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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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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

At every Reunion we are delighted to renew acquaintance with old friends and we are happy that always someone who has never been before finds a welcome.

It is a happy experience to make the pilgrimage to this lovely valley. How long it will stay lovely is a question, for the city dwellers of New York are eating away at the farms, turning broad pastures into small lots and their homes. However, much remains unchanged and many improvements are being made on ancient landmarks.

We had a beautiful day, a little warm, but the walls of the two hundred year old Lutheran Church offered cool comfort. Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Moren were there early to prepare for the day and provided our appetites with coffee, ice cream and cake. The guest speaker Dr. Kenn Rhodda-Stryker spoke interestingly about "Enjoying your Ancestors".

There were two things I wish our people would do: Send in your genealogical lines to Mrs. Harriman so that they can be filed away with the rest of our records. This is important for future generations will be searching for their lines and you are the only ones that can help them. Second. Send us names of people you know who are related to the Dufford-Swackhamer lines.

I had a few minutes in the airport at Idlewild the other day and spent it looking through the telephone directories of the country. I was amazed at the names listed there of both families.

This organization has a two fold purpose - to meet once a year for fellowship and a visit to the habitat of the original settlers - and to gather genealogical materials of these two important families. Our cultural and social patterns of life are changing so rapidly that now is the time to do this.

Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, President

Thomas Arthur Swackhamer - 1879 - 1963, father of our President, died August 18, 1963 at the age of 84. He was buried in the White Oak Cemetery, Henry County, Missouri, two miles from the home where he was born - the son of Jacob Jackson and Harriett Clinton Swackhamer. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Urich, Mo., three sons, Dr. T. C. Swackhamer, of Stamford, Conn., O. C. Swackhamer, of Tarkio, Mo., R. E. Swackhamer, of Jefferson City, Mo., and two daughters, Mrs. Wilbur Hupp, Jr., of Marshall, Mo., and Mrs. Joseph McDonald, of St. Paul, Minn.

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GENEALOGY

Swackhamers in Nevada
Children of OWEN SWACKHAMER, brother to Thomas Arthur Swackhamer.

BRUCE, married Delfina Belaustegui. They have 6 children -

1. Penny, 23. She is teaching in Spain; spent Christmas and New Year in London and plans on working in Austria next year during the Olympics. Her mother's family is Spanish-Basque.
2. Camille, who is Mrs. Michael Mariluch. They have a baby son about a year old and live in Battle Mountain, Nevada.
3. Consuello, who is in Junior High School.
4. Natalie (Nicky), 12 years old.
5. Stephanie, who is 10 years old.
6. Paul is 6 and in first grade.

Bruce, along with Bill and Dick, run the business their father started.

BILL is number 2 in the family. Beside being in business with the other boys he also owns a motel, and is very active in the Democratic Party in Nevada, being Dean of the Assembly of the State Legislature. He is married to Joyce and they have no children.

HARRIET, No. 3 is married to Alton Poulin. They also live in Battle Mountain. She keeps books for the boys and her husband owns a new Union Station. They have no children.

ROMA, No. 4. Taught school before her marriage to Homer Hensler, from Ada, Okla., where they live with their son Barry and an adopted son, Paul. He has a drug store.

DICK and I, (LEAH) are next in line and are twins.

Dick is married to Joann and they have two girls.

I am married to Herbert Chiara and we live in Carson City.

Herb is Elementary Supervisor for the Ormsby County Schools, where he has 6 grammar schools and one junior high. We have three children - Chris, 9, and Delaney, 7, and Goeffry, 3½.

PAUL and NATALIE both passed away.

Miss Eleanor Romaine, of Chatham, N.J. attended the Reunion in July for the first time. She is the great granddaughter of Eliza Swackhamer, b. Mar. 23, 1830 - d. Jan. 24, 1910, married to Daniel Heath Powelson, and lived in Pluckemin, N.J. She had a brother, Rulif, b. Nov. 24, 1819.

Eliza was the daughter of Rulif Swackhamer, b. Sept. 8, 1787, d. Apr. 20, 1846 and Mary Schomp. b. Dec. 31, 1790, d. July 23, 1859.

Rulif was the son of Conrad Swackhamer, Jr., b. Nov. 30, 1753, d. Sept. 19, 1831.

Conrad, Jr., was the son of Conrad Swackhamer, Sr., b. 1720, d. Aug. 1812, whose father was the original Samuel, b. 1700, d. Feb. 3, 1782.

The second son of Conrad Swackhamer, Jr., was Samuel, b. 1783, d. 1850.

Married Sarah Smith; lived in Readington, N.J. Had children:

Mary, b. 1800 - Elijah - Katherine - Conrad, b. 1814 - Rulif, b. 1816, d. 1904 - George - John - Eliza, who died at 18 unmarried.

Rulif married Jane Loree June 29, 1848. Their children were Sarah - Emma - Austin - Samuel - Maria - David - Hattie - Frank - Bessie - Bertha.

At the moment Miss Romaine is working on papers for membership in the Huguenot Society on the Tunison or DeNyse lines.

A letter from Mr. C. Robert Brown of Morristown, N.J. informs us that he had just received the official approval and certificate of membership in the Huguenot Society.

He has become so interested in the genealogy of the DuFord (Dufford) family that he is making it a study, and has found some interesting data.

Dr. Rhodda-Stryker, our speaker at the Reunion in July said the boat on which our ancestors arrived was the "Robert & Alice" instead of Robert & Oliver, as noted in Dr. Chambers' "Early Germans".

So, Mr. Brown started to check and found that not only was this true, but the names of our own were Philip and Jacob instead of Philip, Sr., and Philip, Jr., as their names are very clearly written on all three lists - the Captain's List, the Oath of Allegiance list and the Abjuration List. The surname is spelled differently on each one, "Tofort", "Toffer" and "Thiffort", but the Christian names are Philip and Jacob on all three. However, on one list, Jacob is listed as "Jacob, Jr.". The books from which this information came contained not only printed lists but also actual photographed reproductions of the lists, and very clear ones, too.

Mr. Brown also found that on October 27, 1764, the ship "Hero" landed in Philadelphia from Rotterdam and Cowes, England, and one of the passengers was a Jacob Duffordt". This man signed his own name, and there is some question as to whether there is a "t" at the end.

Mr. Brown is going into these matters very thoroughly and would like any help he can get, for instance, he would like copies of any family bible records, or other family records which might help. So, if you have anything of this kind, please copy it carefully and send to Mr. C. Robert Brown, 38 Valley View Drive, Morristown, N.J.

As soon as Mr. Brown has completed and condensed his findings we will print them in the Bulletin.

BULLETINS RETURNED

Mrs. Forrest Campbell, Short Hills, N.J. (marked MOVED)

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. A. Tester, Long Valley, N.J. " "

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Van Heusen, 897 New York Ave., Brooklyn, N.J. (marked MOVED)

Can any one help us to find these people?

HELP!!

We have requests from the N.J. Historical Society, the Genealogical Society of N.J. and the Washington Township Historical Society for complete files of our Bulletins. We also need a copy or two for our own files.

We need 4 copies Winter, 1953 (January)

2 copies January, 1954

4 copies July 1956.

We have sent off incomplete sets, but would like to be able to supply those Bulletins which are missing. Can you help? If so, please send whatever of the needed copies you have to:

Mrs. C. L. Harriman

18 Hillandale Road, Westport, Conn.

In the last Bulletin we reported the death of Mrs. Edwin Dufford, of Gladstone, N.J. We are indebted to her daughter Hattie (Mrs. Morgan Heede) for the following tribute from her three daughters.

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"She always leaned to watch for us, anxious if we were late;
 In the winter at the window, in the summer at the gate.
 Tho we mocked her tenderly, who had such foolish care,
 The long way home would seem more safe because she waited there.
 Her thoughts were all so full of us, she never could forget.
 And so I think that where she is she must be watching yet;
 Waiting 'til we come home to her, anxious if we are late;
 Watching from Heaven's window, leaning from Heaven's gate."

Hattie has also sent us the following family news:

Mr. Edwin Dufford celebrated his 87th birthday in August by supervising a cook-out from his armchair on the back porch.

He lives with his daughter Freida Tribilcock in Gladstone, N.J. Many members of the family joined in best wishes as he cut the birthday cake. The guest of honor was Mr. H. Payson Dufford, of East Orange, whom he had not seen in 30 years.

The Heedes moved from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. in April, to Elmwood Ave., Union, N.J., sharing the house with their daughter, Mrs. Janet Paust and granddaughter, Dana.

By the way, they celebrated their 6th wedding anniversary by a trip to Pennsylvania, where they visited relatives.

Mrs. Paust has recuperated from surgery on both eyes, and has returned to business. Her little daughter, Dana, was convalescing at the same time from the result of having been struck by a car in front of their home.

Mrs. Heede's oldest daughter, Carolyn Maspari, is busy capturing the beauty of the autumn foliage on canvas from the windows of her home on Mountain Ave. Scotch Plains, N.J. She is the mother of three and a member of several civic organizations, but still finds time to express her talent.

Wilma and Henry Meyer arrive in New York Nov. 7 after an 8 months tour of Europe. A homecoming party will be held for them at the Oyster Bay Restaurant in Jersey City. After a visit with the family in Union and Gladstone they will leave for their home in Florida in time to spend Thanksgiving with their own children and seven grandchildren.

We understand that Henry has taken many pictures all over Europe which should prove interesting to all of us. Perhaps he will bring them to the Reunion next summer and show them.

Marcie and Clarence Miller have purchased and remodeled a charming Spanish type house at 1446 Jackson St., Hollywood, Fla. They and their four children are enjoying their new home.

Carson and Mary Meyer have moved into their new home at 143 Ramie St. Port St. Lucie, Fla. Carson designed the house and supervised the building, assisted by young Michael and Steven. Little Julie Ann arrived shortly after they moved into their new home.

Dorothy and Ted Glover purchased and remodeled a homey place on Madison St. in Hackettstown, N.J., adding a soda and snack bar opening right on their front porch. It is very convenient to a grade school on the next corner. Debby and young Ted are quite adept at turning hamburgers and hot dogs during their free time from school.

No free time for the George Hartmanns at their new home at the shore. They have added three twigs to the family tree in a rush. Little Gregory is just two years old. The twin brothers were a year old in June. They have an older brother and sister.

The Edwin Tribilcocks have moved into a first floor apartment on Main St., in Bedminster, where they have plenty of play space for their two sons. Bucky is in the first grade and Mark has started Kindergarten.

Congratulations are in order for our Edwin Dufford branch of the family tree. From three daughters, he has 22 great grandchildren.

Aunt Linda White is ill at the home of her daughter Mae Lance in Washington, N. J. She has suffered a series of strokes. She was a Suydam and a sister to Edwin Dufford's mother.

TOO LATE FOR THE SUMMER BULLETIN

From Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble, LaJolla, Calif. July 13. "We have just returned from the Philippines where I represented Fairleigh Dickinson University at the inauguration of General Carlos P. Romulo as the new president of the University of the Philippines. My role was to present the "Collier" symbol of the L.L.D. degree at the commencement day exercises."

From Mrs. J. I. Lake, Lake Monroe, Fla.

We are sorry not to be able to attend the Reunion this year. We may get up North in September since some of our family there will be unable to come down here. It will be our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We have a son in California, but since he has a very responsible position with N.A.A. and is connected with the Minuteman missile, he possibly will not be able to be with us. CONGRATULATIONS! (A letter just in from Mrs. Lake says they did come north in September and had a wonderful time. Stayed a month.)

Mrs. Leon Swackhamer, of Tucson, Arizona, July 11. She sends us a "few family items"

They have some more grandchildren and a great granddaughter.

Their oldest daughter, Mary Jane Swackhamer and her husband, Raymond Hunsinger and their fifth child, the second daughter, February 17, 1962, named Lisa Jane.

Their youngest daughter, Marilyn and her husband, N. Fitch, had their third son, Adam Ira, born Feb. 21, 1962, and their first daughter, Kelly Jane, born April 7, 1963.

Their granddaughter, Dawna Jean, daughter of Leon, Jr., was married to Terry Ellenberger, Jan. 25, 1962 and have a daughter, Katherine Renee born April 23, 1963.

Their son, Leon, Jr., will complete 20 years in submarine service in August, 1963. He is a Torpedo Man Chief (T.M.C.) and stationed at San Diego. They get to see him about every 6 weeks since they are only 426 miles away.

OUR OLDEST MEMBER

Aunt Gussie Dufford passed her 101st birthday on September 29. She had had an accident earlier in the month - had fallen and sprained her shoulder, which confined her to her room for a short time. Mrs. Elsie Birch and Rev. Chas. L. Zeigler, Jr., the new Pastor of the Lutheran Church, called on her around the 1st of October and found her much better, and seemed very happy to see her Pastor. Isn't she a marvel? We hope she has many more birthdays.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Dr. C. S. Trimmer informs us that his daughter Mary, Mrs. Raleigh Spinks, has moved from Philadelphia. They are now living at 88 Elm St., Park Forest, Ill., and have added to the family roster. Ruth Lida Spinks was born April 21, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dufford are in their new home 528 Hayes Drive, Lynchburg, Va. Russell has gotten over his heart attack but has to be careful.

Mrs. L. R. Logan and daughter Gail have moved from the old home in Plainfield, to Lamington Road, Whitehouse, N.J.

Mrs. Logan has very recently announced the engagement of her daughter, Gail, to Anthony Peter Keefer, son of Mrs. R. P. Keefer, of Pleasantville, N.Y. They are planning a January wedding, and will reside in Tulsa, Oklahoma where Anthony has been sent as a sales representative by the National Starch & Chemical Co. of Plainfield, N.J.

Gail is a graduate of Keystone Junior College, La Plume, Pa., and is a secretary at Ethicon, Inc., of Somerville.

OUR SICK LIST

Mrs. Elizabeth Swackhamer (Milton's mother) has suffered a stroke and is in the hospital at the Garden Nursing Home, Pursel St., Phillipsburg, N.J. She was 94 in October, and seems to be improving nicely.

Mrs. Chas. B. Green, of N. Plainfield, N.J. has recovered from a gall bladder attack.

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer, of Acton, Ontario is recovering from a slight stroke and was able to write us. He says Mrs. Swackhamer's health seems somewhat better.

Miss D. Frances Paine, of Bartlesville, Okla. suffered a broken hip some time ago. A letter dated Oct. 1 says that three weeks previously she had undergone surgery on the hip in which they had inserted a steel ball, but she was now at home and catching up with correspondence.

In January Miss Paine sent us a clipping from the "Hennessey Clipper", Hennessey, Okla., dated Dec. 13, 1962 about the death of an uncle, Walter D. Pain, 89 who died Dec. 11.

Mr. Pain was born Jan. 3, in Missouri and moved to Hennessey in 1889. Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Albert Rottger; a sister, Mrs. Nellie B. Connor, Dallas, Texas; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

We have word of the death of Amos P. Swackhamer, 82, of Struble, Rockaway Township, La. Mr. Swackhamer died Jan. 21, 1963 at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. & Mrs. Harry Struble, where he has lived for the past 8 years.

He is also survived by another daughter, Miss Cora Swackhamer, of Madison; three sons, Roy of Ironia; Elmer, of Morris Plains, and Donald, of Lyons; a brother, Matthias of Morris Plains; seven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

A native of Pleasant Hill, he was a life long resident of Morris County and was a retired painter and decorator.

We also have word of the death of Mrs. Edna Swackhamer Bolles, 74, July 5, 1963 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Olin, Montrose, Pa.

Mrs. Bolles was a native of Auburn Township, Susquehanna County and the daughter of John and Sarah Luella Gardner Swackhamer. She was the widow of Ray J. Bolles who died in 1959.

Surviving, in addition to her daughter, are three sons; John, of Montrose, Raymond of Dunedin, Fla, Lee Bolles of Norwich, N.J.; 1 grandson, John Ray Bolles; eight granddaughters, Jacqueline, Barbara, Natalie, Miriam and Suzanne Olin; Patricia, Deborah and Brenda Bolles.

Another death, nearer home, came to our attention.

Jennie Sharp Trimmer, 89, widow of Dr. Edwin D. Trimmer, of High Bridge, N.J. passed away on Oct. 5, 1963. She had been ill a long time. She is survived by two sons, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

HAPPIER NOTES:

A letter from Mr. Frank D. Henry, Kankakee, Ill., who, with his wife attended a Reunion before, writes that they had planned some time before, to come back to visit us again, but their own immediate family had made complete arrangements for the family to gather at Lakeside, Ohio, on Lake Erie, for a full week. They had rented a ten room place, so it would be available to whoever could come. There are six in his generation, and most of them have children and grandchildren, stretched, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, so they are not worried but that the temporary headquarters will be used. They planned to go for four days of the period and take along several of our grandchildren who live in a Chicago suburb.

A brother, George Andrew Henry, was stricken with a stroke three weeks before he wrote the letter. We hope Mr. George Henry is fully recovered by now.

We also hope the Reunion was a complete success, and that next year some of the family will attend our Reunion.

In talking with Mrs. Homer Wieder (Alice Ramsey) of Plainfield, we learn that their older son, Homer Wieder, Jr., has been made Director of Development at Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. where they moved on Sept. 1st.

Bruce Wieder, the second son, is attending Lebanon Valley College after his stint in Germany.

Mrs. John Hargreaves returned from Germany early in October. She had been visiting the Richard Wilsons. Richard is serving in the Army there and Bonnie presented him with another daughter, Lisa, in February. Mrs. Hargreaves was delighted with her new granddaughter, and had a wonderful visit.

Mrs. Fred'k Birch, has reported that the Lutheran Church at Long Valley has a new Pastor, Rev. Charles L. Ziegler, Jr., who was installed Sept. 29, 1963.

Mr. Ziegler is a native of Moorestown, N.J. where he resided with his parents. He attended public schools there and went on to Gettysburg College and the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary where he was graduated in May. His ordination took place in St. John's Lutheran Church, Ocean City, N.J. during the second annual convention of the New Jersey Synod, Lutheran Church of America.

He is a direct descendant of Martin Luther.

Mr. Farris S. Swackhamer, of Cranford, N.J. has resigned as director of Shell Chemical Co.'s technical service laboratories at Union, to become a full time associate professor in chemistry of Union Junior College.

Mr. Swackhamer, who has published nine papers on chemical marketings and customer technical service, joined Shell in 1948 after three years with American Cyanamid Co., Stamford, Conn. as a research chemist and technical representative in the field of organic intermediates.

An amateur ornithologist, Mr. Swackhamer writes a column about birds for several New Jersey newspapers, and is a volunteer observer for the States Bureau of Sports Fisheries and wildlife. He also is a member of the North Eastern Bird Banding Assn., New Jersey and National Audubon Societies, the Cooper Ornithological Society and the American Ornithologists Union.

In civic life he has been chairman of the Cranford Juvenile Conference Committee for nine years, an instructor in the Union County Police Training Academy for five years and a teacher in the Cranford Adult School and the U.J.C. Institute. He has been assisting the Police Department since 1956 in the chemical aspect of its program on drunken drivers. He was elected in 1961 for his first three year term on the township committee.

Mrs. E. W. Swackhamer, Sr., writes that her son James, from Whitehouse Station, N.J. has been very ill with pneumonia and pleuresy. He is fully recovered now, tho not strong. It takes time.

Her son Egbert is doing very well for a new, young director. He is directing the new Glynis series of T.V. shows on CBS Wednesday at 8:30. This is a Desi-Lu production.

He and his family spent a most enjoyable day with Gladys Swackhamer, of Santa Barbara California.

Eight finalists at the 4-H Fashion Show held at the Morris County Fair participated in the State Fashion Show at the Berkeley-Carteret Hotel, Asbury Park, included Miss Doris Dufford, J.H. 12s, of Flanders, N.J. The garments modeled are projects of their club.

TRAVELERS

Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Blank, St. Petersburg, Fla., flew to Peru last winter for a long visit with their daughter, Marjorie Smith, who has a gift shop in Iquitos. There were astonished at the primitive life they found there, but enjoyed their visit.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Caskey of North Plainfield, N.J. spent part of their vacation in North Carolina and Virginia.

Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Moren took their annual fall trip to Vermont this year to enjoy the foliage.

The Lloyd Morens are back from Lake Winnepesaukee where they spent two weeks with Ruth's parents, Mr. & Mrs. George Weigand. Ricky and Gary came back with them after the whole summer at the Lake.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben White of Morristown, N.J. took their children Melinda and David on a trip to London. They left July 12 and were due back August 13th. From London they took bus tours through England, and enjoyed the trip very much.

In late August my husband and I took a trip to Maine and New Brunswick, Canada. We visited his relatives in Maine. We crossed over into Canada at St. Stephens on the Bay of Fundy, and followed it to the St. Johns River, through St. George, St. Johns and on up the River to Moncton. We saw some fabulous sights and met some wonderful people. Of all the rivers we have seen in the States, we thought the Penobscot, in Maine, the most beautiful until we traveled along the St. Johns up to Woodstock. I do not have words to describe the beauty of that trip. From there we crossed back to the States and came down through Bangor, across Maine to New Hampshire and the White Mountains, then to Vermont and so back home. There was just enough change in the foliage standing out against the evergreens, to make many beautiful pictures, and we had gone off without a camera.

Our Wendy came back from California in mid August after a very happy sojourn. She is ecstatic about California and is already planning to go back next summer.

Donald has been taking sailing lessons and won three races for beginners with a catamaran. The motor boat seems to have lost its appeal.

We are getting inquiries about lineage data from the mid-west. Mrs. V.A.T. Albright, of Bedford, Indiana, would like some information about the Skinner connection with both the Duffords and Swackhamers.

Mrs. Robert W. Shoemaker, Sr., of Anderson, Indiana, has been searching for her husband's Dufford (Tufford) connections in the east. She has sent us some data about the Tuffords, who moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio. This may be the connection we have been looking for, and I am sending her letter on to Mr. Gunther.

REUNION

Our President has told you about the Reunion in July. It was a very hot day, but, as he says, it was quite comfortable indoors, especially when we went into the Church to listen to our speaker.

Since the Reunion, we have had suggestions from several members of the family that next year we do not have a speaker, which will give us more time to visit with family members whom we only see once a year at the Reunion.

We would appreciate your ideas on the subject.

FROM YOUR EDITOR

We are planning to leave for Florida around November 15th. Mother's house at 675 W. Front St. is being sold, and as soon as the deed is passed we will be free to leave.

May I take this means of saying "THANK YOU" to the many correspondents who have helped to make this Bulletin possible. In our rush to get to Florida before the cold weather sets in, it would be difficult to find time to write you personally.

GREETINGS

Your officers wish you a very good Thanksgiving, and we all have so much to be thankful for - a Merry Christmas - and a very happy and prosperous New Year.

ELIZA D. HARRIMAN,

Editor