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for

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 or if there is uncertainty of connection. - Ed.

ANNUAL REUNION

DATE Saturday, July 31, 1971 - 12 noon  
PLACE Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.  
IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR All generations welcome  
COUNTRY STYLE EATING Pack a good picnic lunch

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

WITH SOME OF THE UNPLEASANT WORLD EVENTS, SUCH AS THEY ARE, IT WOULD BE WORTHY OF A PAUSE TO REALIZE THAT THIS SUMMER, WE WHO WILL MEET ON COMMON GROUND, WILL HAVE NO ULTERIOR MOTIVES, OR BURSTING AMBITIONS OTHER THAN TO ENJOY A FEELING OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

SEE YOU IN JULY.

STANLEY C. DUFFORD, President

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. & Mrs. Walter G. Murphy (S) 9 Pinecrest Drive, Simsbury, Conn. 06070  
(formerly of Williamsville, N.Y.)  
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WE HAVE ADDED - from the telephone directory

Mr. Charles R. Swackhammer, 76 S. Hermitage Ave., Trenton, N.J.

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBER

Mr. & Mrs. John Rockwell (S) R.D. #1, Ketchumville Road, Newark Valley, N.Y. 13811

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From - Mr. Wesley J. Moren, Scotch Plains, N.J.

"The Winter Issue of the Bulletin reached me a few days ago. I was pleased and greatly impressed with the President's message and the Editor's Scripture verse from Philippians 4:13. Both were well chosen and the Scripture verse strengthens the President's message.

The Bulletin, as usual, was interestingly made so by our Editor, who carefully assembled and titled each subject. (continued next page)

Our Secretary should not be overlooked. His report reflects his attention to details.

The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society is extremely fortunate in having officers whose interest in their duties show no sign of neglect."

From - Miss Marion F. Henry (D) of Loveland, Colorado

"You folks are doing a good work on family history and I appreciate reading about the different members.

My home in Colorado is far removed from any Duffords known to me, but I did have a visit last summer from Dr. and Mrs. Ray Dufford of Evansville, Ind., and a pleasant day in Estes Park with two of their daughters and families." Miss Henry is a retired school teacher.

From - Mr. Wesley J. Moren, Scotch Plains, N.J.

"Our Winter issue of the Bulletin carried Masonic information on Brother Daniel V. Tunison, of Norwood, Penna., who is a charter member of Condon Lodge, F. & A.M. of Bernardsville, N.J. This prompts me to advise you that I was presented with a 60-year membership button in Scotchwood Lodge, Scotch Plains, N.J. in March 1970. I was the third Master Mason to be so honored by Most Worshipful Charles A. Eisenfelder Grand Master, Grand Lodge, State of New Jersey.

I am a member of Orient Lodge 126, Elizabeth, N.J. but was requested to be present at Scotchwood Lodge on the occasion of the Grand Master's Official Visitation to dedicate Scotchwood Temple. It was my pleasure to again visit Scotchwood Lodge last Thursday night, January 28, 1971."

From - Miss Alice Bradley (D) Princeton, Ill.

"I thought the following might be of interest in regard to how I am a descendant of Philip Dufford. My great grandfather, Andrew Wack, married Mary Magdeline Dufford. Their daughter Elizabeth Wack married Nicholas McLean, father of William McLean - my Mother's father, who was born March 31, 1831 and died June 22, 1912. My Mother, Andora Jane McLean Bradley was born December 3, 1865 and died April 22, 1959..(She was a sister to George N. McLean of Long Valley, N.J.). Mother married Larz Raymond Bradley February 21, 1895, and to this Union one son and five daughters were born:

George Edson Bradley December 31, 1895

Carrie Evelyn (Mrs. Alfred W. Behrens) Aug. 17, 1897

Anna Eliza (Mrs. John Behrens) December 28, 1898

Mary (Mrs. Ralph C. Prettyman) September 25, 1900

Alice Bradley January 24, 1904

Margaret Lu (Mrs. Wright Hedenschoug) November 18, 1908

My Uncle George McLean spent his last years with my Mother and me and he told me about the interesting times when he attended the Swackhamer-Dufford Reunions."

#### THE OLD FORT

Following up the article in the Winter 1970 Issue of the Bulletin - "The Old Fort", a house built in German Valley, now known as Long Valley, in 1774. The house was built for John Philip Weise who came to America from Germany and in 1738 settled in German Valley. He was the progenitor of the Weise family.

#### HUMAN INTEREST STORY

The Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer of Stamford, Conn. wrote, "I was interviewing a couple who were to have their baby baptized. The mother of the baby inquired about my name. When she was a girl in Superior, Arizona Dr. Chester Ray Swackhamer was her doctor. Of course I knew Dr. Chester and Daisy Swackhamer, both now deceased, and I was baptizing her child in Connecticut.

It is interesting how the ball bounces around in life."

SWICKHEIMER

The story of the "Winning Ticket" which was reprinted in the Winter 1970 Issue of the Bulletin with permission of Western Publications and the author, Rick Krepela, created interest and prompted research. The chronological outline of the developments are recorded for your pleasure.

It began with the receipt of the third edition of GOLD! and an inquiry from Mr. Robert Swackhamer of Globe, Arizona. Mr. Swackhamer asked if the Dave Swickheimer in Rico, Colo. 1890 of "Winning Ticket" was one of our Swackhamer group.

The author, Mr. Krepela, was kind enough to send additional information from his file. From this source we learned that Dave's wife's name was "Anne" and there was a son "Jimmie" who died at about 8 to 10 years of age. He also provided the name and address of a relative of Dave - a lead followed up by Mrs. C. L. Harriman, our Historian.

Mr. George G. Swickheimer of Fanning, Texas wrote Mrs. Harriman that he is the nephew of David Swickheimer. George G. Swickheimer's father was George J. Swickheimer born in Dover, Ohio, February 19, 1860. George J. was a brother of David.

With a locale and date to work with, your editor wrote the Vital Statistic Clerk of Tuscarawas County, New Philadelphia, Ohio and was disappointed to receive a reply advising that their birth records do not start until the year 1867.

Then, a stroke of luck - The DAR Magazine contained the name of a Mrs. John J. Swickheimer of Delaware, Ohio. Your editor made a long-distance telephone call and enjoyed a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Swickheimer. A few days later, her husband sent their family record. "First about the Swickheimer--our name, according to a record in the flyleaf of a German Bible written in English, was SCHWEECHHEIMER but my grandfather used the spelling SWEGHEIMER until sometime during the Civil War when the name was spelled SWICKHEIMER. So far as we know there is no connection to the SWACKHAMERS. My father, with his parent came from Germany in 1857. The record from the German Bible reads:

Jacob Schwechheimer Born February 27, 1809 Germany

Married February 8, 1835

Elizabeth Nagel Born-August 10, 1814

Children: Phillip B. March 7, 1835  
 Pauline B. July 7, 1839  
 Jacob B. February 25, 1843  
 Johannes B. December 12, 1852  
 Gottlieb B. June 6, 1854  
 Hendrick B. June 7, 1858  
 Also a daughter, Elizabeth"

Although Dave of "Winning Ticket" has not been placed, it now appears certain that he descended from Jacob Schwechheimer who immigrated in 1857 and was not a descendant of Samuel Swackhamer who came to America in 1730.

We acknowledge our debt to all the nice people who helped to resolve this problem.

WATER MAN OF THE YEAR

At the Annual Convention of the New Jersey Section of the American Water Works Association, Mr. Harold L. Gunther of Sparta, N.J. was named "Water Man of the Year" and in June, at the Denver Convention of the National Association, received the honor for New Jersey. Mr. Gunther is very proud of these honors. Mr. Gunther is the husband and father of Duffords and has just "published" the Dufford Genealogical Chart.

M.D. CITED

Dr. Glenn E. Hankinson (S) of Sarasota, Florida received the following letter on November 7, 1970: "On behalf of the Ohio Medical Association, it is my privilege to extend to you congratulations for the 50 years of dedicated service to Mankind through Medicine. It is always a pleasure to present the plaque and 50-year pin which symbolizes our appreciation."

APPOINTED TO COMMITTEE

James A. Swackhamer, a senior partner in the architectural firm of Scrimenti, Swackhamer and Parantoni, has been selected by the American Institute of Architects to serve as a member of the national production office procedures committee.

Mr. Swackhamer, who lives in Whitehouse Station, N.J. with his wife, has been associated with the Somerville, N.J. firm since 1951. The couple has three children.

Robert Hastings, president of the national professional society, said "I am proud that members of Swackhamer's caliber are willing to contribute their efforts to solving pressing environmental problems."

EAGLE SCOUT

Keith McCaffrey, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCaffrey of Hawthorne, N.Y. has been awarded his Eagle Scout rank by Boy Scout Troop 80.

A sophomore at Archbishop Stepinac High School, Keith is captain of the swim team, and specializes in the breast stroke.

He is assistant senior patrol leader of Troop 80.

Keith's community project was the painting of the Hawthorne Railroad Station. The Herbert McCaffrey's (D) with their five children plan to attend the reunion this year.

REGISTERED NURSE

Miss Barbara Swackhamer, daughter of DeWitt B. and Helen M. Swackhamer of South Plainfield, N.J. graduated May 16, 1971 from The Muhlenberg School of Nursing, Plainfield, N.J.

Barbara is the granddaughter of DeWitt W. and Irene Swackhamer of Middlesex, N.J. (formerly of Dunellen, N.J.)

TWO HARRIMANS GRADUATE

Donald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman of Westport, Conn. graduated from Dartmouth College in June. His brother, Evan, finished High School the same month. Grandma, Eliza Harriman, is most proud.

REWARDING EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Sarah E. Hastings (S) of Piscataway, N.J. completed one of a three year term as President of The Plainfield District Episcopal Church Women. She assumed this office last April, 1970 and finds it a most rewarding experience.

DAR STATE OFFICER

Miss Eleanor Romaine (S) of Chatham, N.J. will serve as Treasurer, The New Jersey State Society of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution 1971-1974. Miss Romaine just completed a six-year term as Regent of Nova Caesarea Chapter, DAR.

RAMSEY BOATS 63-LB WAHOO

From the Boca Raton, Fla. News of November 18, 1970:

George Ramsey (D), 183 SW 8th Terrace, recently boated a monster wahoo while fishing off the Captain Kidd driftboat.

Ramsey's fish tipped the scales at 63 pound and was 68 inches long. He used a yellow feather with split herring for bait and it took 35 minutes to land the critter.

Wahoo is one of the most underrated game fish in the sea. Its strike is extremely hard, thrilling, and when made on the surface close to a boat, is apt to give any fisherman something to talk about a long time. Once it is hooked, the wahoo becomes a genuine striptease artist in that he can strip line off a reel faster than almost any other fish. The first run is usually long and fast, but if the fisherman can get that first run stopped in time, he has a fairly good chance of landing his fish. But no matter where or when the contact is made, there is no null moments for the fisherman who is lucky enough to hook a wahoo.

Ramsey's fish was many times larger than the average wahoo. Most will run in the 15 to 20 pound class.

GLOBETROTTERS

GOLFER'S WEATHER Milton Swackhamer of Levittown, Pa. made his annual golfing trip to Florida in April. This is the third year he has gone down in April and the third year he has had perfect weather.

HOMEWARD BOUND Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Jones and family will be returning home from Taiwan through Europe this summer. They have been in Taiwan two years. Their home is in Bethesda, Md. Mrs. Jones is the former Virginia Logan (B).

MOVING SOON Richard Logan (B) and family have purchased a home in Sergeantsville, (near Flemington) N.J. Richard is the son of Mrs. L. R. Logan of Whitehouse, N.J.

VISITS DAUGHTER Mrs. L. R. Logan (B) of Whitehouse, N.J. planned a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Anthony P. Keefer and family in Cleveland, Ohio. The Keefers will vacation on Cape Cod, Mass, in August.

SISTERS HAD A GREAT TIME Eliza Harriman (Mrs. C.L.) of Westport, Conn. spent the month of March in St. Petersburg, Fla. Her sister, Marjorie Logan (Mrs. L.R.) of Whitehouse, N.J. visited her and reported they had a great time.

PUERTO RICO RESIDENTS Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Myers moved to Humacao, Puerto Rico last September. Mr. Myers is Plant Manager for Sun Oil Company at Yabucoa. Mrs. Myers is the former Hilda May (S), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. May, Turkhannock, Pa.

FREIGHTER CRUISE Our Vice-President, James V. Wert (D) and wife "Peg" of Neneveh, NY started on a freighter cruise November 6, 1970 and arrived home April 3, 1971. They visited South Carolina, Panama, Phillipines, Hong Kong, Formosa, Korea, Japan, Singapore, Kenya, Tanzania, Mocambique, South Africa, Angola, Canaries, Maderia and Portugal.

Because of his many years of experience working with big generators while employed by Consolidated Edison, Mr. Wert was accorded unusual courtesies aboard. He spent much of his time up on the bridge or down in the engine room. He helped steer and navigate depending upon the Captain. As they reached Africa it was more Communi-  
stic and he didn't have such freedom.

PREFERS THE U.S.A. Mrs. Harry Sammond (formerly Martha Wert - a Dufford) of Jamesburg, N.J. wrote that she and her husband spent two weeks seeing Yucatan, Mexico City, Taxco and Acapula before settling down for a three and a half months stay in Florida. To quote her letter "In September this year Harry (APSA, Amateur Photographer) is taking a Consolidated Edison group to Scandanvavian Countries for three weeks with a short stop in Brussells. Last year Harry had a group to Berlin, Salzburg, Munich, Yugoslavia and Hungary. It was quite an experience stepping behind the Iron Curtain, but I for one was happy to get back where the air blows FREE--guess that's my early American Ancestry."

REVISITS MEXICO Miss Gladys V. Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, Calif. wrote "Another trip to Mexico during January, February and part of March took me back to the old Colonial town of San Miguel de allenda and its art and language school to see old friends and make new ones. Then to the deep sea port of Manzarrillo on the West Coast and a restful month on one of the semi-tropical bays with ocean bathing and walks along the quiet beach.

Thence to beautiful smog-filled Mexico City, its hotels half-empty of tourists, and on to Cuernavaca where mass is sung in the old Cathedral of Cortes with a mariachi band today, and our former Ambassador Morrow and his wife lovingly remembered. Finally, Cuzco, with its famous Silver mine, a charming little town of many levels and cobblestone streets on the sides of steep slopes.

At the beginning and end of the trip, those blessed young cousins, David and Linda Conklin, put me on the plane and met me at International Airport in Los Angeles, and drove me home. David is the great grandson of my uncle, the late Samuel S. Swackhamer, of Plainfield, N.J. He is working for his Master's degree at Loyola University in Los Angeles." A P.S. reads "I hope to get back east again in 1972 - regards to all."

#### WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Michael John MacRae was born October 9, 1970. The proud parents are Dr. and Mrs. John MacRae of Dundas, Ontario, Canada. Michael John is their fourth son. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Swackhamer, 1341 Main St., Hamilton, 15, Ontario.

Christina Louise Rockwell (S) was born March 12, 1971. The pleased parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rockwell, R.D. #1, Ketchumville Rd., Newark Valley, N.Y. Mrs. Rockwell is the former Linda Chilson, whose grandparents are buried in the Standing Stone, Pa. Cemetery. John is the grand nephew of Leonard Brotzman of Binghamton, N.Y.

Sarah Lleta VerBryck (S) was born March 12, 1971 to Robert and Carol VerBryck of Johnson City, N.Y. Delighted grandmother is Mrs. Mark VerBryck (S) Johnson City, NY

Carol Jeanne Hodson (D) was born February 12, 1970. Her parents are Charles Henry and Marilyn Jeanne Hodson. The mother is the former Marilyn Jeanne Dufford, daughter of William L. Dufford of Minneola, Kansas. Marilyn Jeanne Dufford was born September 13, 1937 and married to Charles Henry Hodson in Los Angeles, California on January 19, 1969.

Twin sons were born to Capt. and Mrs. Craig George Wert on October 20, 1970 in Korea. The boys were named Brian Christopher and David. Brian Christopher died in his sleep on March 21, 1971 and is buried in Korea.

Capt. and Mrs. Wert have another son, Craig Wert, Jr. born July 9, 1969.

Capt. Craig George Wert is the son of the George Werts (D) of New Milford, N.J. Craig married Ann Marie Dody in August 1968. Her father is, or was, President of the Mayflower Society at Rye, N.Y.

Due to the faze-out of the Korean Occupation, Capt. Wert and family were expected to return to the States in April.

#### W E D D I N G S

##### MANN-HASTINGS

Linda A. Hastings (S) daughter of Mrs. Sarah E. Hastings of Piscataway, N.J. was married May 1, 1971 to John C. Mann, Jr.

John C. Mann, Jr. is the son of Chief of Police and Mrs. John C. Mann, Sr. of Dunellen, N.J.

Linda is the granddaughter of the late Henry J. and Ruth Swackhamer of Dunellen, N.J.

##### KELLEY-FORD

Pamela Ford (D), daughter of Mrs. Paul J. Ford of Washington, N.J. and the late Mr. Ford, became the bride of Brendan P. Kelley, Jr. of Port Washington, L.I., N.Y. on February 6, 1971. The afternoon ceremony was performed in the Church of Our Savior, Park Avenue, New York, New York.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, John J. Cory, and attended by her sister, Mrs. Cory.

Kevin Kelley, brother of the bridegroom was best man with Douglas Floren and James McMann acting as ushers.

Mrs. Kelley is a graduate of Washington, N.J. High School and Sweet Briar College. She is employed by Harris-Upham, an investment broker firm.

Her husband is a graduate of Boston University and is employed by the Ogilby-Mather Advertising firm.

The couple reside in New York City.

##### YORKE-SWACKHAMER

First Presbyterian Church of Wheaton, Ill. was the setting April 10, 1971 for the marriage of Miss Martha Swackhamer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James William Swackhamer, Wheaton, Ill. to Thomas James Yorke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yorke, Naperville, Ill. The former Miss Swackhamer is the granddaughter of the late Chief Justice and Mrs. George W. Maxey of Scranton, Pa. and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swackhamer, Haddon Heights, N.J. Dr. Cecil W. Lower performed the ceremony.

Miss Carolyn Swackhamer, sister of the bride, Wheaton, served as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sharon Parrish, Chicago and Paris, Ill., and Janet Swackhamer, sister of the bride.

Daniel Smollen, Chicago, was best man. Robert O'Hearn, Lisle, Ill., Patrick O'Reilly, Naperville, and Douglas M. and Richard Yorke, Naperville, brothers of the bridegroom, ushered.

The reception followed at Indian Lakes Country Club, Bloomingdale, Ill. Miss June Swackhamer, sister of the bride and Miss Christine and Miss Cheryle Yorke, sisters of the bridegroom assisted.

The bride, formerly of Paril, Ill. was graduated from Paris High and from Keystone Junior College, LaPlume. She is employed by McDermott, Will and Emery, a Chicago law firm.

The bridegroom, a graduate of St. Procopius Academy, Lisle, received a bachelor of arts degree from Loras College, DuBuque, Iowa. He was employed by Koppers Chemical, Inc., Circer, Ill. before entering the service in July. He is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington.

The couple reside at 8101 83rd Ave., S.W., Tacoma, Washington

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IN MEMORIAN

"And God shall wipe away all tears."

Rev. 21:24

SWACKHAMER, GEORGE F. of 215 Second Ave., Haddon Heights, N.J. died April 20, 1971 at the age of 85. He is survived by his wife, Romalda (nee Stratton) and sons, Byron F. Swackhamer of Haddon Heights, N.J. and James W. Swackhamer of Wheaton, Ill. and six grandchildren.

He was a retired Marine Engineer, a member of Trimble Lodge 117 F. & A.M.; Exelsior Consistory AASR and Past President of the Haddon Heights Father's Assn. He served two terms on the Haddon Heights Board of Education and a term on Haddon Heights Board of Adjustment.

Interment was in Harleigh Cemetery.

LEYDE, MRS. RUTH DUFFORD died late in 1970. She is survived by her husband, Orville H. Leyde, 415 No. 55th Place, Mesa, Ariz.; a daughter, Margaret Emerald Zingmark living in San Francisco, Calif., and four grandsons.

Ruth was the daughter of Theodore and Mary Hitchcock Dufford.

HENRY, LAURIMER (D) died in 1970. He is survived by his wife, Jeannette B. Henry, Kankakee, Ill. and a sister, Miss Marion Henry of Loveland, Colo. Laurimer was the son of Luther and Gertrude Henry and grandson of Andrew B. and Elizabeth Dufford Henry.

HENRY, FRANK (D) of Kankakee, Ill. died December 28, 1970. He is survived by his wife DUFFORD, MARY W. of Main St., Flanders, N.J., widow of John S. Dufford, died in her 82nd year on February 5, 1971.

Mrs. Mary Weber Dufford was born in Newark, N.J. and lived there until moving to Flanders 30 years ago. She was a member of the Flanders Presbyterian Church.

She leaves two sons, Frank W., Succasunna, N.J., and John S., Jr. of Dallas, Tex. There are eight grandchildren.

DUFFORD, MILDRED THOMAS of 79 Washington St., East Orange, N.J. died on January 20, 1971. She was 72.

Mildred was known to the family as Chaunsey (her middle name) and was the wife of Henry Payson Dufford. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Marion Weidenhamer of Mt. Dora., Fla.

Mrs. Dufford was a member and past matron of Roseville Chapter of the Eastern Star, Newark, N.J. During World War II, she worked for the Red Cross in the Motor Corps.

Burial was in Middle Valley, N.J. Cemetery.

TUNISON, DANIEL VORHEES, (S) of Norwood, Pa. died April 17, 1971 at the age of 82. He was born in Branchburg Twp., N.J. son of Sanford W. and Louise Powelson Tunison.

Mr. Tunison received his education in Bernardsville, N.J. schools and Colesmans Business College in Newark, N.J. At the time of his death, he was General Manager of John R. Hannah Co. of Chester, Pa.

He was a Charter Member of Congdon Lodge F. & A.M. of Bernardsville, N.J.

Survivors are his widow, Irene Beeson Tunison of Norwood, Pa.; a son, Carroll Tunison of Dania, Fla. and a sister, Mrs. Frank VanOrden of Bernardsville, N.J. He is mourned by stepchildren, Mr. William Ling of Prospect Park, Pa. and Mrs. Bert Waltson of Swarthmore, Pa. There are 5 step grandchildren and 9 step great grandchildren.

PAINE, HOMER A. (S) died on December 8, 1970 at Enid, Oklahoma. He leaves a sister Miss D. Frances Paine of Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Homer was the grandson of George Swackhamer and second cousin of Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer of Stamford, Connecticut.



VIARD, RAYMOND M. (S) 59 of Wesleyville, Pa. died November 20, 1970 near Marienville, Pa. of a heart attack while hunting.

He was born in Albion, Pa., son of the late Eugene and Eloda Swackhammer Viard. Survivors are his wife, Laura McIntosh Viard; two daughters: Mrs. Joseph (Marilyn) King of Lowville, Pa., and Mrs. Ronald (Karen) Pistner of Harborcreek, Pa. He also leaves a brother, Milton Viard of Lundys Lane, Pa. and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held November 24th from the Dusckas Funeral Home with the Rev. Ernest Hummer of the Wesley United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery, Wesleyville, Pa.

SWACKHAMMER, JOHN IRA, 79, of Bradford, Pa. died February 22, 1971 in Bradford Hospital. He had been ill two years.

He was born August 6, 1891 in Benezette Twp., Elk Co., Penna. son of Victor J. and Mae DeHaas Swackhammer.

Surviving are his wife, Grace English Swackhammer, six daughters and three sons: Mrs. Mary Miller, Miss Jane Swackhammer, Mrs. Edna Pascale, Mrs. Erma Austin and Miss Carol Swackhammer, all of Bradford, Pa.; Mrs. Rita Gates of Williamson, N.Y.; Alfred Swackhammer of Corry, Pa.; Calvin Swackhammer of Rew, Pa. and Gerald Swackhammer of Phoenix, Arizona. He also leaves three sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Grace Beckwith of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mrs. Florence James of Midland, Pa., Mrs. Grace Whiting of Emporium, Pa., Daniel Swackhammer of Wesleyville, Pa., Wayne Swackhammer of Pittsburgh, Pa., and James Swackhammer of Bradford, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the Hollenbeck Funeral Home on February 24th. The Rev. Ronald Tovey of First Free Methodist Church officiated. Burial was in Methodist Cemetery in Benezette, Pa.

BURGESS, MISS ONA M. (S) 76, of 204 Front St., Vestal, N.Y. died recently at the Willow Point Nursing Home. She is survived by two cousins: Ralph Place of Crystal Beach, Fla., and Carlton Magee of Forty Fort, Pa.

Miss Burgess was the daughter of George Burgess and Belle (Ida Mae) Swackhamer, granddaughter of Frederick Swackhamer and Mary Fulford.

She was a retired school teacher from Susquehanna County, Pa.

DAVIS, MRS. ROBERT (S) Edith M. DuBois Davis, 95, of 693 W. Eighth St., Plainfield, N.J. died on March 7, 1971 at the Ashbrook Nursing Home.

Mrs. Davis was the widow of Robert W. Davis, who died in 1960. Born in Perth Amboy, N.J. she lived in Plainfield for 70 years.

Surviving are a son, Norman D. Davis, of 153 Mali Drive, North Plainfield, N.J. three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The Rev. W. Gordon Lowden, pastor of the First United Methodist Church led services at the Memorial Funeral Home. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

CASWELL, MRS. ROBERT H. SR. (S) Mervel A. VanKuren Caswell died January 21, 1971. Born on September 6, 1897 in Standing Stone, Bradford Co. Pa., she was the daughter of George I. and Mary Swackhamer VanKuren.

Survivors are her husband, Robert H. Sr. and two sons: Robert H. Caswell, Jr. and Richard L. Caswell. A son, Donald, died April 4, 1970.

Interment was in Camptown Cemetery.

CORRECTION: Winter Issue 1970 reported the death of Hope Rockwell Naylor. It should have read Taylor.

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## G E N E A L O G Y

### ADAM DUFFORD CONFUSION

Your editor has received the following letter from Mr. C. Robert Brown, of Morristown, N.J.

"I had the pleasure of reading a paper at the 1967 Reunion at Long Valley. A condensation of this talk was printed in the "Bulletin" (Winter Issue 1967, pp.8-9), the main portion of which concerned itself with my remarks on Adam Dufford, son of Philip, the progenitor, and how I felt 'almost 100% certain' that I had discovered Adam in Forks Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, just north of Easton.

More research has been done since then, and as a result, it now seems less likely that the Adam Dufford (Duffort, Doffort, Doffert) found in Forks Township is actually the son of Philip, of Long Valley, N.J. I make this statement due to the discovery of two excellent specimens of the signature of the man in Pennsylvania one on his will, dated December 7, 1778 and the other on a Bond, dated Feb. 2, 1770 and signed when he was made an administrator of the estate of one Christopher Oley, deceased.

It has been thought by myself and others that the Adam Duffort, who, on May 6, 1759, witnessed the Lord's Supper Certificate of our own Samuel Schwachheimer (Swackhamer), was in fact Philip's son. This man signed with an "A" for a mark. I have no reason to change my mind with regard to the N.J. man's identity. But one thing is certain. The man who was a witness to Samuel Swackhamer's document is definitely not the man in Forks Township, Pennsylvania.

This does not mean, by a long shot, that the Pennsylvania man cannot be a relative of our Philip. There are indications that he may be. For one thing, among his children are sons named George, Philip and Jacob."