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The descendants of Samuel Schwackhamer (Swackhamer) who, in 1730 settled in the New Jersey, in the Long Valley, and Philip DuFord (Dufford) who settled there in 1738.

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**** REUNION ****

It's nice to have relations)	DATE - July 29, 1967
who are grand in every way)	TIME - 12:00 noon or before
Like the very special "cousins")	PLACE - Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.
you will meet that day)	PROVIDE - own picnic lunch - free coffee
)	courtesy Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Moran
)	
We are planning things)	ORGAN RECITAL by Mrs. Robert O. Hart (former
we hope will please)	Annette Wert) at approximately 1:45 p.m. in
And make you feel)	the Church. Friends of the Society are welcome.
much at ease.)	
)	SHOW AND TELL exhibit by Mr. Robert O. Hart of
)	some items he feels will interest you.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As summer approaches, we in our country, contemplate the activities that the summer season offers to us, vacation, travel, a cold drink to quench our thirst. These we take for granted, but as of this writing, many areas throughout the world are inflamed and keep bursting into physical violence, this same violence is costing us in human lives, maybe some of our own. For those who are serving for us, we but hope your missions may be accomplished and you too may be home to enjoy the summer.

The reunion meeting date is SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1967 - same place.

See you then.

Stanley C. Dufford, President

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Mrs. J. M. Heede (Hattie Dufford Heede) P.O. Box 173, Bedminster, N.J. 07921

BULLETINS RETURNED (Can anyone advise the editor where these folks are now located?)

Mr. & Mrs. Jack Hargreaves, 136 Parsippany Road, Whippany, N.J.
Mr. Richard E. Edwards, RD #2, Elkhart, Indiana
Mrs. Virginia Jenks, Carlye, Pa.
Mrs. John Gralinsky, Longwood Lake, Oak Ridge, N.J.
Mrs. Stanley Dufford, 369 Liberty St., San Francisco, California
Dr. Ray Dufford, 306 S. Weinbach Ave., Evansville, Indiana

\$\$\$\$ IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN \$\$\$\$

Please send your dollars to the Treasurer, Mr. Wesley J. Moren, 2268 Redwood Road, Scotch Plains, N.J.

ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER - The New Jersey Genesis Quarterly 151 East 81st Street, New York, N.Y. 10028, carried the announcement of our reunion (July 1967 Issue) without charge. This is a widely-circulated genealogical publication, so we are most grateful to Mr. Carl M. Williams, Editor and Publisher.

DEFEAT AND DETERMINATION

The closing of their Post Office on Jan. 31 leaving Middle Valley merely "Long Valley RD" spurred the residents of this community to preserve their identity in another way.

The Middle Valley Association was reorganized with Mr. Frank W. Dufford serving as its President. With feverish zeal the villagers are refurbishing and restoring the old Chapel and Hall which is situated just off the Main Road across from the General Store.

Armed with brooms, dustpans and the like, the folks meet on Saturday afternoons to clean, repair and paint the old landmark. This will be used as meeting place and enable Middle Valley to remain a community with individuality.

The exact date of origin is unknown but according to a deed found the property was purchased in 1891 for \$150 by the Middle Valley Hall Association. Long in disuse the insurance has been maintained on the structure by the Ladies Home Union Society of Middle Valley, a group of 15 women who organized years ago for charitable purposes. Through the years the building has been used as a Sunday school and for lodge meetings.

It is suggested that the original building could have been constructed at an early date. This is indicated by the hand-hewn beams in the cellar and the old fireplace. The present hall appears to have been added in a later period.

Although electricity had been installed, the building is still heated by an old-fashioned coal burning parlor stove - a new heating system will be in order.

Still hanging in the bell tower is an old one-ton bell which the group intends to repair once the exterior of the Chapel and Hall has been painted.

The clearing out of the cellar turned up some old pictures, decorative uniforms (probably from lodge gatherings), old benches, chairs, and even an old coffin.

This project is close to the hearts of many of the readers of this Bulletin as evidenced by the mail received by your editor since the publicity it received in the Newark Evening News of Feb. 7 and 13.

I will quote one letter - that received from Mrs. J. M. Heede of Bedminster, N.J. "Did you see the article in Monday's Newark Evening News about the little Chapel in Middle Valley? It brought so many memories. Sixty years ago I went there Sunday afternoons with great-grandfather Dufford. He conducted the Sunday School Service. After he passed on, my father took Grandpa's place and carried on. The little Chapel is closely associated with the Dufford family, and I am happy that it is being made useable once more. The Valley needs just that type of "gathering place". If I only had transportation, it would give me great pleasure to add my services to those villagers who are working in the Chapel every Saturday. I feel it would be a tribute to the Duffords who did their share over the years."

GROUND BREAKING

A Ground Breaking ceremony took place on March 12, 1967 at the site of the new educational building of the Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, N.J. Participants in the ceremony included the Rev. Charles L. Ziegler, Jr., pastor.

THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY HONORS TWO FAMILY MEMBERS

Dr. Clifford S. Trimmer, M.D. of Montclair, N.J. was elected Chaplain of The Huguenot Society of New Jersey. The Slate of Officers elected and installed at the Society's Annual Meeting held at the Nassau Inn, Princeton, N.J. on April 1st, also included Miss Eleanor Romaine who will serve as a Member of the Council.

A HOMECOMING WEEKEND PLANNED AT LONG VALLEY

The program starts Aug. 4 and will be climaxed on Aug. 6 with dedication of the new library in a historic former school house.

All churches, clubs and civic groups in the community will take part. Many former residents are expected.

Aug. 4 will be a pageant depicting highlights of township history by the Long Valley Woman's Club.

Aug. 5, a parade of floats will precede the selection of "Miss Washington Township". The beauty pageant will be sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Also scheduled are a baseball game, horse show and a walking tour of historic homes, some dating back to the mid 18th Century.

Aug. 6 - an ecumenical Church Service will be held in the old cemetery beside the ruins of the area's first church, the 1774 Evangelic Reformed and Lutheran Meeting House. The service is held annually by the Long Valley Historical Society.

The new library, Long Valley's first school (built in 1830, stands on Fairview Avenue beside the cemetery and ruins of the old church.

Mrs. Sidney W. Staylor is general Chairman and Library Association president.

***** THOSE WHO SERVE *****

"Oh, thus be it ever when free men shall stand
Between their loves homes and the war's desolation!"

Francis Scott Key - THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Once-wounded Spec. 4 Richard G. Dufford returns to the front - OUR PRAYERS GO WITH HIM.

The following account is condensed from a front-page article appearing in The Newark Evening News, Wednesday, June 7, 1967 by Staff Correspondent, Vincent deP. Slavin - date line Pleiku, Vietnam. Wish we could reproduce the picture of Richard accompanying the article.

"Spec. 4 Richard G. Dufford knows what it feels like to return to combat after being wounded. 'It's skittish'. Richard, 23 of 127 Mill Street, Newton, N.J. was waiting for the helicopter which would put him back in the middle of the fighting some ten miles east of the Cambodian border. He was returning to his company after several weeks recuperation from a gun shot wound in the leg received February 28th while on a search and destroy mission during Operation Pittsburgh in the Iron Triangle."

Quoting further from the news article, "The freckle-faced Dufford's head rested on his pack as he sprawled across the ground. His M16 rifle lay almost carelessly across his stomach. 'No one wants to do it, but you have to,' he said.

Richard has reached the halfway point of his 12-month tour in Vietnam."

Mrs. Joseph Dufford and son, Joseph, of Honolulu, Hawaii, returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lott of Wantage, N.J. in April. She will remain until her husband, F.N. Seaman Dufford joins her in August. He is stationed at the Commissary store at Pearl Harbor.

CENTER STAGE

Mr. Donald Harriman of Westport, Conn. was made "Finalist" in the Merit Scholarship Competition. He graduated from Staples High School in June and has been accepted at Dartmouth. Donald is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman and grandson of the Chester L. Harrimans.

Miss Marilyn Brown, daughter of the C. Robert Browns, of Morristown, N.J. is doing well at Trenton (N.J.) State College, having been on the Dean's List two successive semesters. She is presently a sophomore and has been appointed to the Board of the H.U.B., a student organization which governs all recreational activities of the college.

Kenneth, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Brown of Morristown, N.J., has been accepted at Northwestern State College at Natchitoches, La. to study aquatic and terrestrial ecology. He will be a senior next year at Morristown High School. This summer college program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and is open to twenty-four students in the United States who are in their junior year. He was also elected to the National Honor Society.

SMART LOT ---THESE YOUNG PEOPLE

TRIP EAST TOO EARLY TO ATTEND SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD REUNION

Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, California, flew east on May 23rd to attend her class reunion at Smith College. Gladys allowed time to be present at the commencement exercises of Marilyn Williams, a great-granddaughter of her father's eldest sister, Sarah Swackhamer Williams. A family gathering for dinner included Marilyn's parents, her brother, a student at the Yale Graduate School of Engineering and his wife. Also enjoyed were visits with relatives, old friends, and classmates in New Jersey and elsewhere.

THINE FOREVER

Mr. Richard Swackhamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Swackhamer of Haddon Heights, N.J., was married in May to Miss Catherine Shevlin of Scranton, Pa. Richard was sixth in his class when he graduated from Delaware Valley College in 1962. The couple make their home in Mountainhome, Pa. Richard is the Scranton, Pa. Resident Manager for the Food and Drug Administration.

Now, the Byron Swackhamer's look forward to the August wedding of their daughter, Joan, to Mr. Anthony Bacum of Clark, N.J. Both are seniors at Montclair, N.J. State College. Miss Swackhamer is on the Dean's List and has been elected to Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges.

DON'T LOOK SO SURPRISED

You know we wouldn't miss Congratulating you on your 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman of Westport, Conn. celebrated their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary May 2nd. They were given a surprise tea party by about fifty friends and relatives. These gathered from Maine, Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey as well as Connecticut.

SPECIAL THOUGHTS OF YOU ON THE SICK LIST

Thinking of you! Hope you're feeling better! Warm wishes and affection!

Eliza Harriman was hospitalized in February - felled by the Flu. It was a hectic winter. Soon after arriving in Florida in October, Eliza developed a cold, which she had difficulty getting rid of. Then late in January a bout with the flu forced hospitalization where she could be placed in an oxygen tent for a few days. She returned home on a Saturday and on Sunday Mr. Harriman suffered another of the many nose bleeds he experiences and had to be hospitalized. It was decided to have the car driven back to Conn. and return themselves by plane. Both were happy to be home. Eliza says she is feeling better, but the latest word from Westport on May 30 is that Mr. Harriman entered the Hospital for a check-up.

Word has been received that Mr. Payson Dufford of East Orange, N.J. is improving from his illness of March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Trimmer of Largo, Florida, have each been hospitalized this past year. Both are much improved.

Mrs. Mabel Dufford, mother of Spec. 4 Richard G. Dufford whose service record is written up in this issue, was a patient in Newton (N.J.) Memorial Hospital in March. We sincerely hope it wasn't serious and that she has fully recovered now ... and they too serve who stay at home and pray.

In February, Mrs. J. M. Heede of Bedminster, N.J. wrote she had added to her permanent lameness a few months ago when she fell backward from a step ladder injuring the knob of bone in the crippled knee and slipped a disc in her spine. She was still under the care of an orthopedic man at the time. Surgery was advised against due to the danger of triggering another stroke.

Before her fall, Mrs. Heede and her husband enjoyed the holidays vacationing in Florida and visiting with relatives there.

IN MEMORIAN

"Peace I leave with you, my
peace I give unto you: not
as the world giveth, give I
unto you." - John 14:27

Mr. Arthur Swackhamer of Acton, Ontario, Canada passed away on April 21, 1967 in his 84th year. The service was held in Churchill United Church where he has been active all his life, serving as an elder and Sunday School Superintendent. He was also active in community work being a former Reeve of Erin Township and on the Council of Wellington County. Formerly he was president of Action Fall Fair and more recently an Honorary Director of it. He was a life member of the Agriculture Society

Mr. Swackhamer was born on a farm that was a Crown grant to the Swackhamers when they went to Canada from the States.

He was predeceased by his wife, Ina Grace Denny, three years ago and is survived by four sons: Harold C. of Hamilton, Leslie, Christopher and Ross of Acton, one daughter, Mrs. Dirk van Goozen (Isabel) of Guilph, Ontario - eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In her letter advising us of his death, Mrs. Harold C. Swackhamer recalled he enjoyed his visit to our reunion and spoke of it often for he was very proud of his ancestors. He looked forward to receiving each issue of "The Bulletin".

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Mr. Russell F. Dufford of Lynchburg, Va. died May 9, 1967. He is survived by his wife Esther P. Dufford and a son, Russell T. Dufford, Jr. It is sad as our reunion time again approaches to recall these folks last year traveled to New Jersey from Virginia to be with us. We are pleased to remember that happy occasion.

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Mrs. Arbela Pfeifer of Long Valley, N.J. (a Swackhamer) passed away May 22, 1966 at the Little Brook Nursing Home after a long illness. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Harold A. Best (Elma A.) of Hackettstown, N.J.

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Mr. Arthur J. Swackhamer of 18 1/2 Oak St. died at the age of 41 at the Binghamton, N.J. General Hospital on December 12, 1966. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Goldie Swackhamer of Binghamton; three sisters, Mrs. Emma Monk, Mrs. Orabell Decker, both of Binghamton and Mrs. Ruth Monk of Buffalo. Services were held at the George H. Scholderer Home for Funerals.

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Mr. Raymond W. Hart, father of our Secretary, Mr. Robert O. Hart, died on May 30, 1967 at his home in Hackettstown, N.J. at the age of 85. To this family we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

THINGS WE LIKE TO HEAR

Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble of LaJolla, Calif. wrote, "We look forward to your Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletins. Through these reports I was motivated to join the Sons of the American Revolution out here in California. This I should have done years ago while living in Mountain Lakes, N.J. so near to historic Morristown.

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From Mrs. Victor A. T. Albright of Bedford, Ind. we received a letter reading "The Winter Issue 1966, of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin, was a great pleasure and satisfaction for me. "The Descent of Fred Sisser III from Samuel

Schwachheimer" includes my Revolutionary Ancestor, Hermanes Roelfson. I entered NSDAR on him and "Daughters of the American Colonists" on Margareta's father, Abraham Van Horn of Whitehouse, N.J. It was delightful reading for me, and I have enjoyed reading the Bulletin."

GENEALOGY

WAYWARD MEMBER OF THE CLAN

Yep, genealogy can uncover odd things. Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble of LaJolla, Calif. sent this item of interest regarding a wayward member of the clan. The account is documented as being from "Jedediah Smith and the Opening of the West" by Dale L. Morgan, pg. 150. This book is used in a course given by the University of California in San Diego titled "Our California Heritage".

The time is 1822 near Great Salt Lake in what was Mexican soil. Both the United States and Great Britain had plans to claim this coveted land. Gardner headed the American fur trappers, while Ogden represented Hudson's Bay trappers. The Iroquois Indians, who had worked for Hudson's Bay, were leaving Ogden and going over to the United States camp under Gardner to sell their furs. "The Iroquois, however, could not be prevented from conveying their furs to the American camp. 'We were overpowered by numbers and these villains (eleven in number) with Dufford, Perrault and Kanota escaped with their furs, in fact, some of them conveyed theirs in the night to the American camp' (Ogden and Kittson Journals and Ogden's two letters of June 27 and July 10, 1825). Can anyone identify this Dufford? Ed.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF A NEW MEMBER

Pages 8 and 9 of The Winter Issue of 1966 of The Bulletin were devoted to the "Descent of Fred Sisser III from Samuel Schwachheimer". Your editor feels you should become better acquainted with this young man because he is "going places" in the genealogical field.

Fred Sisser III, the oldest child of Fred and Virginia (Hoffman) Sisser, was born and raised in Somerville, N.J. He attended the Wardlaw School, Plainfield, N.J. from which he graduated in 1959. He majored in Business Administration at Assumption College, Worcester, Mass., where he received his degree in 1963. By profession a Probation Officer in the Somerset County Probation Department, he now supervises delinquent boys of the County.

The Sisser family live in Somerville, N.J. on land first bought by an ancestor, Pieter Van Nest in 1688.

Mr. Sisser's first published article "Life and Times of Jacob Jansen Stol: I" appeared in the April 1967 issue of de Halve-Maen (a quarterly, published by The Holland Society of New York). He privately published "History of Jacob Jansen Stol and His Family" was favorably reviewed in the January 1967 issue of The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record.

He has compiled brief genealogies of the VanVliet, Booraem and Bunn families and has in preparation a study of the Schomp family. Your editor was particularly interested to learn Mr. Sisser also researched and compiled a history of a Grandfather's Clock owned by his family.

PARDON OUR SLIP

It was brought to our attention that the reference referred to under the title Tax Lists Consulted pg. 7 Winter Issue 1966 of The Bulletin was incorrect. A re-check revealed the Microfilm Tax Rateables from Morris County, Washington Twp. was labeled incorrectly. There is no Western Precinct on the film. According to the index issued with the rateables (Box No. 1486) Western Precinct is marked "void".

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

Mrs. Russell A. McQueen, 444 S. Beaver Street, Newcomerstown, Ohio is a descendant of the Duffords (Tuffords) who moved from Morris Co., N.J. to Ohio, early in the 1800's.

DATES ON DUFFORD HEADSTONES INCORRECT

The following is the result of recent research accomplished by Mr. C. Robert Brown of Morristown, N.J.

The dates of death on two Dufford headstones in the Long Valley Restored Cemetery have been found to be incorrect. On the stone for Matthias Dufford (son of Jacob and grandson of Philip, the progenitor) there is the inscription: "Died May 27, 1816, age 78 years". Recent investigation shows that he wrote his will on May 25, 1818, which was proved June 5, 1818. (Dates were carefully copied from the original will on file at Trenton, N.J.)

Matthias' son, Jacob Dufford, Jr., is buried beside him. Jacob's date of death is also incorrectly cut. The stone reads "Died July 9, 1816, age 55 years". Jacob died intestate, but he could not have died before his father, as he received his father's homestead farm. Jacob's inventory is dated July 31, 1818. The property he received under the terms of his father's will was then divided among his five children: Mary Derenberg; and John, William, Matthias and David Tufford. (Morris County, N.J. Orphan Court Minutes, Bk. D, pg. 3).

The important thing about this discovery is the fact that if the age is correct on Matthias' headstone, he was born about 1740 and not 1738, as had been previously believed. This would indicate that there is a good possibility that his father, Jacob, was married in the Colony of New Jersey and not in Europe, as had been supposed.

Definite proof has also been found (in Morris County Surrogate's Office) that Matthias, George Stephen and Jacob, were brothers. Although Rev. Chambers in Early Germans of New Jersey shows this to be the case there heretofore has been no primary record found that makes it a certainty. Details of this "find" are too lengthy to discuss here.

TWO GEORGE SWACKHAMERS HAVE CIVIL WAR RECORDS

The Service Record and lineage of one is published in this issue.

The other George Swackhamer B. 10 Dec. 1824 Muskingham County, Ohio, D. 25 Oct. 1909 age 84-10-16 Montrose - married about 1843 at the age of 19 to Elizabeth Thrush and had 9 children (five living on 29 Oct. 1909). This George enlisted as a Private in Capt. E. J. Ingersolls Co. "G" 73rd Reg. Ill. Infantry on 11 Aug. 1862. He was mustered out of Service 12 June 1865. After the Civil War he moved to Missouri and settled on a farm in Walker Township. It is believed his father removed from Penna. to Muskingam Co., Ohio. Three family members are searching for the parents of this George which will give us a lead to trace their lines back to the New Jersey origin. They are Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer, Miss Frances D. Paine and Mr. Gene Swackhamer. It is felt all three have related lines and all are stopped at the same generation. PLEASE ADVISE YOUR EDITOR IF YOU CAN HELPCheck family Bibles, Old Letters, Deeds, and the like.

OLD LETTER PROVIDED CLUES FOR RESEARCH BY YOUR EDITOR

Letter addressed to Daniel H. Powelson, Lesser X Roads, Somerset Co., New Jersey dated May 10, 1862 from John Swackhamer whose return address was Big Prairie, Wain County, Ohio and written in the old style on stationery imprinted with a large colored picture of Miss Liberty holding the American Flag follows:

Dear Sister:¹

I take the opportunity to inform you that we are all well at present and I hope these few lines will find you the same. We received your letter a week or so ago and was glad to hear from you once more. We have not had any letter from any of you for more than two years except Jacob.² He sends a letter once in a while. You wanted to know how we are getting along. We are getting along midling well for these times. I still work at the carpenter business. I always have as much work as me and two or three hands can do. I put up a barn last fall 44 feet wide and 72 feet long two stories high. We got the roof on against cold weather and then we quit it till this spring. We are working at it now. I will soon be through with it. It was a big job. There is 14 doors in it and 30 windows and it is to be painted red and white. I get 80 acres of land for building it and the man finds everything for the job and boards me and I give him 50 dollars. The land is worth five hundred dollars these hard times. If the times get better it will be worth a good deal more. There is six acres cleared on it. The land is in Michigan handy to a Railroad.

We had a letter from George³ the other day. He was well. He got at that big battle at Pittsburg Landing a half hour after it was over. He said they marched sunday knight all knight through the rain to get there. He said he seen hundreds laying over the field, some of them torn in three or four pieces. He said he seen 18 Rebels thrown in one hole and buried. They marched nine days to get there. General Buel is their head commander. He is in General Wood's sixth division. If you want to send him a letter direct it to George Swackhamer, Louisville, Kentucky 65th Regiment Co. F O.V. in care of Capt. Voorhees (I will just tell you Company F. O.V. means Ohio Volunteers). We are living on a stock farm of 160 acres. There is about 50 acres of plough land and 30 acres of mowing ground and 80 acres of pasture. 10 acres of the 80 is in timber, We have 2 horses and six milk cows, 22 young cattle and rent out a good deal of pasture. We are building a barn on the place this summer. I get four hundred and twenty five dollars for it. I pay three hundred and ten dollars rent. The reason I don't live on my own land there aint enough cleared out and I haint any help to clear it. I can make more at my trade than clearing land. I will tell you what help I have got. George and he is gone. Sarahan and James. He is 18 years old and Martha 13 in July, Margaret 10 years in April last. Emmyjosafine 7 years in March last. Hear comes my help Joseph 5 years old last December and Ellen 2 years old the second day of next July. You see I have plenty of help, such as it is. I think I will stop for I have no more room to write. Send me a letter once in a while. No more at present.

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John Swackhamer

1. Sister, being Eliza Swackhamer B. March 23, 1830, wife of Daniel H. Powelson
2. Jacob, brother to Eliza and John Swackhamer B. May 20, 1825
3. George (eldest son of the writer of above letter) B. April 17, 1841
4. John Swackhamer B. May 10, 1815 (son of Rulif Swackhammer and Mary Schamp)

This letter copied as closely as possible from the original. Your editor has "created" breaks, capitalized such letters as "I" and substituted s's for f's for easier reading.

From the foregoing letter and Civil War Service Records of George Swackhamer the following line was developed and its connection with the New Jersey family established by your editor:

1. George Swackhamer B. Near Clinton, Holmes County, Ohio on 17 April 1841
D. @Wilmington, Ill. 22 May 1924 (War Record Below) M. 1st - 13 Nov. 1867
Abbie Leach who D. @ Dwight, Ill. 6 Oct. 1881 Ch. by this marriage -
Hortince B. 15 Dec. 1870
M. 2nd - @Kankakee County, Ill. by Charles Palmer 29 April 1885 to Viola A.
Huston (her 1st M.) She was still living in 1912 Ch. by this marriage -
Georgiana Lucy B. 11 Oct. 1888

George Swackhamer enlisted Nov. 30, 1861 @ Mansfield, Ohio
Record shows Pvt. resided near Clinton, Holmes County, Ohio served in Pioneer
Brigade, Third Battalion Capt. Voorhes' Co. 65th Reg't Ohio Inf. Mustered in
at Camp Buckingham, Ohio for period of three years. Detached Service in
Pioneer Corps. Nov. 28, 1862 as a Stone Mason. Discharged at Nashville, Tenn.
on Dec. 13, 1864 by reason of expiration of service. At the time of enlist-
ment he is described as being 20 years of age, 6 feet tall having light com-
plexion, black eyes and dark hair. His pension papers show he resided in
Ill. in 1865, in Missouri in 1867 and returned to Ill. in 1870. His address
in 1915 was Essex, Ill. He received \$50.00 a month Civil War Pension applied
for May 29, 1912 at the age of 71 until his death (May 4, 1924 last payment
received).

2. George Swackhamer was the son of John R. Swackhamer B. @ Readington, Hunterdon
County, N.J. 10 May 1815 (Bapt. 25 June 1815) Date and place of death unknown
M. to Sarah Ann
Children:
 1. George B. 17 April 1841 D. 22 May 1924
 2. James B. About 1844
 3. Martha B. About 1849
 4. Margaret B. About 1852 in April
 5. Emmyjosafine B. About 1855 in March
 6. Joseph B. About 1856 in December
 7. Ellen B. About 1860 - July 2
3. John R. Swackhamer was the son of Rulif Swackhamer B. 8 Sept. 1787
D. 20 April 1846 M. Mary Schamp B. 31 Dec. 1790 D. 23 July 1859
They were married on 10 Oct. 1812. They had 8 children. Both are buried
Schamp family Cenetery, Dreahook, Readington Twsp. N.J.
4. Rulif Swackhamer was the son of Conrad Swackhamer Jr. B. 30 Nov. 1753
D. 19 Sept. 1831 M. 15 May 1774 to Mary Rulofson B. 10 Feb. 1751
D. 27 Aug. 1816 They had 6 children. Both buried Zion Lutheran Churchyard,
New Germantown (now Oldwick) N.J.
5. Conrad Swackhamer was the son of Conrad Swackhamer, Sr. B. about 1720
probably in Empire of Germany D. Aug. 1812/13 age 93 M. Elisabeth (surname
unknown) B. about 1721 D. 12 Aug. 1794 - had 5 children Buried Zion Lutheran
Churchyard at New Germantown (now Oldwick) N.J.
6. Conrad Swackhamer was the son of Samuel Swackhamer b. about 1700 in the Empire
of Germany D. 3 Feb. 1782 - came to America in 1730/31 and settled in German
Valley (now Long Valley) N.J. He married 3 times and had 25 children.

HOPE YOU HAVE A HAPPY SUMMER AND WILL ATTEND THE REUNION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.