Valley were from Saxony near the Bohemian or Polish frontier, and from the town of Halberstadt. Because of religious persecutions and trouble they moved from there to Nieuwied (pronounced Noywied) on the Rhine, and from there to Holland. When the original group sailed from Holland their destination was New Amsterdam (New York), but adverse winds carried their boat into Delaware Bay and they landed in Philadelphia instead. The group started overland for the Dutch Colony along the Hudson River. When they reached the fertile lands and valleys of northern New Jersey, however, they were reminded of the rolling country of their native land and settled in the "Long Valley". The account also told that as they stood on the hilltops and gazed into the valley with its winding river, their leader exclaimed "Surely God has led us into the promised land."

REUNION.

We do not have the minutes of the Reunion last July, so shall have to report from memory.

We had a beautiful clear day for a change. There were about 60 in attendance, many of whom brought lunches, and others dropped in. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moren saw to it that cake and ice cream, tea and coffee were available.

Two members of the families who had never before attended a reunion were with us. They were Miss Gladys Swackhamer, of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Mr. Raymond Dufford, of Binghamton, N.Y.

A letter from Mr. Russell Dufford, of Lynchburg, Va., said his illness had been noted in the Summer Bulletin, and that he was recovering slowly. We hope he is back on his feet by this time.

Mrs. Howard Lewis, of Passaic, N.J. had written your Editor that she was entering the hospital for surgery. We mailed her a get-well card signed by all those present. A later letter of "thanks" says she is doing very nicely. She was so sorry to miss the reunion, but she recognized a number of names signed to the card. She said Mr. Lewis works nights at the hospital where she was, and young David stayed home alone nights. The landlord, downstairs had a key, but did not need to use it.

Mr. Christian Lanner, President of the Washington Township Historical Society was the speaker of the afternoon. He had with him other officers of the Society who brought with them a wonderful array of maps of the Valley, showing the original holdings and other records. They provided a bus to take us around to the various houses which had been restored and were open for inspection. Those who took the trip enjoyed it very much.

It developed that there were four couples present who had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries since the last Reunion. They were Mr. & Mrs. Lester Apgar, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Trimmer, Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Moren, and Mr. & Mrs. C. L. Harriman.

We learn through Mrs. J. I. Lake, Lake Monroe, Fla., that Mr. Wm. K. Swackhamer, of Easton, Pa., has lost his wife, Margaret. She passed away late in May after a long illness. Mr. Swackhamer did not attend the Reunion this year, possibly because he had not returned from a visit to his son in Fortuna, California.

Mr. Lake spent 10 days in the hospital at Sanford, Fla. in April with an ulcer attack, but at the time of writing was improving.

Just before the Reunion we received word of the death of Mr. Alden Wert, of Hawthorne, N.Y. on July 15th, one of our faithful attendants at the Reunions. He was a retired paymaster for Consolidated Edison Co., in New York and resided with his daughter, Mrs. Herbert McCaffrey. He was 80 years old.

Husband of the late Grace Cappy Wert. He was a native of Hackettstown, N.J. Prior to joining Con Edison he worked on the building of the Panama Canal from 1905 to 1907.

Surviving also are two other daughters, Mrs. Harry Sammond, of Freeport, L.I. and Mrs. John Powell of Linthicum Heights, Md., a son, George W. of Milford, N.J., 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

In response to a request in the Summer Bulletin about the return of the Winter Bulletin sent to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Opdyke, Mrs. Floyd Hann, of Little Falls, N.J. tells us that they have both passed away. She also reports the death of Mr. M. H. Hann, February, 1961 whose wife had passed away in 1956.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, of Acton, Ontario, writes that Mrs. Edward Perrin passed away in June, a year after the death of her husband. Alice Perrin, formerly Alice Leslie (her mother was a Swackhamer), was a great great granddaughter of Christopher Swackhamer, the ancestor of our Canadian cousins.

Mr. Ben Trebilcock, husband of Freida Dufford Trebilcock, passed away on October 5th, at his home in Gladstone, N.J.

Mrs. E. J. Blank, of St. Petersburg, Fla. sends us word of the death of her brother, Emory A. Seward, 68, husband of Lorraine Seward, on July 15, 1962 at Pompano Beach, Fla. They had moved to Pompano Beach late in 1959 from Evanston, Ill. Emory was the eighth of ten children of Emma Henry and Gilbert VanDeusen Seward of Chicago. Also -

Miss Bessie Seward, 81, passed away Sept. 14th in Hinsdale, Ill. Bessie was the first of the ten children of Emma Henry and Gilbert VanD. Seward. For many years she lived in New York and New Jersey. During that time she attended the Reunion many times.

Mr. and Mrs. Blank are planning a trip in December to Iquitos, Peru, to visit their daughter Marjorie B. Smith, who has opened a curio gift shop in which she sells only native made jewelry and objects from Peru. They plan to fly to Iquitos unless the present situation in the Caribbean prevents.

Mrs. W. J. Moren has sent us a newspaper clipping announcing the funeral of Donald Trimmer, of Pattenburg, N.J. who was killed in an automobile accident in Alexandria Township.

Mr. Trimmer, was the son of Mr. LaMont Trimmer and his late wife. He was born in Middle Valley and moved to Pattenburg 13 years ago. He operated the Trimmer Oil Co. there until the company was sold in 1960. Since then he has been employed as attendant at the National Oil Co. service station on Route 22 west of Clinton.

He leaves a wife Elizabeth Kilgore Trimmer; a son, Donald R. Jr. at home, his father and a sister Mrs. Charles Crump of Colonia, N.J. Also a stepson, Charles M. Warner, serving with the Army at Fort Dix.

OTHER NEWS

From Mrs. Herbert McCaffrey:-

"My brother's son, Craig Wert, has entered his second year at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

My sister, Mrs. Martha Wert Sammond has become a grandmother twice this year. Her daughter, Martha Roenbeck, of Centereach, L.I. had a little girl, Joy Theresa, on June 27th, 1962.

Donald Smith and his wife Mary, (Martha's son) had a baby girl, Laura Mary on April 12, 1962."

Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey had a wonderful Caribbean Cruise last January. They are so glad they did not put it off until this year, with things as they are in Cuba.

At the Reunion we learned that Mr. & Mrs. Harold Gunther were just back from a trip to Bermuda. Their granddaughter, Miss Leslie Anderson, 16, accompanied them. They all had a grand time.

Helen Swackhamer Leland tells us that her daughter, Patricia, has signed up as violinist with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. She graduated from Columbia University in 1953.

At the Reunion, also, Mrs. John Hargreaves told us their son, Jack was back from his duty with the U.S. Marines, and is working in electronics.

We later learn that he broke his little finger, and during his recovery, he and his mother had a nice trip to Canada.

Late in July we received a letter from Mrs. Norman Olson, of Tampa, Fla., saying they were leaving on July 28th, coming north with stops to visit with Mrs. Russell Kice McLean, whose husband was son of George McLean, of Long Valley, then on to Williamsburg; on to Morristown for a visit with Mrs. Harold O. Pruden; Plainfield, N.J. to visit with Mr. & Mrs. Charles Green; then on to Milford, Conn. with a stop over to see us in Westport.

The object of their visit was to see her son, 2nd Lt. Julian Graham off to Germany where the Army is sending him for two years. He is in an Armored Tanks Division. There is no house available for his wife, Nina, so she will not join him for a year. He received his commission when he graduated from Florida State University in August, 1961. Nina will teach in Tampa until she can join her husband in Germany.

Mrs. Olson's daughter, Louise, and her husband, Harvey Ross have been living in Hialeah, Fla. for a year. She teaches and has been attending summer school at the University of Miami. Her husband, Harvey, is with the Aerodex Corp. in the office. They clean and service airplanes.

Mr. Fred Russell, of Princeton, Ill., son of the late Helen McLean Russell, brought his family for a visit with the Olsons in June; his wife, Nell - daughter Jo Ellen, who graduated from Monmouth College in Illinois June 4th - Kathy, who graduated June 1 from High School in Princeton, - son Bob who graduated May 31st from Princeton Junior High School. They also visited in Miami, Pompano Beach and Cocoa Beach, Fla. They saw Louise and Harvey and Mrs. Olson's brother, Amos E. McLean, Jr., and family; wife, Kay - sons, Barton, Richard and Douglas, in Miami.

We had a delightful call from Mr. & Mrs. Olson and hope to see them this winter in Florida.

Mrs. Egbert Swackhamer, of Ridgefield, Conn. had a wonderful visit in California this summer, where she went to attend the wedding of her son John M. Swackhamer, Berkeley, Cal., to Mrs. Kate Kamenis, on August 5th. John had lost his wife two years ago, and Mrs. Kamenis was a widow with three children. Ruth is very happy over the increase in her number of grandchildren.

She also visited her other son, Egbert W. Swackhamer, Jr., in Sherman Oaks, Cal. James Swackhamer, of Whitehouse Station, N.J. has recovered from a bout with pneumonia this summer.

Mrs. William A. Hoffman, Allentown, Pa. spent some time in Ocean City this summer with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Fred Schatzle. Their son, Fred'k. Schatzle, Jr., graduated from Muhlenberg College in June.

Her son, William, is a buyer for Hercules Powder Co., and has two children, Gregory W., and Cheryl J. Gregory is entering Military Academy this year.

Our Secretary's son, Warren Alpaugh, of High Bridge, N.J. has entered Upsala College, East Orange.

We have word from Mrs. James M. Logan (Ellen) that Dr. and Mrs. Floyd Helton are now in Stockton, California.

Ellen has been recovering from radical surgery for cancer. She wrote that she had finished X-ray treatments and "Now if the doctors will leave me along for awhile I'll have a chance to recover and get back on my feet."

Mrs. Stephen has sent us a clipping from the Boonton Times Bulletin about the 4-H fashion review held at the Morris County Fair Grounds. From the young ladies modeling, five were chosen to go to the State Fashion Revue at Haddonfield, N.J. Sept. 15th. Among the five was Miss Doris Dufford, 15, of Succasunna, N.J. who modeled a black and white bathing suit with a black jacket to match. She has been in clothing for five years with Mrs. Mooney, of Succasunna as leader.

A letter just received from Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, of Acton says he and Mrs. Swackhamer visited their son Harold and his wife, Mary, in Hamilton. Mary's sister lives in British Columbia and is a neighbor of Mr. Fred Swackhamer, (father of David who lives in California) and wrote that Mr. Swackhamer and his sister-in-law had been in an auto accident and were seriously injured.

We hope they are mending nicely.

EDITOR'S NOTES.

July 20th, 1912, your Editor and her husband were married in Bucksport, Maine, so July 20, 1962 was their 50th anniversary. To forestall the possibility of our taking a trip to Maine to celebrate, Cy and Bee told us they were planning a family dinner party for us on Friday evening, and our family from Maine as well as my sisters and brother-in-law from New Jersey had been invited and were coming. We had a wonderful time.

The next morning some of our family decided they would like to go to Stamford to see the beautiful new Church, of which our President is the Pastor. On the way home we had lunch and when we reached the house we found about 70 of our friends and more family in the gardens together with several caterer's tables, and were greeted with "SURPRISE". What a surprise! How wonderful! We shall never forget it.

We are planning to leave for Florida right after Thanksgiving. Our address there from December 1st, to April 1st will be 309 4th St. South, St. Petersburg, Florida.

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO YOUR EDITOR - We are having a little trouble with our mail. All money should go to the Treasurer,
Mr. Wesley J. Moren
2268 Redwood Road
Scotch Plains, N.J.

To those of you who have sent in news items, and have not received thanks otherwise, please accept thanks now.

Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman has just returned from Norwalk Hospital where she underwent minor surgery.

Your officers wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

ELIZA DUFFORD HARRIMAN,
Editor.