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The descendants of Samuel Swackhamer (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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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

For only in fulfilling ourselves at the highest level of our capabilities, developing our lives in terms of social usefulness and benefit to the common good, can we justify ourselves as members of the human society.

Author unknown

The above statement could very well apply to yesteryear, today or tomorrow.

Irregardless of time, the need for the extra shoulder put to the load, or the cooling hand that refreshes the fevered brow, along with the many other facets of endeavor will always be sought for as long as we humans exist.

Hoping your Holidays will be happy ones.

Stanley Dufford, President

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TREASURER'S MESSAGE

It has been my pleasure, since I have been treasurer of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, to have received, with their donations, many warm and friendly messages from many of our members and friends. Most of them do not know me nor do I know them, but they write to me they enjoy the Bulletin and ask not to be forgotten. I enjoy their friendly messages and hope they will continue to send them. Every donation is acknowledged by a "Thank you" note from me.

We are fortunate, also, in having Eleanor Romaine as our editor. She works hard to produce for your interest and pleasure, an attractive pamphlet. Her success can

only be accomplished by your contributions. We ask all of you to send her any news regarding your family in order that others may share your pleasures and sorrows in "Who's Who" in the Swackhamer-Dufford families. Remember, please, you may be a long way from New Jersey but some one knows you and your family and would enjoy being brought up to date on weddings, births, marriages, deaths, etc.

There is still another unit of this organization which is just as important as any other and that is the printing, proof reading, assembling and mailing of about 300 copies twice each year. This department is under the direction of Reverend T. Cecil Swackhamer, our former president. I believe all of you will agree with me that Eleanor and Reverend Cecil and his staff, deserve our sincere thanks and appreciation for their good work.

Like all organizations, we have certain expenses which we cannot neglect. The cost of paper, envelopes and postage are the important items. We make a donation to the Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley for the use of the Sunday School room for the day of our meeting which also includes the use of the kitchen and loan of their tables and chairs. All of these expenses are met with the donations from approximately seventy-five to one hundred members. We wish others who have not made donations would do so.

Please, let me make it perfectly clear in order that there shall be no offense taken, if you want us to continue to mail the Bulletin and you feel you are unable to make a yearly contribution, we most certainly and sincerely want you to have it. We do feel, however, that it is an oversight or neglect on the part of most of the approximately 200 who do not respond. If you do not want the Bulletin due to lack of interest in its contents, please advise us and we shall remove your name from our mailing list.

This is written with the hope it will be accepted in an understanding manner and that no one is offended. To those who have so generously donated, our most sincere thanks.

Wesley J. Moren, Treasurer

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REUNION

It is with regret that your editor must delete portions of the minutes so beautifully written by our Secretary, Mr. William O. Hart.

"The twentieth annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society was held on July 29, 1967, at the Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, New Jersey. Sixty-five individuals signed the reunion register but it was apparent to the naked eye that many more were present. Evidently in the excitement of the day some overlooked signing and very few of the children's names appear on the register.

This combined reunion represents the twenty-seventh meeting of the Swackhamer family and the forty-second of the Dufford family. Eleven persons indicated that they were members of both families. Those present came from New York State, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Florida. A number of those who have attended faithfully in the past, frequently from distant points, were missed because of death or infirmity. In their places were large numbers of active, attractive children. And so "one generation passeth away and another generation cometh" and the families continue to increase and multiply and to disperse themselves over the face of the earth as they have done since they arrived in the "Valley" 237 years ago.

People began to arrive from mid-morning on. By noon the traditional picnic was in full swing. The excellent coffee was provided and served by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley J. Moren of Scotch Plains, N.J.

At the conclusion of the picnic, the family meeting was called to order by Mr. Stanley Dufford, President, of Cedar Grove, N.J. He called upon Dr. Sharp Timmer to invoke the divine blessing." Business portion deleted.

"Mrs. Annette Wert Hart of Manasquan, N.J. displayed a number of heirlooms of the Dufford family, including a hand-sewn sunburst quilt made by Martha Ann Dufford nearly one hundred years ago.

Mr. C. Robert Brown of Morristown, N.J., read an interesting paper on Adam Dufford, son of the original Philip. Until the present, his descendants have been unknown to the society but as a result of Mr. Brown's research, it is expected that Adam and his line will be traced and definitely connected. Mr. Brown is also developing the antecedents of the Duffords in Europe before their migration to the New World.

Mr. Fred Sisser III of Somerville, N.J., reported on his research into the petitions for Naturalization by the early Swackhamers and noted that Adam Dufford was a character reference for one of them.

Mrs. Gertrude Taylor, representative of the Washington Township, N.J. Historical Society (the municipality in which Long Valley is located), addressed the meeting and extended an invitation to those present to attend the forthcoming "Homecoming" weekend festivities, August 4, 5 and 6, during which a pageant would be presented depicting the settlement of Long Valley by the early families, including the Duffords and Swackhamers.

During the course of the meeting, maps and other documents had been on display, among which were an English map of New Jersey, dated 1767 and the Rev. Chambers' map of the original land-holdings in Washington Township.

After the adjournment of the meeting at 3:15 p.m. many people went into the church proper for an organ concert by Mrs. Annette Wert Hart. The concert and the day ended with an enthusiastic hymn-sing by the entire audience."

LONG VALLEY CHURCH RUINS DECLARED A HAZARD

From an article written by Staff Correspondent, James M. Staples published in the Newark Evening News of November 20, 1967 we quote in part: "Nearly two centuries of erosion, frost and wind have failed to accomplish what is being threatened by officials here (Long Valley, N.J.) - destruction of the remains of the former Evangelic Reformed and Lutheran Meeting House on Fairview Avenue.

Declared a hazard by the Township Committee in August because of crumbling stone walls, the building is an unusual problem for two churches and the Washington Township (Morris County) Historical Society.

'The historical society undertook years ago to restore the old cemetery and ground around the building itself' a society member said. 'But it's going to take several thousand dollars to guard against more falling rocks.'

That's several thousand dollars the society wishes it had.

As for the Presbyterian and Lutheran Churches here, a quandry exists. On Feb. 4, 1774 the congregations of the local Evangelic Reformed and Lutheran Churches here signed an agreement on their joint meeting house. One proviso reads "Whereas we do not only concern ourselves, but for our posterity also, it is our will and opinion that none of the parties shall or can sell their rights in any way or manner."

The congregations, now in their own building as Zion Lutheran Church and Long Valley Presbyterian Church, wholeheartedly want to save the historic values represented in the decaying structure, but are also without sufficient funds.

Jack Boucher, supervisor of the historic sites for the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development regretfully informed this historic society earlier this month that no federal funds were available to aid in the emergency.

Boucher wrote that it took quite a while for the building to reach its current state if disrepair, and he hopes town fathers will allow sufficient time for a concerted fund raising effort. In the meantime, he urged "no trespassing" signs and snow fences to prevent injury by falling rocks to the unwary.

HOPEFULLY, the historical society has announced opening of its special "1774 CHURCH FUND". Both Churches will also receive donations earmarked for the preservation campaign."

OLD COMMUNION SET ON DISPLAY

Hundreds of persons visited the 200 year old village of Long Valley, N.J. for its first "homecoming weekend" in August.

Climaxing the observance was the dedication of the "new" Washington Township Library in a Fairview Avenue building which was built in 1830 as the community's first public school.

Placed on permanent display on the second floor of the library during the dedication service was a pewter Communion service set used in the former Union Church during the 1700s.

The set, a pewter wine cup and chalice, were discovered recently in the attic of the former Swayze home and was presented to the historical society by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marshall.

Ruins of the church where it was used stands next door to the library building.

MAY I BORROW THIS SPACE TO KEEP A PROMISE?

At the reunion your editor made an "honest to goodness" promise that a young guest's name would appear in the Bulletin. The lad contacted through the N.Y. Herald Fresh Air Fund was sponsored by the Princeton, N.J. Jaycees. ARTHUR THOMAS of 1190 Shakespeare Ave., Bronx, N.Y. was vacationing with Mr. & Mrs. William J. Suydam of Hopewell, N.J. During the "interview" it was evident that Arthur was enjoying the picnic and excitement of the day. Happy Holidays and please visit us again.

OUR MEN IN UNIFORM

Jerry and Rodney Hunsinger, sons of Mary Jane Swackhamer and Raymond Hunsinger of RD #2, Springfield, Pa. 18844 are with the armed forces. Jerry is a Corporal with the Marines in Vietnam and expected back in the states after Christmas. Rodney is with the Navy and at present stationed at Long Beach, Calif. There are the grandsons of Leon Swackhamer, Sr., of Tucson, Arizona.

Melville Robert Romaine (a Swackhamer), nephew of your editor, has recently been given the rank of Master Sgt. United States Air Force. He is married to the former Winifred Bonnie Coons of Chatham, N.J. They are the parents of Deborah Lynn and Jeffrey Romaine. They are now at Seymour-Johnson A.F.B., Goldsboro, N.C. and are expecting "Aunt Eleanor" for a holiday visit.

EMPLOYMENT

As an economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Mo., Mr. Gene L. Swackhamer continues to be busy with economic research. In the past year he has given over twenty talks to agricultural and business groups, and has presented several research papers to professional groups. Much of his research is published in the Monthly Review, a publication of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

ACCOMPLISHED COUPLE

The Robert O. Harts of Manasquan, N.J. have exchanged their organ for a Hammond plus chime and percussion attachments. Bob hopes to play on the boardwalk one year. Annette has become more involved in teaching music and genealogical research. She has traced her mother's line directly back to a "Minute Man", John Hoffman. This branch of her family came here in 1638, via Cape May, N.J.

CONCLUSION OF AN EIGHT-YEAR PROGRAM

On October 22nd the dedication of the new Schantz pipe organ completed the building program begun eight years ago by the First Methodist Church of Stamford, Conn. The Pastor is our own Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer. The dedicatory recital was played by Mr. Frederick Swann, of Riverside Church, New York City. For the Litany of Dedication-Act of Praise Dr. Swackhamer chose:

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to thy name, O Most High;
to declare thy steadfast love in the morning,
and thy faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and harp,
to the melody of the lyre.
For thou, O Lord hast made me glad by thy work;
at the works of thy hands I sing for joy." Psalm 92: 1-4

COLLEGE SET

Donald Harriman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman of Westport, Conn. is attending Dartmouth College.

Dennis B. Swackhamer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Bond B. Swackhamer, 406 Knox St., Frankfort, Ind. is one of 28 seniors at Ball State University who has been officially named to the 1967-68 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.

Dennis, who is the 1967 SOC director of Ball State University, has a 2.7 scholastic average in business administration. He also participated in Phi Beta Lambda and Delta Sigma Pi where he was pledge class president, pledge director, and vice president.

Some of Swackhamer's other achievements include the Student Policies Council, Student Financial Aids Committee and resident hall government.

TRAVELERS

During August Mr. Gene L. Swackhamer and wife, Sharon, attended the joint professional meetings of the American Agricultural Economics Association and the Canadian Agricultural Economics Association in Guelph, Ontario, Canada. They then journeyed on to Montreal for a visit to Expo '67.

Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble of LaJolla, Calif. was east during Oct. on a lecture tour.

Mrs. Marjorie Logan visited with her daughter, Jinny (Mrs. Philip Jones.) in Bethesda, Md. Jinny plans to meet her husband in California on his return from the Far East where he has been on Government business. Marjorie goes on to spend the winter with her youngest daughter, Gail, her son-in-law, Anthony Keefer and her granddaughter, Bridget. The Keefers now reside at 2526 Rosefield Way, Houston, Tex. 17055.

Wendy, daughter of Cyrus D. Harrimans of Westport, Conn. with a group of seven, toured the west and Mexico. She had a wonderful time seeing the beauties of the country.

Miss Inez D. Powelson (a Swackhamer) of West Chester, Pa. will be joined by a friend from California for the holidays. They will stay at the Vassar Club in New York City. Tickets have been secured for the Opera and Broadway shows.

Gary Moren, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd E. Moren and grandson of the Wesley Morens, is a wiser Scout. He was one of a group of the Watchung Area Council of Boy Scouts of America who on July 22nd traveled west to the National Boy Scout's Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, N.M. One story related is that "a large bear sat on one scout as it rummaged through his knapsack. Nothing happened to the scout other than his being a bit shaken up."

The boys spent 12 of their 22 days at the Boy Scout ranch during which time they hiked more than 60 miles. While on the trail, the scouts cooked all their own meals. They learned about conservation activities, geology and earth science. During their travels through the west the scouts had a chance to visit the Garden of the Gods in Colorado, a western rodeo, the badlands of South Dakota, the Air Force Academy in Colorado, Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and the Indianapolis Speedway in Indiana.

THIS TIME IT WAS RUSSIA - Mrs. Elsie Cocran took a 22 day plane tour to all the big cities in Russia then went to Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Spain and Portugal. She returned home the middle of September. Written on July 27th from Moscow she sent "greetings from a beautiful city - real warm weather. The buildings are beautiful too. Saw Lenin's tomb this a.m. Also one astronaut who died. He looked so life like"

ILLNESSES - For certain - you're too nice to be hurtin' GET WELL SOON

On Nov. 10th Mr. Leonard W. Brotzman wrote that his nephew, Russell Rockwell, was in the hospital in Sayre, Pa. He had suffered a severe heart attack. Mr. Rockwell and his family attended the reunion two years ago.

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TROUBLE IN BUNCHES - Dr. and Mrs. T. Cecil Swackhamer have both had a seige of it. About himself, Dr. Swackhamer wrote "After hospitalization (for a gastrointestinal upset) in Allentown, Pa. on the way back from our vacation in Chatauqua, N.Y. and Missouri, where we had gone to visit my mother, 89 with a broken hip, there has been a return to better health. My mother has returned to her own home where she lives with a companion who cares for her. Betty, my wife, was in the Port of Authority Building and fell down an escalator and broke her right leg. This happened on October. 2nd" Mrs. Swackhamer has been in a cast and is still (Dec 1st) in the Stamford Hospital. Dr. Swackhamer said he was disturbed not to be able to attend the reunion this year because it grows more exciting all the time.

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Mr. Richard Cockran is recovering from a cataract operation. We are so glad to know he is doing well.

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Mr. Fred Sisser III has been ill but managed to prepare a paper on "Samuel Swackhamer's Citizenship" to be included in the genealogical section of this issue if space permits - if not, look for it in the next issue. We know it was a real effort, Fred and we appreciate it. Hope you feel better real soon so you can go on with the fine research you undertake.

NEWCOMERS

Jason Tod and Jon Kevin Swackhamer were born June 1, 1967, at Frankfort, Ind. They are the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Max R. Swackhamer of Rural Route 5, Frankfort. Max R. is the brother of Gene L. Swackhamer.

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Born to Dawna Jean Swackhamer Ellenberg and Terry Lee Ellenberg of Los Angeles, California - a daughter Cyrinda Lee on July 26, 1967. Dawna Jean is the daughter of Leon Swackhamer, Jr. of Chula Vista, Calif. and granddaughter of the Leon Swackhamer Srs. of Tucson, Arizona.

WEDDINGS

Fullerton-Dufford

Miss Doris Jean Dufford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Dufford, 5 Righter Road, Succasunna, N.J., was married August 12, 1967 to Robert B. Fuller II, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert B. Fullerton, Sr. of Corpus Christi, Texas.

The bride attended Montclair State College. The groom attended Bloomfield College and is serving in the U. S. Army. He recently completed his tour of duty in Vietnam and is now stationed in Washington, D.C. The couple make their home in Maryland.

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Sottile-Dufford

Holy Trinity Church, Arlington, N.J. was the scene of the marriage on June 25, 1967 of Miss Marilyn Loretta Dufford to Joseph James Sottile. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Dufford of 25 Bancroft Rd., Arlington, N.J. and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Sottile, Lindenhurst, N.J.

The bride is a 1963 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School and a 1967 graduate of Plattsburg State College. She is a kindergarten teacher.

The groom, a 1962 graduate of Lindenhurst High School, also a 1967 graduate of Plattsburg State College and is a teacher on the sixth level.

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Cokley-Swackhamer

Just reported is the marriage of Charles A. Swackhamer to Connie Cokley on June 10, 1966. Charles is the son of Charles W. Swackhamer, RD #1, Montrose, Pa. and grandson of Leon Swackhamer, Sr. of Tucson, Arizona.

IN MEMORIAN

"Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

From Mr. Leonard W. Brotzman of Binghamton, N.Y. we received this sad news: "I am sorry to report the death of my brother, Forrest Orville Brotzman. He disappeared the night of October 2nd. We had over 200 men searching for him and even a blood-hound, but to no avail.

A week later his body was found in dense brush over a mile from home by bird hunters. We don't know what happened and never will. He evidently walked until exhausted and suffered a quick coronary. He was ninety years old. He had never been seriously sick in his life. This past summer he raised two acres of garden produce."

 Dr. Edgar Allen Thompson, prominent radiologist, from Glendora, Calif. died suddenly January 27, 1967 at the age of 50. Dr. Thompson is survived by his parents Edgar G. and Jessie (Swackhamer) Thompson of Clarks Hill, Indiana.

 Mrs. Walter Anderson reported the death of Mr. Charles Anthony of Long Valley, N.J. on March 15, 1967 at the age of 89. He was the great-grandson of Jacob Swackhamer.

 Harold S. Trimmer of 21 Winchester Road, Livingston, N.J. died June 29, 1967 at the age of 63. Mr. Trimmer was a graduate of Syracuse University. Before his retirement in 1967, he had been North Jersey sales representative for the Mobil Oil Co. He was born in High Bridge, N.J., the son of Edward and Jennie Trimmer.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Knox Trimmer, a son, Harold S., Jr. of San Francisco, California and a brother, Lawrence of Largo, Florida.

He lived in Livingston 30 years and was a member of St. Cloud Presbyterian Church, West Orange. Interment was in Lower Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

 Mrs. Sarah B. Swackhamer, wife of Roy W. Swackhamer of Petersbufg Road, Hackettstown, N.J. died August 16, 1967 at the age of 59.

Mrs. Swackhamer was born in Newman, Ga. and lived many years in Long Valley, N.J., moving to Hackettstown a year ago.

She was a member of the Long Valley Presbyterian Church.

She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Ella Richmond of Newman, Georgia.

 Mrs. Mary Sudam, wife of Melvin Sudam, passed away on March 24, 1966 at the age of 73. A resident of Hopewell, N.J., she was the former Mary Emma Brewer of Ringoes, New Jersey.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. Carl (Elsie) Forgan, Columbus, N. J.; Mrs. William (Esther) Deemer, Mercerville, N.J. and three sons; William of Hopewell, N.J., Jacob of Bordentown and Paul of Trenton. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Julius Snook of Pennington, N.J.

 Frank H. Potter, 57, of RD 3, Montrose, Pa., died at his home after a brief illness. (The notice did not carry the date. Ed.)

He was a lifetime resident of Franklin Township, Pa., and had been employed as a machinist for the Beach Manufacturing Co. of Montrose.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Gladys Swackhamer Potter; a brother, Harry Potter of Binghamton, N.Y.; a sister, Mrs. David Brown of Binghamton, N.Y.; two nephews and one niece.

 As this goes to press news had come of the death of Mr. C. L. Harriman of Westport on December 14th. Funeral services at Plainfield, N.J. conducted by Dr. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer. More details next issue.

INQUIRIES

SWACKHAMER - BROWN: Would appreciate data on and forefathers of Ann Swackhamer B. 1778 D. Jan. 21, 1865 M. Johnathan Brown. Had Chr: Phoeba, Lydia (Born Wilkes-

Barre, Pa.) Mary, John and Cornelius. Add. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCollum, RT 5, Trenton, Missouri 64683.

REPRINT ANNOUNCED

Forthcoming is a reprint of The Early Germans of New Jersey by Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers @ \$17.50. Order from The Genealogical Publishing Company, 521-23 St. Paul Place, Baltimore, Md. 21202.

DAR ELIGIBILITY

If you descend from either of the following patriots and desire membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution contact your local Chapter and give this reference. Lineage established from these men is acceptable:

REFERENCE: DAR PATRIOT INDEX published 1966

Pg. 204 Mathias Dufford B. 1738 D. 5-27-1816 M. Judith Trimmer PS* N.J.

Pg. 661 Conrad Swackhamer B. 11-30-1753 D. 9-19-1831 M. Mary Roelofsen PS* N.J.

*PS - means Patriotic Service, such as "An Associator; Collector of Provisions; Defender of fort or frontier; Delegate to a Continental Congress or a Provincial Congress; Express Rider; Fence Viewer; Furnishing a substitute; Gunsmith who gave service; Inspector of provisions" and other contributions to "the cause" - see page xii of Index.

This does not mean that lineage from other patriots can not yet be established and accepted. These are only the names of those who have been submitted and accepted by NSDAR. Your editor has not contacted any authority in the S. A. R. (Sons of the American Revolution) - they too may accept this reference - GIVE IT A TRY.

CANADIAN BRANCHES

Spurred by the 1967 Canadian Centennial, your editor and others have been doing research on the Dufford and Swackhamer families of Canada. The result will appear in later issues of the Bulletin. Meanwhile - Congratulations.

CONDENSATION of the talk given at the reunion by Mr. C. Robert Brown

If there has been one thing that has always fascinated me, it is the question of what happened to Adam Dufford. Philip Dufford, who arrived in Philadelphia on September 11, 1738, had three sons, Jacob, George and Adam; and a daughter Mary Magdalene. All of us who are able to trace our ancestry to Philip, trace it through his son, Jacob. Rev. Chambers, in his book, Early Germans of New Jersey, states that Adam may have migrated to Greenwich Township, Warren County, New Jersey, "as his name appears on the Straw Church Book." This is St. James Lutheran Church, at the Straw Church Traffic Circle, a little east of Phillipsburg, N.J. Several years ago I looked for him there, but these church books that Rev. Chambers consulted have since been destroyed in a fire and I got nowhere. I failed to look among the available church records west of the Delaware River, in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Beatrice Adams, a professional genealogist and a friend, of Livingston, N.J., supplied the clue that led me to Easton. There, in the record books of the German Reformed Church, she found baptisms for two sons of an Adam and Sussannah Dufford. When I heard this news I was quite naturally elated, for I felt certain that this Adam was, indeed, the son of Philip and the same Adam who disappeared from New Jersey. Although I am not 100% certain, there seems little doubt about it. These are the reasons:

In his will, dated December 7, 1778, Adam Dufford calls himself a "weaver", and his inventory we find "one weaver's loom and all belongings to it". Jacob, son of Philip Dufford, is called a weaver in the lease he signed with John Budd in 1747.

Adam Dufford first appears in the records of the Easton area in 1768. He was known to be in New Jersey at least until the 18th of January, 1763. Adam was a member of the consistory of the Zion Lutheran Church, of New Germantown (now Oldwick) and German Valley, starting about 1758. In the Minutes Book of this Church there is an entry, dated 18 Jan. 1763, stating that "Anton Ross was seated in the place of

Adam Doffart". It would appear that he therefore left the Morris County area in 1763. This would give him about five years in which to move to Warren County, live there for a while and then move on across the river to Northampton County, Penna.

Adam lists eight children in his will: Jacob, Eve, Mary, John, George, Susannah, Frederick and Philip. Jacob, John, George and Philip are all common names in the Dufford family.

Two of Adam's sons, Jacob and John, were in the Revolutionary War. I have made contact with a gentleman, who I feel certain is a living descendant of Adam, who lives in Tatany, Pennsylvania, just north of Easton. The spelling of the name has changed to Doffert, in this branch, as a result of a clerical error years ago, in the recording of an official document.

As a result of finding Adam in the Easton area, and with the possession of information as to who several of his children married, we may now be able to connect some of the people around the country who have missing links to Philip, the progenitor.

From a Miss Muriel Tufford, of Brantford, Ontario, Canada, I am gathering much data about Duffords and Swackhamers who lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and migrated to Ontario. Members of German Valley families also went to Ontario, among them some of the Swackhamers, Duffords and Kerns (Karn).

Research will be continued, as time permits, into the Adam Dufford line. At present the Easton Public Library's genealogical and local history collection is boxed due to an addition being constructed on the building. When this addition is completed it will again be possible to work on this problem. The foremost task is to find Adam Dufford's gravestone, then try to compare the dates with church records in West Germany.

WEST GERMAN CONTACT MADE

Mr. C. Robert Brown, 38 Valley View Drive, Morristown, N.J. 07960, has been corresponding with an official of the West German government. This man, who has his doctorate, is in charge of all records pertaining to the emigration and immigration of people into and out of the Palatinate- that area lying between the border of France and the Rhine River - from which place the Duffords, Neighbors, Schenkles, Derenbergers and Weiss's started their trek by land and sea to America. This man's office has over 200,000 file cards, giving all sorts of vital statistics.

Bob has learned from this source that the source tht that the Dufford family is definitely of Huguenot origin. The original spelling of the name is "Dufort", meaning, in French, "from the fort". He also has learned that most of the emigrants on board the "Robert and Alice", on which the above listed families came together to America, were from the German city of Kusel, in the Palatinate. This city is 47 miles west of Mannheim, where many Huguenots took refuge, and only a few miles north of the border of Alsace.

He has also learned that the Derenbergers (Terriberry) were originally from four villages in the Canton of Basle, Switzerland. From there one branch migrated to Preuschoorf, Alsace, before 1665, and then on into the Palatinate. Stephen Derenberger, a "Robert and Alice" passenger, was Philip Dufford's next door neighbor in German Valley and an executor of Philip's will.

There were people with the name Defort living in mid 18th century in Dittelsheim, a town near the city of Worms, but it is not known as yet if these are our people.

DANKE SHOEN

AUF WIDERSEHEN

Your editor