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ANNUAL REUNION HELD LAST SATURDAY IN JULY AT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LONG VALLEY, N.J.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Though our paths through life have
destined that we be miles apart,
each of us, in the vast army of humanity,
as our forebearers before us, must
continue to strive and seek to make our
adopted lands a better place to live in.

Tho distance parts us, We from Thee
may a happy Yuletide season by yours
and a prosperous New Year.

Stanley C. Dufford, President

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WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER:

Mr. Fred Sisser III, 15 Codington Place, Somerville, N.J. (a Swackhamer)

THE 1966 REUNION

Space will not permit a full account of the business transacted but your attention is called to the list of newly-elected officers above.

The following is an excerpt from the minutes as written by our new Secretary, Mr. William O. Hart:

"The nineteenth annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society was held on July 25, 1966 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, N.J. with more than sixty persons present. Sixty-one persons registered but apparently a number missed doing so. This was the twenty-sixth meeting of the Swackhamer family and the forty-first meeting of the Dufford family.

Members began arriving at the church in mid-morning. Several from distant points had been in the area since the day before. At noon a pleasant picnic hour took place. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Moren of Scotch Plains, N.J. provided and served coffee.

At the conclusion of the picnic luncheon, Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer, president, of Stamford, Conn., called the meeting to order, extended his greeting and reminded the meeting that the families had lived in this area for 236 years. Following this each person stood in turn and introduced himself, gave his home town and his connection with the families. These introductions revealed that members had come from many distant points: Oklahoma, Illinois, Connecticut, Virginia and upstate New York. Still it is evident that the families continue to have solid representation from the area within twenty-five miles of the point of original settlement. Ages ranged from two to the eighties. The sixth through ninth generations were represented. The number of children present would indicate that the lines were not ready to die out. Several persons present had the blood of both lines.

During the course of the day there had been many informal discussions of genealogy and of the past year's births, deaths and marriages in the families. Of great interest to everyone was the genealogical information assembled by Miss D. Francis Paine of 365 Morningside Ave., Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Dr. Swackhamer called us to solemn remembrance of the departed members of the families and invoked the Divine blessings for all of us. It was moved and passed that the meeting adjourn. Although formally concluded it was observed that many family members were reluctant to take their departure.

A WORD FROM MR. WESLEY J. MOREN

Rev. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, resigned his duties after serving for six years as our president. His contributions, for the good of the organization, have been many and we are hopeful his interest in our group shall continue. A sincere "thank you" from all of us.

Our new president is no stranger to us. He is Stanley Dufford, son of Christopher Dufford and grandson of Philip Dufford, brother of George S. Dufford, founder of the Dufford reunion in the middle twenties. Stanley, together with his family, has been a regular attendant for several years. Let us all help him with suggestions and recommendations. He will appreciate your help and you will be contributing to his success.

DUFFORD REUNION PICTURE (Corrections - Summer Issue 1966)

Mrs. Melvin Suydam and Mrs. May White Lance were very helpful in the identification of several in the group picture published in the 1965 Winter Issue.

THIRD ROW #9 should read: Russell Todd Dufford, Sr., husband of Mrs. Russell Todd, Second Row #4, holding Russell Todd Dufford, Jr.

THIRD ROW #16, Nettie Hilts Dufford, wife of Charles Dufford, Row 3 #17

THIRD ROW #18, Mary Weber Dufford, wife of John Dufford, Row 3 #20

THIRD ROW #19, Phoebe Miller Dufford, Mother of Charles and John Dufford Row 3, #17 and #20.

My sincere apology to the above persons for these errors and omissions.
Sorry.

Wesley J. Moren, Treasurer

CARTOGRAPHERS TAKE NOTE

Mr. Robert O. Hart, an instructor in social studies at Asbury Park High School, has the original copy of a bill introduced in 1852 which would have created the County of Musconetcong from portions of Hunterdon, Warren and Morris. The Senate journal indicated the bill was laid over to the 1853 session and then tabled and still may have been awaiting action had not the 1947 State Constitution declared a bill not acted upon by adjournment dies with the outgoing session.

SENATE BILL NO. 43 STATE OF NEW JERSEY - introduced February 15, 1852

An Act to erect parts of the counties of Hunterdon, Warren and Morris into a new county to be called the County of Musconetcong.

Boundaries - Beginning at the southwesterly corner of the township at Lebanon, in the county of Hunterdon, in the middle of the Musconetcong Creek, and running thence along the southern and eastern boundary of said township of Lebanon to the boundary line between the counties of Hunterdon and Morris, where it crosses the south branch of the Raritan River, thence northwardly up said south branch to a point where the east line of Daniel Delts farm crosses the same, thence in a line to the most westerly corner of the Presbyterian Parochial School House at German Valley, thence in a straight line to the most easterly corner of the school house near Bartleyville, thence in a straight line to the most southerly part of Hopatcong Lake, thence along the shore of said lake to the middle of the Musconetcong Creek at the outlet of said lake being the line between the counties of Morris and Sussex, thence down the middle of said Musconetcong Creek the several courses thereof to the corner of Sussex and Warren counties, thence along the boundary line between the counties of Sussex and Warren to the middle of the Paulenskill Creek, thence down the middle of the creek the several courses thereof to the most westerly corner of Frelinghuysen township in the said county of Warren, thence along the boundary line of said Frelinghuysen township and the townships of Hope and Independence to the corner of Mansfield township in the middle of the Pequest Creek, thence along the westerly and southerly boundary of said township of Mansfield to the line of the township of Washington, thence along the line between the townships of Mansfield and Washington to the corner of said townships in the middle of the Musconetcong Creek and thence down the middle of said creek the several courses thereof to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby erected into a separate county of Musconetcong, and said lines shall hereafter be the division lines between the counties of Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex and Morris, and the county of Musconetcong respectively, including and intending to include within said metes and bounds all the townships of Lebanon in the county of Hunterdon, and all the townships of Mansfield, Independence and Frelinghuysen and the town of Hackettstown in the county of Warren, and so much of the townships of Roxbury and Washington in the county of Morris as is embraced within the boundary lines herein before described.

LONG VALLEY TO HAVE MUSEUM AND LIBRARY.

The Hopley House, the first schoolhouse in Long Valley, may soon become the Washington Township station of the Morris County Free Public Library.

The historical society and the Long Valley Woman's Club have joined forces in a new corporation, the Washington Township Library Association, Inc. The plan is to buy the two-story stone building built in 1830. The ground floor will be used as the library allowing space for more than 3,000 county library volumes, compared to the 800 now kept in the township library at the Long Valley School. The second floor will be headquarters, museum and public meeting rooms for the Washington Township Historical Society. The historical society's collection would be on display in the building instead of being kept in members' homes.

The old building stands beside ruins of the old Evangelic Reformed and Lutheran meeting house, built in 1774. The historical society owns the church property, including the cemetery with tombstones dating back to 1766.

MIDDLE VALLEY P.O. FIGHT

Mr. Frank W. Dufford is leading a fight to save the Middle Valley Post Office.

For economic reasons the Post Office Department proposed consolidation of the Middle Valley post office with the one in Long Valley. The 74 families who live in this community are protesting this move. They ask that the tiny post office which possibly dates back to 1802 be retained. Admittedly, pride is involved. If the post offices close, Middle Valley will be just one more hamlet in sprawling Washington Township, without the identity its residents cherish. So long as it has a post office, Middle Valley is a place with a name - an address to which people can relate.

ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER IN THE NEWS

As architectural adviser engaged by the Somerset County freeholders, James Swackhamer advised the courthouse be torn down rather than modernized. He said razing the 60 year old structure would be wisest and more economical.

This is the fourth county courthouse in the 250 year history of Somerset County. The second courthouse, located then in the Millstone area, was burned to the ground by the British in 1779. The present building was the scene of the Hall-Mills murder trial in 1926.

ANOTHER FAMILY MEMBER IN THE NEWS

News from Westport, Conn.--Among the ten Staples High School seniors to be named semi-finalists in the 1966-67 Merit Scholarship Competition is Donald Harriman. Quoting John M. Stainmaker, president of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, the semi-finalists are representatives of the nation's "most intellectually able young people" and from them will come "much of our future leadership." He also commented that these students "bring honor not only to themselves, but to their families, their teachers, and their communities." GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENT, DONALD.

WEST COAST FOLKS GET ACQUAINTED

Early in October, Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, California, reported "recently the David Swackhamers, formerly of Canada, now living in Los Altos Hills near San Francisco, visited Santa Barbara and we called upon Dr. and Mrs. Walter Swackhamer who retired and make their home in the Santa Ynez Valley."

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Two couples celebrated 55th wedding anniversaries:

Lester and Mabel Apgar on October 18, 1966

Wesley and Delia (Dufford) Moren on December 5, 1966

REPORT ON THAT FELLOW WITH THE ARROW

A DOUBLE-HEADER - Virginia E. Wert was a June Graduate and Bride. Virginia, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James V. Wert of Neneveh, N.Y. (great-granddaughter of Martha Ann Dufford Wert) graduated from St. Luke's School of Nursing in New York City on June 3, 1966, and was married to Mr. Jack P. Hughes on June 5, 1966 in Calvary Episcopal Church, Gramercy Park, North, New York, New York.

OCTOBER ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Swackhamer of Haddon Heights, N.J. announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Margaret, to Walter Anthony Bakum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter A. Bakum of Clark, N.J.

Miss Swackhamer and her fiance are both seniors at Montclair State College where she is president of Delta Omicron Pi. and he is president of Psi Chi.

VOWS EXCHANGED - Miss Janice Irene Curbo, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Tommy V. Curbo and David Lyle Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Edwards of Kerrville, Texas, exchanged marriage vows in a candlelight ceremony on August 12, 1966 in the First Baptist Church in Unalde, Texas.

The bride's father, who is Area Missinary for the Alto Frio Baptist Area, officiated.

The bride is graduate of Phau-San Juan-Alamo High School and attended Howard Payne College in Brownwood through her junior year. She was a member of the choir, Student Council and Journalism Club. The bridegroom is a graduate of Norwich High School, Norwich, N.Y. and attended Howard Payne College. He served four years in the United States Navy, completed training in the Electronic Technician School in Treasurer Island and the Motion Picture Operator's School in San Diego, California.

Both bride and groom are transferring from Howard Payne to Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos where they will continue their studies and make their home.

AN ART REVIVED

Betty (Mrs. T. Cecil) Swackhamer has become adept and enjoyed making three cornerpieces and panels of crewel embroidery on home spun linen. The work is of Colonial design and coloring ... masterpieces.

THE DEMOCRATIC WAY

Miss Gladys Swackhamer (of Santa Barbara, Calif.) adds to her busy schedule. She is presently working with the League of Women Voters and the Santa Barbara Junior College Advisory Council for State Charter revision and college bond issues on the ballot.

TALES OF TRAVEL

Cyrus and Bee Harriman flew B.O.A.C. to London on July 24th. They had a wonderful time and saw a great deal of the city in spite of Cy's business conferences. They returned aboard the Queen Mary which afforded them a needed rest.

The C. Robert Browns of Morristown, N.J. vacationed at Surf City, New Jersey.

The George Ramseys of Boca Raton, Florida planned a trip to Toronto, Canada in September so that Ruth could attend the reunion of her Nurse's Class. Enroute they expected to stop for a visit with their daughter in Ridgefield, Conn.

In August, Mrs. Logan spent a week at Mountain View House, Whitefield, N.H. then planned a trip to Permuda.

KANGAROO SOUP ANYONE? Pressed for details of the trip taken by Mrs. Elsie Cochran and her daughter to Hawaii, Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Australia and Tasmania, Mrs. Cochran related some interesting experiences. The following is part of that account: "We bought kangaroo skins in Sydney. We were walking one evening and there in front of "Woolworths" a fellow had stacks of skins, but nothing to wrap them in so we had to tuck them under our arms. He was an American who shot them to sell and ship abroad - you should see the bullet holes in them.? Further on in her letter she says "We even had kangaroo soup on the Pan Am plane. Only the tail is used and it tastes much like ox-tail soup."

Mrs. Alice Potts of High Bridge, N.J. was looking forward to a visit from her grandson, David, and family who live in Indian Run, Pa. and would be vacationing in New Jersey in July.

GLAD TO REPORT

Mrs. Eugene Blank of St. Petersburg, Fla. has fully recovered from her cataract operation.

Your editor has recovered from a two-months' illness which delayed the publication of this issue of the Bulletin. Felled by a high fever of undetermined origin the illness was still unresolved after a period of hospitalization.

IN MEMORIAN

And there's a great feeling of comfort
when a heart that is grieving and sad
Can remember again and be thankful
for all the sweet hours it had

Mrs. Jennie Trimmer Baldwin of South Orange, N.J., widow of Clifton D. Baldwin died July 9, 1966 at home. She was 82.

Mrs. Baldwin was born in High Bridge, N.J. and lived most of her life in South Orange. She was active in the Methodist Church.

She leaves a son, Albert C. Baldwin of Short Hills, N.J., two daughters, Mrs. Douglas Colman of Scarsdale, N.Y. and Mrs. Barry Browers of Bristol, Conn.; a sister Mrs. Alice Potts of High Bridge; seven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Carrie Blain Swackhamer of Morris Plains, N.J. passed away February 16, 1965. She is survived by her husband Matthias Swackhamer and a daughter, Mrs. C.F. Young.

Mrs. Ethel Cooper of High Bridge, N.J. died in Union Forge Nursing Home near Flemington. We had not been advised of the date of her death. She is survived by her sister Mrs. Alice Potts. Funeral Services were held in Clinton, N.J.

Leslie Calvin Seward, of Claredon Hills, Ill, died August 8, 1966. He was born July 26, 1885, the son of Gilbert & Emma Seward and grandson of Elizabeth Dufford Henry. He is survived by his wife, the former Grace Hampton, whom he married on June 12, 1912. He also leaves three children, Leslie C. Jr. of Downers Grove, Ill. and the twins, Paul Hampton of Houston, Texas and Virginia Au Buchon of Hinsdale, Ill. and eleven grandchildren.

Of the ten children of Gilbert and Emma Seward, only two are living, Edith Davis, of Chicago, Ill. and Helen Blank of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Daisy Swackhamer of Globe, Arizona passed away October 14, 1966. Born in Juneau, Wisc. March 10, 1888, she married to Dr. Chester Ray Swackhamer in September 1912. They moved to Hayden in 1917 and Dr. Swackhamer served as chief surgeon of the Magman Copper Co. for many years. He died in 1957.

As alumnus of the University of Chicago, Mrs. Swackhamer was active in many organizations. She was the last charter member of Miami Lodge 25, Order of Eastern Star and helped charter the lodge 48 years ago. She belonged to the Presbyterian Church, taught Sunday school, was fourth president of the Arizona Medical Society Auxiliary and belonged to many patriotic societies including the Daughters of the American

Revolution, the Mayflower Society and Colonial Dames.

Entombment was in Greenwood Memorial Park, Phoenix, Arizona.

Surviving are two sons, Robert L. of Globe and Dr. William D. of Henderson, Nev.; three sisters out of state; and four grandchildren.

GENEALOGY

WAS THE "D" ADDED TO OR DROPPED? An interest in the name of Ufford and its connection, if any, with the Dufford or Tufford family prompted your editor to investigate the matter.

Contact was made with Mrs. Frank S. Ufford of Vermillion, S. D. She graciously responded with the following: "Since your letter came, I have looked in vain for a newspaper (N. Y. Star, I think) clipping that suggested the "D" was dropped from Dufford. To the best of my knowledge there is no connection in this country. The Ufford family originated in Newbourne Co., Suffolk, England (See "Planters of the Common wealth" by Banks, pages 99-100). These facts are well corroborated: Thomas Ufford, wife, Isabel, sons Thomas and John, daughter Abigail who married Roger Terrill were in Roxbury in 1632, having sailed in The Lion June 22 and arrived in Boston September 16. In the William Pyncheon settlement at Springfield, Mass. 1638, the name was variously spelled Uffet, Uffert, Uffett, Uskett, Uffoote, Uffort, but no "D" prefix. THANK YOU, MRS. UFFORD.

Tufford Marriage Records from Vol. I "Annals of the Forty" Grimsby, Canada, Page 89 -

Philip Tufford	M. Mary Fritz	July 26, 1801
Page 90 -	Mary Tufford	M. William Hill April 2, 1805
	John Tufford	M. Mary Conkle January 2, 1810
Page 91	William Tufford	M. Tempe Van Sickle May 19, 1812
	Anna Tufford	M. Adam Conkle February 17, 1814
Page 92	Jacob Tufford	M. Susannah Cline May 16, 1816
Page 93	Joseph Tufford	M. Elizabeth Thomas March 11, 1823

Tax Lists consulted

Annette Wert Hart and her husband did some research in the Genealogical Section of the State Archives (Trenton, N.J.). Annette wrote "This sort of thing is new to us so we were a bit long getting started. We are going to have to go back some day with a magnifying glass and a strong portable light and, of course, get started earlier in the day." From the microfilm copies of the Morris County tax lists, Western Precinct (Washington Twp.) for 1783, the year the REvolutionary War ended they found the following:

Stephen Dufford	200 Acres of land	Tax \$1.95
Jacob Dufford	130 Acres of land	1.24
Matthias Dufford	100 Acres of land	1.00
John Dufford 1st	200 Acres of land	1.97
Jacob Dufford 1st	50 Acres of land	.59
John Dufford	no land but 3 horses & 3 cows	.26
Jacob Dufford 3rd	no land but 2 horses & 4 cows	.24

DESCENT OF FRED SISSER, III
FROM
SAMUEL SCHWACHHEIMER

1. SAMUEL SWACHHEIMER, (as he signed his name in his last will and testament¹), was described as "a good Pallantine"², and was probably born in about 1699-1700.³ He came to the New World in 1731, and ultimately settled in the "wilderness" of Hunterdon County, New Jersey.³ Samuel accordingly married three times and had twenty-five children altogether.³ Samuel resided "in the Valley", known as Germany Valley, and later as Long Valley. He died, "in the Valley" on February 3, 1782, and was buried in the "churcyard at Zion's Church".³
2. CONRAD SWACHHAMMER, the eldest son of Samuel Swachheimer, was born about 1720, probably in the Palantine, Germany.⁴ He resided near New Germantown, Hunterdon County, and married ELISABETH -----, (surname unknown), and they had seven known children. Elisabeth was born about 1721, and was buried at "the Valley Church", on August 12, 1794.⁵ Conrad Swachhammer died in August 1813, in his 93rd year.⁴
3. CONRAD SWACKHAMER, the son of Conrad and Elisabeth Swachhammer, was born November 30, 1753, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.⁶ "Conrad Schwachheimer Jun^r" and MARIA RULOFSON were married in the Zion Church on May 15, 1774.⁷ Maria was the daughter of Hermanus and Margaretta (Van Hoorn) Rulofson, and was born February 10, 1751, in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, and died August 27, 1816, in Hunterdon County.⁶ Conrad Swackhamer died September 19, 1831, in the same county.⁶
4. ROELOF SWACKHAMER, the son of Conrad and Maria (Rulofson) Swackhamer, was born September 8, 1787, in Hunterdon County, New Jersey.⁸ He died in Readington Township, Hunterdon County, on April 20, 1846.⁹ Roelof married October 10, 1812, Mary Schamp,¹⁰ the daughter of Pieter and Margrietje (Huffman) Schamp. She was born December 31, 1790, in Readington Township, and died in the same Township on July 23, 1859.⁹
5. ANN WYCKOFF SWACKHAMER, the daughter of Roelof and Mary (Schamp) Swackhamer, was born December 7, 1827, in Readington Township, Hunterdon County,¹¹ and died August 7, 1855 in Hunterdon County, age 28.¹² Ann married, September 27, 1848, JOHN ROCKEFELLER EMERY, the son of Peter and Ann (Rockefeller) Emery. He was born July 22, 1827, at Dreahook, Hunterdon County, and died June 17, 1880, at Bloomington (South Bound Brook), New Jersey.¹²
6. ANNIE MARY EMERY, (1850-1926) married, October 15, 1873, CORNELIUS STEWART HOFFMAN (1852-1936).
7. CARLTON EMERY HOFFMAN (1885-1945) married September 29, 1915 MARY VIRGINIA MILLER, (1892 -).
8. VIRGINIA MARY HOFFMAN, (1918 -)., married October 29, 1938, FRED SISSER, JR. (1916 -).
9. FRED SISSER, III, (1940 -).

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4. Account of Death of "Cunrad Swachhammer" in Church Book of Zion Church, New Germantown, N.J.
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6. Tombstone inscription in the Zion Lutheran Churchyard, New Germantown, N.J.
7. Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, Volume 40, p. 11.
8. New York Genealogical and Biographical Record, Volume 33, p. 108.
9. Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey, Volume 14, p. 67.
10. Records in possession of Eleanor Romaine, Chatham, N.J. (1966).
11. Somerset County Historical Quarterly, Volume 8, p. 137.
12. Bible Record of Family of John R. Emery, in possession of Fred Sisser, III, Somerville, N.J. (1966).

The New Jersey Historical Society of Newark, N.J. has received the research of Mrs. Chester Swackhamer (Daisy N.). It contains the Swackhamer and numerous other families.

The chart on the Swackhamer Family, by Daisy N. Swackhamer has been deposited in National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution Library in Washington, D. C. The Librarian General, NSDAR has advised your editor that they are unable to photostat the chart because it is much too large for their photostating equipment. Looks like a project for your editor when she attends the NSDAR Congress in April.
