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FOR

The descendents of Samuel Schwackhamer (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

Time flies faster than a weaver's shuttle. It seems just last month that we gathered in Long Valley for the Reunion, and it will soon be time to go again. It is a pleasant experience to anticipate.

One of the things I had planned to do this winter was to go into New York and study the telephone directories for the country for Dufford and Swackhamer names and addresses. One day I took a brief look and found that there are many such names listed in various states. But, alas, time has gone by and I have not done it. There are many people who would be interested in this genealogical association if they knew about it, and would be able to give some valuable and interesting genealogical data.

It is highly important that all who have not sent in all of their family history to the Bulletin editor do so now. This will make helpful research material for people a hundred years from now who are digging around in the records for family history. The simple and rural character of American life is about gone. Our ways are changing rapidly. We need to make our records of families now.

Speaking of change, we visited the New York's World Fair and were amazed at the modern and future world displayed there. The only familiar thing in the whole Fair was the people. It is the same old humanity - impatient, hungry and thirsty, push and inquisitive. If you could combine a trip to the World's Fair and the Reunion in Long Valley on Saturday, July 25th you will find an interesting contrast. The valley is peaceful and rural and sleepy. The last century and the early part of this century is in evidence and the people are the cream of the crop.

Thomas Cecil Swackhamer

Our President also reports that his mother, Mrs. Thomas A. Swackhamer is still living in the smaller house she and Mr. Swackhamer moved into in Urich, Missouri, before his death.

Another family note -

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDonald, of St. Paul, Minnesota, have a young son, Douglas Mark McDonald. Mrs. McDonald is our President's sister.

Our President and Mrs. Swackhamer have just moved into the new Parsonage at 16 Akbar Road, Stamford, Conn.

WINTER BULLETINS RETURNED:

Mrs. Nan S. Miller, Clinton, Mo.

Mr. John S. Dufford, Jr., 3825 Greenbrier Dr., Dallas, Texas

Mr. J. Roy Dufford, Morrisville, Pa.

Mr. William C. Dufford, 69 Ganung Drive, Ossining, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sammond, 125 Wicks Lane, Malverne, L. I., New York

Can any one help us find these people?

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DEATH OF OUR "OLDEST MEMBER"

We are sorry to have to report the death of Mrs. Laura Augusta Dufford, of Middle Valley, N.J., who had passed her 101st birthday in September. She died November 23, 1963, a day after President Kennedy's death. She had cherished the congratulatory letter she received from him on her 100th birthday.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Philhower and the last of 12 children.

Her grandfather built the first school in the area in 1826, donating the land and the building. The school, known as the Philhower School was staffed by teachers hired by farmers in the area.

Mrs. Dufford settled on the 150 acre farm with her husband, Andred Dufford in 1884, where she was still living with two sons, Andrew and E. Halsey Dufford. Surviving, beside her two sons, are four daughters, Mrs. James Crystel, of Middle Valley, Mrs. Myron Gano, of Pattenberg, Mrs. George Nobman, of Roselle and Mrs. Homer Lyman, of Point Pleasant, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Another member of her family, Mr. George Nobman, of Roselle, N.J., husband of Esther Dufford Nobman (Aunt Augusta's daughter) passed away on March 21, at his home in Roselle.

Mr. Nobman was a signalman for the Jersey Central R.R. for 48 years. He leaves his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Charles P. Conover of Gladstone and Miss Ruth E. Nobman, at home, and two grandsons.

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We have a letter from Mrs. Wm. N. Cramer, Morris Plains, N.J. telling us of the death of her husband, William Nelson Cramer, March 18, 1963. Mrs. Cramer asks that we please remember them in our prayers.

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We also have word of the death of Mary, Mrs. Frank L. Swackhamer, of Irvington, N.J., January 25, 1964. Mrs. Swackhamer was the mother of Frank Everett Swackhamer, also of Irvington, grandmother of one grandson and great grandmother to three children.

I believe that both Mr. Frank L. Swackhamer and Everett Swackhamer were presidents of the Swackhamer Reunion.

Mrs. Swackhamer had been ill for a long time, but up until her illness she was a regular attendant at the Reunion.

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We have also learned of the death of Jennie Swackhamer Hummer, South Plainfield, N.J., on December 25, 1962. She was the wife of Mr. Peter Hummer, 1088 Sherman Avenue, Plainfield, N.J.

Mrs. Hummer was born in Whitehouse, daughter of Peter K. and Mary A. Swackhamer. A sister, Miss Anna Mary Swackhamer, who died in 1959 had lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hummer.

The only survivor, other than Mr. Hummer, is a nephew, Elmer S. Reger, 19 Maxal Drive, Greenbrook Township, N.J.

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Word has just reached us that Mrs. Mary Daggett MacArthur, of Whitehouse, N.J. passed away June 1 at the Union Forge Nursing Home where she had been a patient for ten days, previous to which she had been a patient at the Hunterdon Medical Center for three weeks.

Mrs. MacArthur was born on her father's farm at Whitehouse, N.J. and lived her entire life there. Her husband, Archie MacArthur, died in 1960. Her only survivor is a brother, Charles W. Daggett, of Lebanon, who is a patient at the Little Brook Nursing Home, Califon, N.J.

Mrs. MacArthur had attended the Reunions faithfully until the death of her husband. We were all so glad to greet her at the last Reunion.

Mr. Ronald D. Crater, Livingston, N.J. writes that his mother, Elizabeth J. Crater, died on April 1, 1963, at the age of 90.

She had been very active until the last three months of her life. She so enjoyed the large gathering of friends at her home on October 15, 1962, her 90th birthday.

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Our Winter Bulletin reported that Homer Wieder, Jr., of Plainfield, had been made Director of Development at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., and that he and his wife had moved to Washington, on September 1st.

We recently learned that Mrs. Wieder passed away a short time after our Winter Bulletin was sent out. So far we have no details.

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Our deepest sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones.

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### TO HAPPIER THINGS

We are so happy to announce the marriage of Meta Mae Miller to Robert B. Swackhamer, of Dover, N.J. on November 27, 1963.

Mr. Ronald D. Crater attended the wedding. He tells us that Mr. Robert B. Swackhamer's father was the brother of his grandmother Crater.

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Our own Gail Patricia Logan, daughter of Margorie D. and late Leo R. Logan, was married to Anthony Peter Keefer, on January 25, 1964, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at Whitehouse, N.J.

Rev. John E. Keefer, O.P. of Columbus, Ohio, brother of the bridegroom, celebrated the Nuptial Mass and bestowed the Papal Blessing.

Gail's brother, John D. Logan, of Watchung, N.J. escorted her to the altar. Mrs. John D. Logan was matron on honor. Miss Mary Grace Comfort, of Somerville, was maid of honor. Robert O'Rourke, of New York, was best man. Ushers were John Finnerty, of Thompsonville, Conn. and Richard S. Logan, of Scotch Plains, Gail's older brother.

The young couple are living at Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

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### NEW ADDRESSES

Mr. & Mrs. John D. Logan are in their new home, Old Sterling Road, Watchung, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. James Logan, formerly of Roslyn, Pa. have moved to 214 Morningside Drive, Battle Creek, Michigan.

Mrs. Donah Baker, formerly of Brooklyn, N.Y. has moved to 223 Grant St., Clarendon Hills, Illinois.

Mrs. Baker is the daughter of Mr. William G. Smith, of Fredonia, N.Y., who sent us the news.

Mr. Smith and his late wife attended one of our Reunions some time ago. He has been of great help to us in tracing the upper New York State Swackhamer family.

Mr. Smith has retired from the steel mill.

He tells us he has a new granddaughter, Mrs. Baker's Stacy, born in October, 1963.

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Too late for the Winter Bulletin came announcement of the birth of Herbert C. McCaffrey, Jr., November 1, 1963, to Audrey Wert and Herbert McCaffrey, of Hawthorne, N.Y. The young man joins two brothers, Keith and Kenneth, and two sisters, Carol Ann and Eileen.

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Mrs. Etta M. Dufford's youngest great grandchild is Lisa Jeanne Wilson, born February 11, 1963 to Bonnie and Richard Wilson, at the Landstuhl Army Hospital, Landstuhl, Germany. Bonnie is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Hargreaves, of W. Caldwell, N.J.

The Wilsons expect to be coming back to the United States sometime in July. We hope they get back in time for the Reunion.

#### GENEALOGY

The following data came from Mr. Charles Anthony, of Long Valley, N.J. -  
DESCENDANTS OF JACOB SWACKHAMER

Jacob Swackhamer, son of John and Margaret Swackhamer, was born August 10, 1799. He married Sarah Sliker, born December 6, 1799, daughter of John and Mahetable Sliker. They had six children, Annie, Caroline, Isaiah, Jane, Mary and Catharine:-

Annie married Nathan Anthony and had three children, George, James and Mary. George died young - James married Fannie Hoffman and had one son, Charley, who married Georgia Lommason. They had one daughter, Grace. She married Elmer Burd and they have three children, Donald, Charles and Bette.

Donald married Alice Benoist and they have four children, Donnie, Amy, Peter and Mary-Beth.

Charles married Sue Mays - had three children - Tommy, Mindy and Tony.

Bette married Lewis Rush and had two children, Debbie and Heidy.

Mary married John J. Swayze and had two children, Annie and Frances.

Annie married Walter Anderson.

Frances married William Tester, and later, Sam McConnell. No children.

Caroline married Taylor and had one daughter, Caroline, who married John I. Smith and had seven children, Jennie, Emma, Margaret, Blanche, Warren, Charley and Lyda.

Jennie married Manchus Hann, and had one son Floyd, who married Myrtle Sutton, and lives at Little Falls, N.J. They have one son, Albert, who married Nina Hopper and they have five children. They live near Philadelphia.

Emma married Edward Cyphers, and had one son, Albert who married and lives in Phillipsburg, N.J.

Margaret married Robert Opdyke.

Blanche married Dean and lives at Horse Head, N.Y.

Warren married and had a daughter.

Charley never married.

Lyda married W. Wamsley, and they have two children, Willard and Caroline. They live at Morrisville, Pa.

Isaiah married Lavanta Goddard and went to New York State. They had children, Sam, Ernest, Alice and Corabel.

Sam married Lucy. They had three children, Leona, Alice and Helena.

Ernest married Abby and had three children, Luella, Adriel and Edith.

Alice died young.

Corabel married Charles Corson.

Jane married John Bulmer and they had two children, Alice and Floretta.

Alice never married. Floretta married Solomon Yager.

Mary married Rev. John W. Lake. Had one son, Luther S. Lake.

Catharine died young.

In the Winter Bulletin, Miss Eleanor Romaine and Mrs. W. H. Reger and your editor tried to sort out the Rulif Swackhamers and their families. Now we have located another.

Mrs. J. I. Lake, of Lake Monroe, Florida, writes:

"I have been wondering just how close our families are related. Your grandfather was Rulif Swackhamer of Hunderton County. My grandfather was Ruliff J.

Swackhamer from Dunellen, N.J. I also had a brother by the same name who died in service.

My grandfather had a brother Cornelius who lived in Whitehouse, N.J. and many sisters. Strange how a name runs in a family.

My father, John Swackhamer, was born near Lebanon."

We had a most interesting letter from Mrs. Robert W. Shoemaker, Sr., of Anderson, Indiana after the Winter Bulletin had been sent out. She and her husband have been looking for her husband's "Tufford" connections in the East, and were so surprised to find that the name "Dufford" applied to the same family group.

I quote from her letter:

"I am sorry but I must report that "Early Germans of New Jersey" gave the wrong children for John and Ann "Trimmer" Tufford. We have court papers from the court house of Tuscarawas County, Ohio (which happens to be where we were both born and raised). These papers along with a biographical sketch which was in the Tuscarawas County History, published 1884, accounts for the children of John and Ann....They were John, Jacob, Matthias, Judith, who died unmarried, and left a will, naming her sisters: Elizabeth, who married William Harris, 5/1/1831; and Catherine.

It appears that John, Matthias and Jacob, either brothers or cousins came to Tuscarawas Co., Ohio. Matthew came a few years earlier than John, for there is a tombstone for Jacob, son of Matthias Tufford, died 1815.

We know that John and second wife, Margaret Swackhamer Tufford, did not come until 1816.

There is a tombstone for Mary Catherine Tufford, wife of Jacob, who died July 1818, age 38 years.

Since John and Ann Trimmer were married 1791, we can be sure that neither Jacob, with wife Mary Catherine or Matthias, who lost a child in 1815, were the children of said John and Ann.

Jacob, the son of John and Ann married Mary Catherine Flock, 4/29/1830. Tuscarawas County marriage records. In the biographical sketch in 1884, Jacob stated he was the only living child of John Tufford and wife Ann, and there had been six children.

My husband is a descendant of John and his second wife, Margaret Swackhamer. Their daughter, Susan, was born 3/27/1810 and married in Tuscarawas County, Ohio, 5/1/1831, William Gardner, who was born in Morris County, N.J.

When I have everything re-copied, with estate papers, etc., I'll send a copy to you.

There are some court papers in Ohio County, West Virginia, which I want to add to this material on the Tuffords.

When we have everything ready, if you wish to use it in the Bulletin, you may, for it may help some others in their work of proving lineage.

We also have a branch which fills in the N.J. Tuffords line. This family moved to Canada (not my husband's family).

Philip Tufford, born February 15, 1795, N.J., married Harriet Childs. He served in the War of 1812 - lived for a while in Canada, and died August 15, 1870. Buried, Suspension Bridge, N.Y. I have a list of all his children and ages. There is a pension claim for his service."

We are looking forward to receiving these records.

Mr. Robert Brown, of Morristown, N.J. has been doing some research on the "Tuffords" and the Jacob Duffordt who came over on the ship "Hero" October 27, 1764. He has been in touch with Dr. Stryker-Rodda.

Dr. Stryker-Rodda says the best European Genealogist specializing in German records is Karl Friedrich von Frank, Schloss Senftenegg, Post Ferschnitz, Niederoesterreich, Austria, who has connections that make it possible for him to get records from behind the Iron Curtain; that if we want to carry the search back to Europe either some member of the Swackhamer-Dufford Assn., or the Association itself get in touch with him about the problem, giving him all the supposed information and asking an approximate cost. Enclose an international postal reply coupon (or two for airmail reply).

This is something to think about.

Mr. Brown has been working on data on his Dickerson line for membership in the Sons of American Revolution. They have been accepted. The Ancestor he used is Captain Thomas Dickerson who was the grandfather of the Clarissa Dickerson who married Philip Dufford. So any descendant of this marriage is eligible for membership in either the S.A.R. or D.A.R. The progenitor of these Dickersons was Philemon Dickerson, born in England in 1598, and came to Salem, Mass. in 1637. His wife was Mary Paine, born in England in 1611. They were both passengers on the same ship, the "Mary Ann".

Mr. Brown will be very glad to pass along his data to any of the Philip Dufford-Clarissa Dickerson descendants who might be interested.

#### OUR TRAVELERS

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Moren left late in December on a cruise which took them through the Panama Canal and down to Ecuador. They enjoyed the trip although they were not allowed to land in Panama, because of the trouble there.

On the return trip Mr. Moren was taken ill and as soon as they landed was hospitalized. It resulted in a gall bladder operation on January 23, which kept them from attending Gail's wedding. He has recovered very nicely and says he feels better than he has in years except it has slowed him down a bit.

Miss Gladys Swackhamer has been traveling in Mexico. A card from her from San Miguel de Allende says it is hard to realize what was once the splendor of colonial life in the 18th century in Mexico until you see the old stone houses, churches and monasteries. Some of the churches have been remodeled for schools and libraries but more are still in use. It is inspiring to see how the people are developing their country. She was so interested that she enrolled in the Institute Allende for a course in Spanish and history.

While in Mexico she met a Dr. D. M. MacCormack and his wife from Boulder City, Nevada, who said they knew a Dr. Swackhamer associated with the Henderson Clinic in Henderson, Nevada. (This is Dr. Wm. B. Swackhamer, son of Daisy and the late Dr. Chester R. Swackhamer, of Globe, Arizona.)

"The world is certainly a small place".

Mrs. R. W. Cochran, of Orlando, Florida, and her daughter, Marion made a quick trip in July to England, Ireland, and Scotland. Flew both ways by jet. Marion enjoyed Ireland most, but her mother enjoyed her visit to an old friend in Dundee, Scotland.

Next, she flew to Los Angeles to visit her son Bob and family. Their son is now and very interesting.

At Thanksgiving they flew to North Carolina to visit with their other son, Richard and family. They have a new baby boy.

Their daughter planned to drive to Florida for Christmas.

Elsie says they now have ten grandsons and three granddaughters.

Mrs. Etta M. Dufford, of Seaside Park has recovered from an attack of diverticulitis, which almost sent her to the hospital again.

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Mrs. William A. Hoffman, of Allentown, Pa. had an attack of Flu which resulted in her having to be in and out of a nursing home for some time. She writes that her brother, Lamont Trimmer, of Clinton, N.J. who is 80, is not in good shape. He manages to get around with a walker, but has to have two nurses.

Her sister, Mrs. Lenah Mills, of Morristown, 85, had moved to her daughter's. Her shingles do not get any better.

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Mrs. Althea Dufford McLaughlin has had to enter a nursing home because of crippling arthritis.

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Mr. Russell Dufford, of Lynchburg, Virginia, has recovered from a bad attack of pneumonia and is back home from the hospital.

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#### OTHER NEWS

Mrs. Ralph Williams writes that George is in his fourth year at Union, and expects to graduate in 1965 with a B.A. and a B.S. in E.E.

Marylin is in her freshman year at Bryn Mawr where she is majoring in English. She is on the editorial staff of the school paper, and was on the hockey team last fall. She won \$145 in awards at her High School graduation.

Two children to be very proud of.

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Our own Donald Harriman graduated this year from Junior High School and in the fall enters Staples H.S. as a sophomore.

Wendy is still yearning to go back to California again this summer. We are hoping, though, that her little "Sprite" car will keep her interests at home.

Evan has been interested in theatricals this year. He has taken part in three Shakesperean skits in school entertainment and is very interested in "The Bard".

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Our winter in Florida this year was not a happy one. First, the weather was miserable until March. Second, it seemed everywhere we turned, and everyone we knew in St. Petersburg was in the throes of serious illness or death.

My husband was improving nicely, gaining weight, etc., until April 1, when a very bad heart spasm delayed our leaving for home for ten days. Now we discover he has gall stones along with all his other troubles.

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#### THE REUNION

**DO NOT FORGET THE REUNION** which will be held at the regular place, the Zion Lutheran Church at Long Valley, N.J. on July 25th.

Bring your lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Moren are seeing to it again this year, that we have coffee, tea, ice cream and cake for sale.



THE BULLETIN

Dear Family: -

I so address you because my roots are in both families. It has been such a wonderful experience to come in touch, through the Bulletin, with so many of you and know that I belong.

For the past two years, I have been asking for a replacement, but have carried on at the insistence of the family. Now, however, I find it too difficult and must resign.

I shall be glad to aid my successor in any way possible.

We receive very enthusiastic letters from members of both families, but it is very difficult to get NEWS of family doings.

This edition is principally obituaries and genealogy. The Bulletin was not meant for that. It was meant to carry news of the families throughout the country and thus bring them closer together. Of course, the obituaries are very important news, and the genealogy seems to be making an important addition to the historical data. However, the family still wants news. So please send it in to whoever replaces me.

DO NOT SEND MONEY TO THE EDITOR. Send it to the Treasurer.

Thank you all for the help you have given to your present Editor. And do carry on.

Most sincerely,

ELIZA D. HARRIMAN  
Editor

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