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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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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED TO DESIGNATE FAMILY CONNECTION

(D) Dufford (S) Swackhamer (B) Dufford and Swackhamer (F) Friend
These symbols will not be used where the connection is obvious. The absence of a symbol will be due to the uncertainty of connection.

ANNUAL REUNION

Last Saturday of July at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

EACH DAY THAT PASSES, MAN CONTINUES TO SEEK AN ANSWER TO HIS PROBLEMS. MANY HE HAS CONQUERED, MANY REMAIN TO BE SOLVED. DESPITE THE EBB AND FLOW OF THIS STRUGGLE, TO ATTAIN INDIVIDUAL CONTENTMENT IS STILL WITHIN THE GRASP OF ANY ONE.
STANLEY DUFFORD, PRESIDENT

BULLETINS RETURNED

Rev. Paul Dufford, Speculator, N.Y.
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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. John Bolles (S) R.D. #1, Montrose, Pa. 18801
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MINUTES OF THE REUNION

The twenty-third annual combined reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society was held at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey on July 25, 1970 - a day which was not and stuffy, a contrast to the weather of the preceding year. Forty adults signed the reunion register. Apparently none of the children present were entered, a fact to be regretted, since it is extremely desirable that they should be. The family members coming from the most distant point were the Rev. and Mrs. N. Frank Swackhamer of Sarnia, Ontario. This was their first reunion in seventeen years. Because of age and distance a number of persons were absent. However, everyone was glad our former treasurer, Mr. Wesley Moren, was able to come.

Following the informal morning gathering and the mid-day picnic, President Stanley Dufford of Cedar Grove, New Jersey, called the reunion to order at 1:00 PM and asked for a minute of silent prayer for the deceased family members, following which he asked Dr. Sharp Trimmer to invoke the divine blessing.

The secretary then read the minutes of the meeting of July 26, 1969, which were approved as read. Three announcements were then read to the reunion: Mr. Fred Sisser III of Somerville, N.J., has written a history of the "Monfoort Family of New York and New Jersey" which contains items of interest to the descendants of Ruliff Swackhamer and Mary Schamp (Mr. Sisser, who was present, was called upon to describe his work, in which a number of persons had expressed interest). An appeal was made for early issues of the Swackhamer-Dufford "Bulletin", because a request has been received from Mr. Donald Sinclair, Curator of Special Collections at Rutgers-The State University, for a complete set of the Bulletins. The editor has not been able to assemble a complete set - issues before 1960 are particularly wanted. Finally, a request was made for correct address of a number of family members, whose Bulletins had been returned by the Post Office.

The treasurer then reported that all bills were paid and the sum of \$51.46 remained in the treasury. She remarked that this did not leave much of a cushion for emergencies. In the discussion on the treasurer's report which took place, it was brought out that the contributions made at the reunion always more than paid for the donation to the Zion Lutheran Church and the Middle Valley Cemetery but that income from the "Bulletin" was a highly irregular thing. It appears that some family members consistently do more than their share, either make sporadic contributions of various sums and some - at least as far as we can tell from the records, do nothing. It seems inevitable that postage will go to eight cents and that paper and other supplies will continue to go up. Publishing the "Bulletin" is not a business - everyone works for nothing: the editor, the contributors, the compositor and the mailers. If more than half the recipients of the "Bulletin" fail to send their one-dollar donation, it is not going to be long before there is no publication. It was moved, seconded and passed that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. Then Mr. C. Robert Brown offered to print, at no cost to the family, a quantity of "reminders" to be inserted in the next issue of the "Bulletin".

Following the treasurer's report, a paper money collection was taken to defray the costs of the reunion.

Miss Eleanor Romaine, editor of the "Bulletin" addressed the gathering and asked that the members keep sending in notices of births, deaths and marriages and any genealogical information they might possess.

There was no old business.

All of the elective officers were reelected for one more year unanimously. The president appointed the chaplain and historian for one more year.

On display during the day was the Dufford Genealogy prepared by Mr. Harold Gunther of Sparta, N.J. One of the salient features was the unique way it was interfolded, permitting easy reference to any particular name. A motion was made, seconded and approved to buy five copies at \$2.00 each for presentation to: the Special Collections Department at the library at Rutgers, the State University; The New Jersey Historical Society; The Genealogical Society of New Jersey; the Washington Township Historical Society; and one for the editor of the "Bulletin".

The Rev. N. Frank Swackhamer of Sarnia, Ontario and Mr. Edwin Huff of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey, both made short addresses.

The formal meeting then adjourned but small groups continued to visit until an approaching summer storm made it seem wise to be on one's way toward home.

Robert O. Hart, Secretary

WINNING TICKET

by

Rick Krepela

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Rico was just another of the many towns that sprang up around the mining camps of Colorado. If a man was lucky he could find gold or silver. If his wife was lucky she could buy a lottery ticket worth a million and a quarter dollars!

A railroad pushed its way up the narrow canyon into Rico, hauling in eastern luxuries and bringing ore concentrates out from the mountains.

Just one of the hundreds of men seeking a fortune in western Colorado in 1891 was David Swickheimer. He and his wife had come west with high hopes. Like many another there was only bitter disappointment - fortunes were always made on someone else's claim.

Dave was forced to take odd jobs. He fixed this or he hauled that, conscious that his meager earnings made it necessary for his wife to take in boarders.

The people of Rico knew of the hushed arguments Dave and his wife had. Bitter words as he insisted on returning east; she insistent that the prospecting continue. They always ended the same way - he took his shovel and claim stakes back into the hills. At least it was quiet high above the town.

On one of these trips he located a small claim which they optimistically named the "Enterprise". But filing a claim was one thing; developing it was something else again! It took money - every penny the Swickheimers could squeeze from their other efforts. The small amount of money the paying ore brought was sucked right back into the ground in the form of timbers, hoists and machinery.

The arguments began all over again.

"Let's leave this country - go back east."

"No, we stick it out some more."

But as the second year with no more promise than the first, even Mrs. Swickheimer began to weaken. She stopped arguing long enough to hear the one or two offers made for their partially developed Enterprise mine.

Each time she broke off the talks with interested buyers with a firm "No, we work the mine ourselves."

With every penny needed at the mine, there was little left for the frivolities offered by life in a bonanza town. Yet, despite this, Mrs. Swickheimer managed to scrape together a dollar to buy a ticket on a local lottery. The ticket promised \$5,000 in return to the lucky winner!

To Dave it was wasted money and the arguments began again.

Of course their ticket won - paid off in 5,000 of the brightest, hardest dollars the couple had ever seen. Now the arguments grew to full scale family fights. All of Rico knew, with the gossips whispering behind cupped hands.

"She won't let him have a penny of it."

"They keep throwing money into that hole - they'll be destitute yet."

"Why won't she listen to him and go back east?"

Dave paid out the money to equipment suppliers, undoubtedly thinking of the comfortable life back east it could have bought. Each foot the shaft sank saw more of the prize money disappear. Soon they would be back where they had begun with the hole a little deeper and only the odd jobs to feed them.

With the prize money down to less than a hundred dollars, the gamble paid off. A worker's shovel cut into a vein of almost pure silver. When Dave was called over he stood staring at the fingers of metal tracing through the ore. Undoubtedly he ate crow when he told his wife they had finally struck it rich.

As the fame of the Enterprise strike spread, more prospectors flocked to the district. All it took was work, plus a little luck such as anyone might have.

In England a mining syndicate perked up its corporate ears. A buyer came over, looked at the claim and made an offer that even Mrs. Swickheimer could not refuse. In 1891, the year the railroad was completed, they signed for one and a quarter million dollars.

Even though the Enterprise became one of Colorado's biggest producers, the end was inevitable. The once prosperous region, scarred with the tailings from half a hundred successful mines, went full cycle in the boom-and-bust pattern. Mine closings swept the valley. The railroad was abandoned when most of the people moved away.

But all this was in the future when Dave held the door for his wife at the new depot. Outside, the engine had just chugged to a stop with its string of shiny new coaches. The Swickheimers were finally going back home - in style!

Mr. Robert L. Swackhamer of Glove, Arizona sent a copy of the Third Edition of GOLD! published by Western Publications, Inc. The issue contained a copyrighted story entitled "Winning Ticket" by Rick Krepela. Your editor contacted the publisher and author who were kind enough to release one-time reprint rights.

It is thought that a branch of the Swackhamer family may have spalled their name Swickheimer. We would appreciate hearing from anyone able to establish this possibility. If further research determines that Dave isn't our kin we have, at least, enjoyed a good story.

Mr. Robert L. Swackhamer is the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Chester Ray (Daisy Nichols) Swackhamer. He is an active member of archeological and historical societies. It was nice to hear from him.

OLDEST HOUSE IN THE VALLEY MARKED

"The Old Fort" on East Mill Road, believed to be the oldest dwelling in Long Valley, New Jersey was marked with a commemorative plaque through the joint efforts of the Washington Township Historical Society and the General William Maxwell Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.

Long called "The Fort", the stone dwelling was built in 1774 by Philip Weise and was occupied by his heirs for a century before it was purchased in 1874 by Louis R. Schoenheit, who was the sergeant commanding the guards at Lincoln's bier and one of the 21 pallbearers at the funeral of the President.

During the Revolutionary War the Weise house served alternately as shelter for the Continental Army and the British soldiery.

Legend has it that once when an American force was established in the dwelling the rumor got around that the Continental commander had hidden many valuables in the walls. The British, following the departure of the American forces, heard the rumor and promptly endeavored to make the Weise family reveal what they knew about the treasure. Mr. Weise escaped through a window, but Mrs. Weise was bound to a chair by the Redcoats while they searched in vain for the valuables.

Still structurally sound, the property is owned today by Jack Borgenight and is occupied by tenants as it has been since it passed from the descendants of the Schoenheit family about 10 years ago.

The above account appeared in the Hackettstown Gazette of October 8, 1970. We thank Mrs. Robert O. Hart for sending it on to us. A number of our readers will find the article of interest because they have Weise lineage.

FROM THE BULLETIN BOARD

CONSERVATION - Ethel Emmons (Mrs. Floyd) has taken orders for 10,000 Japanese Black Pine seedlings. In the spring, these will be distributed throughout Long Beach Island, N.J. by The Garden Club. Future growth will provide that practically treeless island year-round greenery.

WHAT'S MY LINE? Bee Harriman (Mrs. Cyrus D.) of Westport, Conn. has a "Purr-fect" business. She designs and manufactures playhouses for cats. She has sold over 3,000 in the past three years.

ACCELERATED - Mr. W. Ralph Williams (S) belongs to The Utica (N.Y.) Tramp and Trail Club and gets out most every week for walking. Mr. Williams plans to retire from business in February, 1972.

BLACK-TIE HONOR - Mr. Fred Sisser III (S) of Somerville, N.J. was elected a Trustee of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey.

TOP LEVEL - Richard, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Dufford Ribble, has recently been made Vice-President of Home Savings and Loan Association, Beverly Hills, Calif.

MASONIC MEMBER - Mr. Daniel V. Tunison (S) of Norwood, Pa. became a Charter Member of Condon Lodge F&AM of Bernardsville, N.J. in 1913. 57 years later, he still enjoys attending lodge affairs.

SAR - Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble of LaJolla, Calif. has just finished a term as President of LaJolla Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

HI-POWERED - George Williams (S), son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Williams of Utica, N.Y., received his Ph.D. in June and is now Asst. Prof. of Computer Science at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y.

EVERYMAN'S DREAM - Late September and October the striped bass are in the surf off Long Beach Island, N.J. and Floyd Emmons (S) caught several.

HAVE PASSPORTS - AND TRAVEL

Elsie Cochran (Mrs. R.W.), a Dufford of Orlando, Fla. took a seven-week tour of nearly all of Africa. Where next?

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In July, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Williams (S) of Utica, N.Y. traveled to London to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Mawdsley III. Evan finished his work at the University of London and is now lecturing at the University of Glasgow.

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MSGT. Melville R. Romaine (S) and family were transferred from Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico to Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio.

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Mrs. Bessie Swackhamer Emmons, age 97, who resides with her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Caskey in North Plainfield, N.J. had a visit at the home of her son, Floyd, on Long Beach Island, N.J. Bessie is the daughter of the late, Rulif Swackhamer of Whitehouse, N.J.

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Floyd and Ethel Emmons (S) of Loveladies, Long Beach Island, N.J. took a cruise on their boat, The Floriet, in June. Their friends, the Greg Hewletts, formerly of Maplewood, N.J. on their boat, accompanied the Emmons. They traveled the Inland Waterway making a stop in Cape May, N.J. then up Delaware Bay, through the C & D Canal to Harbor North, on to the Eastern Shore of Maryland to Rock Hall, St. Michael's and Oxford. Then across to Annapolis and back to the Sassafra River and Georgetown. They encountered some rough water but fortunately were in docks during two bad thunderstorms. Otherwise, the weather was fine and all went well. At each stop they enjoyed walking through the pretty towns, enjoying the lovely old homes and beautiful gardens and the good seafood restaurants. They cruised about 500 miles.

PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

Descendants of Daniel Swackhamer and Rebecca Schoonover held their reunion on August 9, 1970. They report that it was a small affair this year - due mostly to conflicting dates and sickness.

Their 1971 reunion will be held at the 2nd Sunday in August at the Standing Stone, Pa. United Methodist Church.

We thank this group for its support and generous donation.

MAYS OBSERVE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Although Sunday, August 16, 1970 was very warm, it was a lovely day for the Golden Wedding Anniversary open house of Mr. and Mrs. Francis May, at their home at 66 Franklin Avenue, Tunkhannock, Pa., and the family dinner which preceded at the Prince Hotel. Mrs. May is the former Jane M. Swackhamer, daughter of Jesse Swackhamer and Lena P. Vanness.

CRADLE ROLL

Virginia Mary Mesh (S), daughter of Walter S. and Jane (Sisser) Mesh, born August 25, 1970.

WEDDINGS HELDBrown-Cortright

Marilyn Louise Brown (B) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Robert Brown of Morristown, N.J., was married on June 20, 1970 at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown to Timothy Alan Cortright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cortright of East Stroudsburg, Pa. Marilyn graduated from Morristown High School and Trenton State College and is presently working for her Master's degree at Rutgers' University Graduate School. Timothy graduated from East Stroudsburg High School and East Stroudsburg State College. Both are 5th grade teachers. She is with the Bridgewater-Raritan School District, Somerset County, N.J. He is with the Middlesex, N.J. School District. The couple reside in Bound Brook, N.J.

Swackhamer-Hager

Miss Karen Louise Swackhamer and Edward Larry Hager were married on October 11, 1970 in Stanton Reformed Church. The Rev. Richard A. Miller performed the double ring ceremony.

Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. David H. Swackhamer, Annandale, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hager, Phillipsburgh, N.J.

The bride is a graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School and Graden State Academy of Beauty Culture and is a beautician. The bridegroom is a graduate of Delaware Valley Regional High School and is self employed.

I N M E M O R I A N

I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.
Philippians 4: 13

Ford, Charles H. of Washington, N.J. died on November 19, 1970. He was born on January 24, 1888 to Henrietta Dufford and Charles H. Ford. On June 23, 1908 he married Ella Mae Inscho by whom he had five sons. He was the brother of Elsie J. Cochran (Mrs. R.W.) of Orlando, Fla., and James C. Ford.

Services were held in the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, N.J. Interment was in Washington Cemetery.

Swackhamer, Harold J. of Montrose, Pa. died June 21, 1970. He was married to the late Mabel Palmer Swackhammer.

Born in Auburn Twp., son of the late John and Sarah Luella Gardner Swackhammer, he was employed for many years by Montrose Hanger Factory. He retired in 1953 and he and his wife opened Swackhammer Nursing Home in Dimock Twp. which they sold in 1965. Mrs. Swackhammer died January 21st of 1970.

Surviving are three nephews and one niece - all children of Edna Bolles who died in July, 1963. His twin brother, Howrd, died May 4, 1965.

Funeral and committal services were held from the Robert A. Barton Funeral Home, Montrose, with the Rev. Wilbur McCullough, Springville Baptist Church, officiating. Interment, Dimock Cemetery.

Sandoff, Bessie Sudam (Mrs. Elmer) (F), sister of Melvin Suydam, died in Trenton, N.J. on Christmas morning, 1969.

Naylor, Hope Rockwell (S) died in May 1970 following brain surgery. Hope was born January 1, 1909 to Jay and Eva Brotzman Rockwell. She was the niece of Leonard W. Brotzman of Binghamton, N.J.

Boner, Mrs. Freda (S) died May 11, 1970 in Geneva, Ohio. Burial was in Sandy Valley, Reynoldsville, Pa. She was born November 21, 1884 in Benezette Township, Pa. and was the oldest daughter of V.J. and Mae Dennas Swackhammer. She is survived by one son, four daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had four brothers and three sisters. She was the oldest sister of H. W. Swackhamer of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Romaine, William B. Jr. (S) of Marlboro Twsp. N.J. died on August 22, 1970 after a long illness. He was 36.

Mr. Romaine was born in East Orange, N.J. and lived in Madison and Chatham before moving to Marlboro Twp. two years ago. He was the son of the late William B. Romaine Sr. and Jessie Healy (Mrs. Leonard Knowlton). Mrs. Knowlton followed her son in death on November 5, 1970.

William, Jr. was a graduate of Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. and served in the army from 1956 to 1958. He was a buyer for J. C. Penny Co., New York for the last several years.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Wilma N. Newbery Romaine; three sons, David W., Lawrence S. and Stephen R., all at home.

Mr. Romaine is also survived by brothers: MSGT. Melville Robert Romaine serving with the Air Force and Douglas Healy Romaine of Dover, N.J.

Services were held at the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold, N.J. Interment was in the Park Section of Maplewood Cemetery, Freehold, N.J.

He is deeply mourned by his aunt - your editor.

Hoffman, Mary Virginia (Miller), widow of C. E. Hoffman (who is the Swackhamer, deceased) died November 20, 1970.

G L N E A L O G Y

CORRECTIONS AND EDITOR'S APOLOGY

The article which appeared in the Summer 1970 Issue of the Bulletin entitled "Who was Elizabeth (c. 1722-1794), The wife of Conrad Swackhammer" was written by Mr. Fred Sisser III of Somerville, N.J.

This is a fine piece of research and writing and credit should be noted on your copy.

On the last page of the Summer 1970 Issue of the Bulletin a typographical error should be corrected to read:

1842 Rebecca Swackhammer - George Thrush, Book 8, pg. 22.

Please change the "t" to an "h".

GENEALOGICAL CHART OF THE DUFFORD FAMILY

Mr. Harold Gunther, who made up a very long copy of the Dufford genealogy several years ago, has now made it into a book with much more information than was in the original chart.

One copy of this will be sent to each family that requests it and sends a check for Two Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$2.50). No more than one copy will be sent to each family.

Mr. Harold L. Gunther's address is 4 Oak Parkway, Lake Mohawk, Sparta, N.J.

97871.

THE MONFOORT GENEALOGY with illustrations and index is being sold privately by the author, Mr. Fred Sisser III (S) whose address is 15 Codington Place, Somerville, N.J. 08876. The price is \$6.00. Descendants of Mary Schamp (1790-1859) and Ruliff Swackhamer (1787-1846) will find this publication of great interest. Mary Schamp (Schomp) Swackhamer is the ancestress of the author and of Eleanor Romaine, to whom this work is dedicated.