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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 DuFord (Dufford) who settled there in 1738.

Officers of the combined Societies are:

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Saturday, July 27th, at eleven a.m. is the meeting time for the Dufford-Swackhamer Historical Society.

The place is the Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey....just across the bridge off the highway that runs through the Valley. Every person who is interested in these families is cordially invited to attend.

We will meet to renew acquaintances, meet new families and visit with one another. Bring your picnic lunch. Tables are provided in the parish hall so that rain or shine we are comfortable. More specific details of the lunch will be found in another part of the Bulletin.

One of the main features of the meeting will be a guest speaker, Dr. Kenn Stryker-Rodda, F.A.S.G. His topic will be "ENJOY YOUR ANCESTORS". He is a member of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey and at the present time is President of this organization, also, Fellow, American Society of Genealogists. He traces some of his ancestors back to Morris County and should prove a very interesting leader. He will also answer questions relative to Genealogical Research.

There will be a short business session, also a memorial service for members of the families having died since last we met. Won't you please send our secretary any names that should be on this list. Also, please report any births to add to the growing family.

We are so indebted to Mrs. Harriman for her work in publishing the Bulletin. It is amazing how many people read it with real interest. If you are interested in keeping the Bulletin alive, send in to the Secretary one dollar. This is a small amount, but necessary.

I hope to greet many of you on the last Saturday in July, and to those who for many reasons cannot be present, we send best wishes and hope to see you soon.

Thomas Cecil Swackhamer

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TREASURER'S LETTER

When I accepted the office of Treasurer it appeared to me that I was asking for another headache. It is not so. The trouble and annoyance which I expected has reversed itself into a source of pleasure. Our members and friends write to me, enclosing their donations, just as though they had known me for years. Their letters read just as one friend would write to another.

The most important item contained in these letters is their interest in the Bulletin. They all want to be sure they receive their copy. This is surely an indication it is interesting to them, and this is the constant aim of our editor.

Speaking for her, I know a lot of time, effort and hard work is put forth to complete each issue.

Please bear in mind that this is your Bulletin. It cannot be interesting to all unless all of you help make it so. You may feel that items of news are not interesting because you live in Canada, Oregon or California. This just is not so. Send her news of your family - weddings, birthday celebrations, deaths, coming out parties, graduations, etc. You could be wrong. Let's try it and see.

It would be thoughtless of me if I did not let you know that our President, Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer is a very sincere and most interested officer and leader of our organization. We are fortunate to have one so well equipped for the work.

Our Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Alpaugh, does her work in a business like manner. She is a school teacher with several years experience and her reports speak for themselves as to her capabilities.

Thanks for this space.

Wesley J. Moran, Treasurer

GENEALOGY

Mr. C. Robert Brown, of Morristown, N.J. sends us his line on the Dufford side:

Philip Karn, b. 5/26/1840, married 11/30/1860, Ellen Dufford,  
b. 1/6/1838, d. 3/5/1901. Their daughter,  
Louisa C. Karn, b/ 5/14/1868, d. 11/23/1946 - married William  
Henry Klinedinst, b. 1/18/1866, d. 4/10/1932. Their daughter,  
Ella Dufford Klinedinst, b. 8/4/1891, d. 9/12/1961, married  
on 8/19/1915 Clarence Raymond Brown, b. 6/18/1889, d. 9/16/1918.  
C. Robert Brown, their only child, b. 11/1/1918, married on  
12/6/41 Mildred Ruth Gungel, b. 4/12/1915.  
Their children - Marilyn Louise Brown, b. 11/23/1946.  
Kenneth Robert Brown, b. 4/5/1950.

Mr. Brown has also sent us names and dates of the other descendants of Philip Karn and Ellen Dufford which are being sent on to Mr. Gunther for the "Tree".

AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT - Mr. Brown's special interest in his Dufford line comes about through his application for membership in the Huguenot Society. We understand the Society has approved our ancestor, Philip DuFord, as a Huguenot, but from there on there has to be documented data of lineage. We hope by time the next Bulletin is ready Mr. Brown will be accepted in the

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The following is from Mrs. Ray Hickok, of Salt Lake City, Utah.

"I'm Connie Sarah Swackhamer and was born in New Jersey. We lived in Whitehouse Station.

Father's name was Jacob Wesley Swackhamer. He married Nancy H. Apgar. He had one son, Jacob S. Swackhamer, a daughter Elizabeth Elvira Swackhamer and Connie Sarah Swackhamer.

My mother passed away in Whitehouse Station, also my sister. My father remarried, later passed away and is buried in Cleveland, Ohio.

I wrote Mrs. C. R. Swackhamer and gave her all the dates. I knew brothers and sisters of my father. I also told her there were several Swackhamers in Joliet, Ill. - LeRoy and Harry Swackhamer and Mabel Nielson. I gave Mrs. Swackhamer some dates from the family bible, but my daughter has another one in Indiana from which I am sure I can secure more information.

I was married to Ben Peterson June 30, 1920, in Chicago and we had three children - Elaine Bernice, Betty Lou and Ben Jay. They are all married. Ben Jay married and has 1 son, Danny and lives in Sandy, Utah. Betty Lou Lawson has four children, lives in Bountiful, Utah. Elaine Barger lives in Sheridan, Indiana and has two children.

We came out here from Chicago. I lost my husband July 27, 1957, and in August, 1958 I was married to Ray Hickok, of this city.

I am enclosing \$1. for which I would be very glad to receive any information or Bulletin."

We are placing Mrs. Hickok's name on our mailing list, and will be glad to do the same for any of her children or relatives who might be interested. We are asking Mrs. Hickok to send addresses.

#### BULLETINS RETURNED

Mr. & Mrs. Fred'k Q. Swackhamer, R. D. 3, Flemington, N.J.

Mrs. Morgan Heede, 68 $\frac{1}{2}$  Abbett Ave., Morristown, N.J.

Mrs. R. K. Clark & Family, Kent Place Blvd., Summit, N.J.

Will someone please send in the correct address for these.

Mr. David Swackhamer, Benzetta, Pa., and

Mrs. John Swayze, Long Valley, N.J.

These were marked "Deceased". We are so very sorry.

#### REUNION

Our Reunion will be held on July 27th, the last Saturday in July, as usual. At the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Long Valley, N. J. where we have been holding them for so many years.

The Rev. Mr. Bell, has been transferred and the present preacher is a supply. We hope he will be there to greet us.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moran expect to be on hand with free coffee. Ice cream and cake will be for sale.

BE SURE AND COME.

#### DEATHS

Our winter issue reported the death of Mrs. Wm. K. Swackhamer late in May. A letter from Mr. Swackhamer's sister, Mrs. Lake, from Florida reports that Mr. Wm. K. Swackhamer also passed away in October.

Mr. Swackhamer was one of the original founders of the Swackhamer Reunion. I think I am correct in saying he was president at one time. He was a regular attendant of the Reunion and a wonderful worker and will be missed by us all.



He leaves a son, Wm. K., Jr., in Fortuna, California, and three grandchildren, Billy-Jo, and Mark, and Margaret Ann. Beside Mrs. Lake he leaves another sister, Mrs. Wm. Appleman of Easton, Pa.

Mrs. Lake writes that just before he left for California to visit his son he was presented with his 50th year Masonic pin. His visit to California prevented his attendance at the Reunion last July.

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We also have lost another of our founders in the death, Jan. 2, 1963 of Mrs. George S. Dufford of Plainfield, N.J.. She had just passed her 97th birthday. She was "Mother" to Mrs. F. J. Moren, Mrs. L. R. Logan and your editor, grandmother to six, and great grandmother to 11. She had resided in Plainfield for 72 years.

She was a school teacher in her youth when her father, Ruliff Swackhamer, was superintendent of Schools for Hunterdon County. She was a sister of Samuel S. Swackhamer who was a well known attorney in Plainfield, and Judge Austin H. Swackhamer, of Woodbury, N.J. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Alfred Emmons, N. Plainfield, N.J.

When Mr. Dufford organized the Dufford Reunion it was held at the old farm and Mrs. Dufford was hostess for several years. Later he organized the Swackhamer Reunion whose meetings were held at the Presbyterian Church at Long Valley. Later, since the families were so closely allied, the two Reunions joined.

In all those years Mrs. Dufford missed just two Reunions, once when floods made it impossible to get to the Church, and last year when she was not able to attend. Always an independent person, her dependence upon others indicated failing health. Mrs. Moren describes her passing so beautifully "There was no pain, no shock. It was like the gentle closing of a book which has been read."

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The Dufford family has also suffered another loss in the passing of Matilda Kregar Dufford, 84, wife of Edwin Dufford, of Gladstone, N.J. Feb. 12, 1963, at the home of her daughter.

Mrs. Dufford was born in Bunnvale and had lived all of her life in the Somerset Hills.

Beside her husband she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Freida Tribilcock, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Hattie Dufford Hoede, of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. Wilma Meyer, of Hollywood, Fla., 7 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

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Mr. Leonard Brotzman, of Binghamton, N.Y. sends us a clipping about the death of one of our upper New York State cousins.

Mrs. Margaret Swackhamer, 95, 317 Myrtle St., Vestal, N.Y., died at Binghamton Hospital after a long illness.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Helen Shelp, Vestal; Edgar Swackhamer, of Vestal, and Morris Swackhamer, of Paterson, N.J., 25 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

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#### HAPPIER NOTES

From Annette Wert Dorfman we learn that a son, Michael Christie Wert was born January 15, 1963. His parents are Barbara and William G. Wert, son of Ben Wert. Annette and her husband Herbert Dorfman were Godparents at the christening on February 24, (Lutheran).

Herbert is doing research work on satellites, and she gave a recital for her piano pupils the first week in June.



A letter from our secretary reached us just after the last Bulletin has been mailed. It contained the news that her son, George Lester Alpaugh and Patricia Ann Biedleman were married on June 23, 1962 at the Reformed Church at High Bridge, N.J.

Her other son, Warren Alan Alpaugh had entered Upsala College, East Orange, N.J.

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Robert Wayne Garner, son of Constance Dufford and Billy O. Garner was born Dec. 1, 1962 at Graham, N.C.. Their first child, Debra Ann is now two and a half years old.

Constance Dufford is a daughter of Mr. & Mrs. G. Chester Dufford of Birmingham, Alabama.

Their son, Chester, graduated from Shades Valley High School in May, and is now working for the summer. He enters Auburn University this fall and hopes for an appointment to Annapolis next year. Congressman Huddleston had two appointments this year and Chester was number four on his list. This was learned through the Board of Acceptance at Annapolis. Chester is just seventeen, so a year in college will help.

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We wrote Mrs. Chester Dufford asking for her views on the racial situation in Birmingham, and you might be interested in her reply. "We live in a suburb of Birmingham and, frankly, if we didn't listen to the news on TV, etc. we would never know anything unpleasant occurred downtown. We have quite a bit of company from New York State and New Jersey, and in all our sightseeing trips the only thing our guests observed of the racial situation was a few extra policemen around. All of our visitors without exception have commented on how exaggerated the news articles were; and also went on to rave about the miles and miles of beautiful homes and how beautifully they were maintained. I am speaking now of the smallest to the largest homesights. We personally never discuss the situation with our employees, both white and Negroes, but of course we do hear stories from others. One, I think, from two different parts of town might be of interest - Mothers who were working, of which there are many, were upset when they discovered school busses that were transporting their children (colored) to school were stopped and "Outside" Negroes threatened bodily harm if every child didn't get off and MARCH in demonstration.

Of course, it is hard for us not to resent this sort of interference. After all, the largest Negro highschool in the south is in Birmingham, and an accredited Negro college is also here. For years we have been pleased that a four hundred thousand dollar, most modern Negro motel is located only four blocks from our busiest downtown intersection. One of our several residential areas, completely Negro, contains homes starting at \$35,000.

Most families in this area feel that Birmingham has recently been "the target of the day politically" and seem to think that in a very short time other cities and areas will face problems more complex than we have had. Frankly, our concern as citizens over the racial situation in our nation's capital has greatly outweighed the density of our local problems." FOOD FOR THOUGHT?

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OUR OLDEST MEMBER, Mrs. Augusta Dufford, (Aunt Gussie) is wonderful for her age. She still gets around with a walker, has a good appetite and waits on herself most of the time. Remember, she will be 101 years young in September.



The Rev. Edward Conklin has been transferred from Wesley Methodist Church in South Plainfield to the Methodist Church in Somerville, N.J. He did such a wonderful job building the South Plainfield Church it seems too bad not to be able to stay longer and enjoy it.

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A note from Mrs. Howard Lewis of Passaic, N.J. says she is home from the hospital after another operation, this time for post operative hernia, the result of the operation she had last summer about this time. Those of you who attended the Reunion last year will remember we all signed and sent a "get well" card. She is recovering nicely and hopes to be able to get to the Reunion again this year.

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Our ex-president, Norman Dufford, of Livingston, N.J. has been in and out of the hospital for nearly a year, suffering with some form of bone trouble which doctors have had quite a time to identify. However, we understand he is improving, and we all hope he soon gets back to normal.

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One of our best "reporters", Mrs. Ella M. Dorn, of Chicago, has passed her 87th birthday and is in fairly good health. However, she reports that her granddaughter, Joan, who has been diabetic for several years, has had to lose her left foot and leg below the knee. However, she is working with an artificial limb, but so far has not quite mastered it.

Mrs. Dorn is very much interested in the Indians, and sends me some very interesting clippings about the doings of the Indians around Chicago. May I quote from one which came yesterday:

"I've just come back from an Indian reservation in Arizona where I visited a girl we sponsored. These Indians were the first Americans, owners of all that we call the United States, but they are certainly the most segregated Americans in the United States today.

Not only are their schools segregated, they live segregated in utter desolation.-----I suggest that all Negroes who feel under-privileged be taken on a tour of Indian reservations. Perhaps then they will see that they are not the forsaken Americans and will realize all the benefits they have".

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#### RECOVERIES

Mrs. Donald Linster, of No. Plainfield, has recovered from a broken ankle, suffered in November.

Mr. W. J. Moren has recovered from a fall which cracked three ribs.

Mrs. Morgan Heede suffered a stroke while in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mrs. Howard Robinson, of Chester, N.J., fell on the ice in February and broke an arm.

Mrs. R. B. Rittenhouse, of Clifton, N.J. underwent surgery just before Christmas, and has recovered and visited her daughter in Florida.

Mrs. Howard Lewis wrote just before Christmas that her son David had been in the hospital from Dec. 1-6 for X-rays. These showed ulcer. David is 10 years old. We hope to see him again at the Reunion.



You will note that all of these recoveries should have been in the Winter Bulletin. Sorry, they did not reach us in time.

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A card from Miss Marian Henry, Loveland, Colo. to Mr. Moren with her contribution to the Bulletin, said she expected to spend Christmas with her brother, Mr. Laurimer Henry, at Kankakee, Ill..

A letter, also to Mr. Moren, with enclosure, from Mr. Byron F. Swackhamer, of Haddon Heights, N.J. says that he and Mrs. Swackhamer and two other couples have been visiting many historical places in Southern New Jersey. Now they plan to visit historical places in Northern N. J., such as Morristown.

(Why don't you come to the Reunion, which is in Morris County, of which Morristown is the county seat, Mr. and Mrs. Swackhamer. We have some historical places in Long Valley, where your ancestor landed in 1730)

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#### OUR YOUNGER GROUP

Two clippings came to us in April about Becky Dufford, 9, of Erie, Pa., who is the 1963 poster girl for the American Cancer Society. Becky is the daughter of Rev. Clair O. Dufford, a Lutheran minister, of Erie.

"I must be very lucky. I was cured of cancer and I met the President".

She had not only met the President, but took away his autograph, "To Becky from her friend Kennedy". She gave President Kennedy the American Cancer Society's certificate of recognition of his support for volunteer agencies and his help toward cancer control. Then she attended the luncheon, kickoff of a fund-raising drive, and sat at the big head table with a lot of grownup VIPs.

Becky leads the cancer crusade this year because she was cured of internal cancer. Becky does not remember much about it because her illness was diagnosed when she was 11 months old and she was declared cured of neuroblastoma, a tumor that affected her spine.

The little girl who symbolizes thousands cured of cancer spoke at the formal ceremonies at the White House in a voice so low she could hardly be heard, but when it was over she forgot her nervousness and said "I liked it."

She and the President who has a little daughter of his own got along fine. Mr. Kennedy took her into a room adjoining his office after the ceremonies and presented her with a gold bracelet with a charm depicting a PT boat in a blue ocean. He also gave Becky a pen for herself and one each for her married sisters. He not only signed her autograph book, but gave her an autographed picture of himself as well. Becky's father joined the anti-cancer crusade as a volunteer worker after his first wife died of the disease.

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On April 7th, in Florida, we were watching Ted Mack's Amateur Hour which was being broadcast from Miami. A very delightful young lady named Mary Jane Swackhamer appeared as a Baton Twirler. We never did learn how she rated, but she was good.

#### TRAVELERS

A beautiful Christmas card reached us in Florida, from Ella and Charles Ford. It was one they had brought back from Sweden on their trip to Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Germany last summer. They say they enjoyed Denmark most, where they spent ten days in Copenhagen. They brought home a Mercedes Benz.

We missed seeing them in Florida this winter. They called and we missed them by about 10 minutes. Then illness kept us from visiting them at their lovely home in Dunedin.



We have word that Mrs. John Hargreaves expects to leave for Germany soon, to visit her daughter and grandchildren, Mrs. Richard Wilson and children who have joined Richard in Germany where he is serving in the Army.

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Miss Wendy Harriman is visiting a school friend in LaCanada, California. We expect her back about August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dufford, of Lynchburg, Va., have been visiting New Jersey and have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pierson, of Morristown. Russell has quite recovered from the heart attack he had last year, but has been having asthmatic trouble.

We do wish they would come north later next time, so they can attend the Reunion. We would all be so glad to see them.

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The Elijah Dufford farm at Middle Valley, N.J. has finally changed hands. It has taken the heirs 17 years and three lawyers to clear the title, but it finally has been done and the old farm where the Dufford Reunion originated has gone.

This farm, as a great many of you know, was part of the Estate of George Dufford who willed everything to the third generation. This is no longer legal.

A very sharp real estate operator fooled a great many of the heirs to the old will by sending out quit claim deeds and offering anywhere from \$25.00 to \$100.00 for their signatures. Those who responded thought they were helping settle one of the parcels under the will and accepted. In the final settlement this cost the Elijah Dufford heirs several thousand dollars, and cost the buyer three times as much. SO --

TAKE WARNING - If anyone sends you a quit claim deed to any piece of property, make sure it comes from the office of the lawyers settling the estate.

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The Lawrence Dufford farm, another of these parcels, has also been sold.

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YOUR EDITOR would like to be relieved of the responsibility of the Bulletin.

Each time I mention this I am told "there is no one else who can do it, for no one knows the family as well as you do." Getting to know the family has been a rewarding experience, but I did not know them all when I took charge, and I am sure that someone in the next generation could and should take over. They should get to know their own generation. They also would find it a rewarding experience.

I should like to see the change made while I am still able to help out.  
PLEASE FIND A NEW EDITOR.

Eliza Dufford Harriman,  
Editor