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(D) Dufford (S) Swackhamer (B) Swackhamer and Dufford (F) Friend
These symbols will not be used where the connection is obvious or if there is uncertainty of connection.

ANNUAL REUNION

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IN TERMS OF TIME, A HUMAN LIFE IS BUT A PARCEL OF MOMENTS. SOME LEAVE DEEP FOOT PRINTS IN THE SAND OF TIME, SOME, AS THE SNOW FLAKE THAT FALLS IN THE BROOK, GO UNNOTICED. IN BETWEEN MARCH THE LEGIONS OF USEFUL, EVERY DAY LIVES. THE PATHS ARE MARKED, THE CHOICE IS YOURS ALONE.

STANLEY C. DUFFORD, PRESIDENT

BULLETINS RETURNED

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Logan (B), R.D. 1, Box 50, Stockton, N.J. 08559

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

The Rev. John Lawrence Brasher (S), Box 115, Stillwater, N.J. 07875

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 31, 1971. The weather was hot and humid with occasional showers forcing many to run and shut their car windows. Thirty-two adults and thirteen children signed the reunion register, two of which were guests. The family members coming from the farthest point were Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Tufford of Munster, Indiana. This was their first reunion and we are looking forward to seeing them again.

Following the basket lunch and mid-day chit-chat the meeting was called to order by our President, Stanley Dufford of Cedar Grove, N.J. with the Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer opening the meeting with a short prayer.

The minutes of the July 25, 1970 meeting were read by James V. Wert in absence of our Secretary, Robert Hart, who due to illness could not attend. Mr. Wert also consented to take the minutes of this reunion. The minutes, which were approved as read, were then followed by correspondence sent to Miss Eleanor Romaine from a Miss Helen L. Smith of Canada along with the Secretary's reply. In short, the letter pointed out that we used both "subscription" and "donation" in our Bulletin. As we are not selling, we will delete the word "subscription" and only use "donation". Everyone present seemed to agree and it was voted on and passed. Miss Romaine also replied to the same letter regarding genealogy.

The Treasurer's report was then read by Mrs. Annette W. Hart. She reported that all bills had been paid and that the balance on hand was \$255.61 which was quite an improvement to the balance of 7/25/70 which was \$51.46. The Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file. At this point a free will offering was taken to help defray the cost of the reunion.

President Stanley Dufford then informed those gathered that Hattie Dufford Heede passed away on July 30 and would be at the Bailey Funeral Home in Peapack, N.J. later, being buried in Middle Valley Cemetery.

Soon to follow was the report of the Bulletin Editor, Miss Eleanor Romaine. Mrs. C. L. Harriman, Historian, was not present.

Next on the agenda was the much looked forward to "Introduction of Members". We were all delighted with the number of young people present. Only with their interest can these reunions continue.

After the introductions came new business. It was decided that we will continue to send reminders once a year to "donate" to the Bulletin. It was also stated that there were 365 families on our mailing list.

The Rev. John Lawrence Brasher displayed a hand-written genealogy of his Skellenger-Swackhamer branch and showed some old family pictures in which several generations of Swackhamers were grouped.

Mr. Norman E. Tufford of Munster, Indiana showed pictures of homes which he had found in his family archives and asked if anyone could recognize them. This spurred an interest and some members of the Dufford family were helpful in placing them in "The Valley" which cleared up the point of location.

It was suggested by Mrs. Barbara Wert that a family picture be taken in the future. Everyone favored the idea and Norman E. Tufford offered to take the photograph that very day after the meeting. Families would later be able to purchase a print through the Bulletin.

The election of officers then followed with all being renominated and elected with the exception of our Secretary. Due to ill health, he could not retain his position. Barbara Wert volunteered her services and no one else seemed to want the job so she was unanimously elected.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned to picture taking and a feeling of "getting-to-know-you" filled the Fellowship Hall.

Barbara Wert, Secretary

PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

The annual reunion of the descendants of Daniel and Rebecca Schoonover Swackhamer was held at the Standing Stone, Penna. Church on August 8, 1971 with thirty-eight present. It was a small crowd but a most delicious dinner and good visiting were enjoyed by all.

Jane S. May (Mrs. Francis L.) Tunkhannock, Pa.

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NEWS OF FAMILY MEMBERS

From the June 10, 1971 THE TILLER AND TOILER of Larned, Kansas

"Leadership of any club or organization is a demanding role, requiring poise, a good nature, common sense, knowledge of the organization's purpose and activities and the ability to 'make time' for all the pressing duties that come with the responsibilities of a president.

Larned is apparently well endowed with women who have the talent for leadership. Five Larned Women are known to have been elected to the office of state president in their clubs and organizations during the past nineteen years."

One of the five was a Dufford - ed.

"In 1960, Miss Florence Armstrong, a public school music supervisor in the Larned schools from 1937 to 1947 was installed as state president of Kansas Federation of Music Clubs."

Miss Armstrong does much more philanthropic work than that done for the National Federation of Music Clubs but this article was limited to the organization in which one had served as a state president --ed.

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From Schenectady, N.Y.

George H. Williams of Schenectady, N.Y. received his Ph.D. from Yale University (Graduate School of Engineering) in 1970. Since then he has been Assistant Professor of Computer Science at Union College. In April of this year he received a grant from the National Science Foundation as part of the foundation's program to encourage research by young college instructors. He will be using automata theory and designing mathematical models to break down computer circuits into component parts for easier use by engineers. He is using the computer at Union College, Schenectady, N.Y. for his work. Mr. Williams is a Swackhamer.

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Returned home

Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Jones are back in this country having spent two years in Taiwan. They expected to be settled in their home in Bethesda, Maryland by the first of September. Mrs. Jones is the former, Virginia Logan (B).

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr. Kenneth E. Kaar of Waverly, Tenn. (D)

"Ever since I received my first copy of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin I have hoped to attend the family reunion at Long Valley. However, it now appears doubtful that I can make it this year, and perhaps not next, as my work schedule will keep me so busy for the next 15 months that my hobby of genealogy may have to be shoved aside completely. It is most enjoyable though, and I will return to it when I can."

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From Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Tufford of Munster, Indiana

"We are extremely pleased to be able to meet you personally and to talk with you and all the others at the Swackhamer-Dufford Reunion this year. This was a real treat for us.

This was a 25th wedding anniversary trip and it was most delightful all the way beginning at Long Valley. The anniversary date was June 14th. We left Long Valley after being shown around by Harold and Dorothy Gunther and taking a few pictures of the churches, headstones, etc. We could have stayed there a year but we took our first tour of some of the New England states after leaving Long Valley and then headed home via Niagara Falls.

I think that the Society owes you and the other officers a debt of gratitude for the time and effort which you spend to keep it live and well and to keep us all informed and identified. I don't know if we can make the trip again next year, but it will be hard to miss. The officers and producers of the Newsletter are an inspiration to all of us."

A TOUCHING MOMENT

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Mr. James W. Swackhamer of Wheaton, Ill. wrote of a visit to the old "Swackhamer Homestead" a couple of years ago. It is still standing on Dreahook Road just south of Whitehouse Station, N.J. and they took a picture of his Dad in front of it. He hadn't seen it since he was a little boy! While they were there, a big St. Bernard dog came up to him and "nuzzled" his arm. He was flabbergasted for he had a St. Bernard when he was a boy living in that house!

TRAVELERS

This fall Floyd and Ethel Emmons (S) drove to California. Their ultimate destination was the home of their cousin, Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara. On their way out they visited the Painted Desert, Petrified Forest and spent a night in the beautiful Lodge at Grand Canyon, which they viewed at sunset, by full moonlight and sunrise. While in Santa Barbara, Miss Swackhamer accompanied them to Carmel, Monterey and Point Lobos. They also made a two-day trip to Death Valley.

They enjoyed beautiful Santa Barbara, arriving when it was 100° and immediately all went for a swim in the Pacific. That same afternoon, from the beach, they saw a fire starting in the mountains, and it proved to be a very destructive one and went on for some days to the south of Santa Barbara. After their visit there, experiencing some cool fall weather, they started their return journey by way of San Diego, Coronado, Tucson, a day in Nogales, Mexico, then took a North East route back to Long Beach Island, N.J. returning Election Day in time to vote.

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In late summer and fall, Miss Inez D. Powelson (S) of West Chester, Pa. enjoyed several months of travel. She visited friends and relatives on the Islands of Hawaii, California, New England and New Jersey. Before returning to her home in West Chester, she treated her cousin, Miss Eleanor Romaine, of Chatham, to a B I G D A Y - dinner at Sardi's, a walk on Broadway and finally to see "No, No, Nanette" with Ruby Keeler. Let me tell you that a night in New York City is still a "happening". - your ed.

TOGETHERNESS

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Blank of St. Petersburg, Florida celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 10, 1971. At the time, Mr. Blank was in the hospital and passed away on September 22nd. Their daughter, Marjorie, who has lived in Peru, South America for many years has returned to make a home with her mother. They are Duffords.

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Lester M. Apgar and Mabel Trimmer Apgar of Califon, New Jersey celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in October 1971. They are Duffords.

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Lawrence Dufford Trimmer and Nellie Apgar Trimmer of Chester, New Jersey celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 1971. We are sorry to announce the death of Lawrence Dufford Trimmer on September 5, 1971.

ILLNESSES

SPECIAL THOUGHTS OF YOU WHILE YOU CONVALESCE - GET WELL SOON

Mr. Milton Swackhamer and daughter, Mrs. Peter Thatcher, of Levittown, Pa. were involved in a very serious automobile accident while enroute to the Reunion. Milton was in Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N.J. many weeks. He is coming along well now. When she was advised of the accident, Mrs. L.R. Logan (B) went immediately to the hospital to be of assistance to Mrs. Thatcher. There had been concern when these "regulars" did not show up at the Reunion and no one reported having heard that they weren't planning to attend. They were missed and we were upset when we learned of the mishap.

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Another "regular" was missed. Mr. Wesley Moren of Scotch Plains, N.J. was in the Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N.J. for a check-up at the time of the Reunion. He remained there several weeks but is home now and reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. Robert O. Hart of Manasquan, N.J. spent the day of the Reunion in the hospital also. Good care and diet have put him on the convalescing list. Last report was that he had resumed teaching - back to the OLD RAT RACE!

Mrs. Francis L. May (S) of Tunkhannock, Penna. spent nine days in the hospital. She had both feet operated on to remove bunions. In October she wrote "they are doing fine but it will be some time before I can do the Polka."

More recently, Mrs. James V. Wert of Neneveh, N.J., wife of our Vice-President (D), fell and broke her left leg above the knee. She was in a cast from "head to toe" but the family were hopeful she would be able to leave General Hospital, Sidney, N.Y. in time to spend Thanksgiving at home.

WEDDING

Miss Virginia Grace Dufford, 1203 Herbert Ave., Ocean Township, N.J. was married to Mr. Robert William Grodeska, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Grodeska, 32 Demmert Ave., Middletown Township, August 7, 1971 at First Presbyterian Church, Stanhope, N.J.

Officiating clergymen were the Rev. Raymond Little, pastor and The Rev. William M. McCarty of St. Michael's the Archangel Roman Catholic Church, Netcong, N.J.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dufford, 5 Righter Rd., Succasunna, N.J.

Mrs. Robert Fullerton, Upper Marlboro, Md., was her sister's honor attendant. Others were Mrs. Harold Warren, Succasunna, another sister, and Miss Jean Roman, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Lawrence Steward, Matawan, was best man. Ushers were Thomas Nunnally, Sea Bright, and Donald Dufford, the bride's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Roxbury High School, Succasunna, and Monmouth Medical Center School of Nursing. She is a nurse at the Conva-Center, Neptune.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Middletown Township High School. He is employed by Lily Tulip Cup, Holmdel Township.

The couple reside in Ocean Township, N.J.

CRADLE ROLL

On June 23, 1971 a daughter was born at Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N.J. to Richard and Cynthia Swackhammer Goszka of rural Lebanon, N.J.

On July 4, 1971 a daughter was born at Hunterdon Medical Center, Flemington, N.J. to Edward and Karen Swackhamer Hager of rural Annandale, N.J.

Twin daughters were born to William Joseph and Mildred Suydam of Hopewell, N.J. on May 10, 1971. The girls were named Mary Emma and Marie Elizabeth. They will have the same initials of M.E.S. Proud grandfather is Melvin Suydam of the same address.

I N M E M O R I A M

"They are not dead who live in the hearts they leave behind."

ARMSTRONG, MAUD DUFFORD When Mrs. Maud Dufford Armstrong of Larned, Kansas, died August 26, 1970, there passed away one who had seen nearly a century of Kansas history. She had been a resident of Pawnee County, Kansas for more than 96 years. She was the daughter of George Dufford, Jr. and Matilda Jane Heath, both natives of New Jersey and she was a descendant of many old New Jersey families with such names as Dufford, Heath, Neighbour, Larrison, Weise, LaRue, Trimmer, Worthington, Thatcher, Badgley, Demun and Gerritsen.

Mrs. Armstrong was born near Winchester, Virginia, on June 23, 1872. Her parents brought her to Pawnee Rock, Kansas. They arrived in March of 1874. Growing up on the prairies was a rugged experience. After finishing the courses at the near-by

school she attended the Central Normal College at Great Bend, Kansas. Throughout her life she was interested in cultural matters and she was an amateur painter of pictures for a number of years.

As Maud Dufford, she was married to Jacob Henry Armstrong, also of Pawnee County, Kansas, December 31, 1902. He died in 1938. They were parents of one child, Florence Armstrong.

She was a keen business woman and retained an active interest in her farm lands and other properties through her 91st year. She never admitted discouragement in any time of her life. (written by Miss Florence Armstrong at the request of the ed.)

SWACKHAMER, DR. WALTER died in March 1971 and was buried in the family plot in Union Oregon, after a memorial service in his home community of Solvage, Calif. His father had left his home in New Jersey at the age of 16 to seek his fortune in the West and eventually had become the head of the State Land Office when Oregon was opened up to settlers. Edith, wife of Dr. Walter, had died some months earlier. They are remembered with great affection and respect. (written by Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, Calif.)

DUFFORD, HENRY PAYSON, 76, of 79 Washington Street, East Orange, N.J. died July 26, 1971 at East Orange General Hospital. Services were held at The Cole Funeral Home, Newark, N.J. Interment was in Middle Valley, N.J. Cemetery. He was the beloved husband of the late M. Chauncey Dufford and uncle of Frank Dufford of Long Valley, N.J. and Harold Dufford of Belleville, N.J.

Born in Middle Valley, N.J., Mr. Dufford lived in New York City before moving to East Orange 20 years ago. A graduate of Columbia Law School, he was an attorney with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., New York City, for 37 years and retired in 1959. Before that, he practiced law in Newark, N.J.

He served on the Board of Adjustment in East Orange and was a Navy veteran of World War I serving in the submarine service. He was a member of the New Jersey Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, Northville Lodge 25, F. & A.M., and a past master of the Roseville Lodge 143 F. & A.M.

HEEDE, (nee Dufford) HATTIE E. of Hallandale, Fla. died July 30, 1971 at Hollywood Hills Nursing Home, Hollywood, Fla. Services were held in the Bailey Funeral Home, Peapack, N.J. Interment was in Middle Valley, N.J. Cemetery.

Born in Middle Valley, N.J., Mrs. Heede lived in Scotch Plains, N.J. before moving to Florida two years ago. She was 69.

She is survived by her husband, John; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph Masperi, of Scotch Plains and Mrs. Irwin Miller of East Brunswick; two sisters Mrs. Freida Trebilcock of Hackettstown and Mrs. Henry Meyer of Hollywood, Fla., four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

LAKE, JAMES I. SR. of DeBary, Florida, formerly of Newark, N.J. died August 6, 1971. He was the husband of the late Mabel Swackhamer Lake, father of Miss Nancy Lake, William and James I. Lake, Jr.; brother of Albert and John M. Lake.

Services were held at the Cole Funeral Home, Newark, N.J. Interment was in Rosemount Memorial Park.

HIGGINS, MRS. GRACE BARKER (S) of 52 Olcott Ave., Bernardsville, N.J. died August 8, 1971 in the King James Nursing Home, Chatham, N.J. She was 85 and was the widow of Harry V. Higgins, who died in 1969.

Born in Mine Brook, she was a lifelong resident of Bernardsville, N.J. She was a member of the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church and of the DAR.

Mrs. Higgins leaves two sons, Dr. Vassar Higgins of Holyoke, Mass. and Dr. Charles B. Higgins of Stites, Ohio; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Theodore A. Blunk, assistant pastor, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

HANKINSON, DR. GLENN E. (S), 74, of Sarasota, Fla. died August 26, 1971 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Dr. Hankinson was born in Rummerfield, Penna., son of the late Edward and Alice Swackhamer Hankinson. He moved to Sarasota five years ago from Berea, Ohio.

He was a retired medical doctor. On November 7, 1970 he received a letter on behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association congratulating him for 50 years of Service to Mankind through Medicine. The plaque and pin were presented in appreciation by William R. Shultz M.D. Councilor of the 11th District of Ohio.

Dr. Hankinson was a Veteran of World War I, a Shriner, a Mason, an honorary Member of the American Medical Association and a member of Gulf Gato Country Club.

He is survived by his widow Vinnie of Sarasota; a daughter Mrs. Dorothy May also of Sarasota, two brothers, Harry of Boca Raton, Fla. and Amzy of Newark Valley, N.Y. and four grandchildren. A son, Glenn, Jr. preceded him in death in 1969.

Burial was in Sarasota Memorial Park, Sarasota, Fla.

VAN BRYCK, CAROL HULSTLANDER (S) 34, of Vestal, N.Y. died October 7, 1971 after a long illness. She is survived by husband Robert, Three daughters; Sheryl, Amy and Sarah; two brothers Robert and Paul.

TRIMMER, LAWRENCE (D) 85, of 21 Hedges Road, Chester, N.J. died at the Morristown Rehabilitation Center on September 5, 1971.

Born in Middle Valley, N.J., Mr. Trimmer operated the homestead farm next to the former Middle Valley School until 1957. He was a former member of the Washington Township Board of Education and the Valley Club of Peapack and was a member of the Fairmount Methodist Church and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

A son of Morris S. and Mary Elizabeth Dufford Trimmer, he was a descendant of the pioneer settlers of Middle Valley, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Trimmer had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 21, 1971.

Lawrence is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie Apgar Trimmer; a daughter, Mrs. Howard Robinson of Chester, N.J.; a sister, Mrs. Lester Apgar of Califon, N.J. and a brother Dr. Clifford S. Trimmer of Montclair, N.J.

DUFFORD, CLYDE WEISE died on September 5, 1971. He was a Veteran of World War I, a member of the 310th Field Artillery, and had been a patient at The Veterans Administration Hospital at Lyons, N.J. since World War I. He was the son of Lewis and Annie Dufford, deceased, and brother of the late Russell Todd Dufford. He is survived by his nephew, Russell Todd Dufford, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va. Clyde was buried in Naughtright, N.J. Cemetery.

* SWACKHAMER, JAMES A. died August 15, 1971 at his home in Whitehouse Station, N.J. after a long illness. He was 46 years old.

James was nationally known architect and member of the college of Fellows of the American Institute of Architects.

Best known locally as chairman of the Readington Township Planning Board, designer of the new Hunterdon Central High School complex in Raritan Township, and member of the Hunterdon County Planning Board, his reputation as an architect was nationwide. He was awarded the highest national honor the American Institute of Architects can confer for his "outstanding contribution" to architecture, the fellowship in the College of Fellows of the AIA.

He was a partner in the Perantoni, Swackhamer, and Perrantoni architectural firm in Somerville.

A frequent contributor to professional journals, his articles were published in AIA Journal and Architecture New Jersey.

His professional affiliations included AIA, New Jersey Society of Architects, and the Central Jersey Chapter of the state organization. He completed a term in 1968 as president of the state society and was national organization chairman of the Production Office Procedures Committee.

His distinguished service in community affairs and planning was recognized by the state when he was appointed to the Interprofessional Committee on Urban Affairs, Advisory to N.J. Department of Community Affairs, and the Land Use Law Revision Committee, Department of Community Affairs.

Born in Middletown, New Jersey, he was the son of the late E.W. Swackhamer and Mrs. Ruth Swackhamer of Stanton, N.J. He received his baccalaureate and master's degrees in architecture at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

In addition to his mother, Mrs. Ruth Meredith Swackhamer, of Stanton, he is survived by his widow, Mrs. Virginia Mount Swackhamer and three children, a son Michael,

a graduate student at the University of California, two daughters, Meredith, in her junior year at the University of Madrid, Spain, and Deborah, in her senior year at the Hunterdon Central High School; two brothers, Egbert W. Swackhamer, Los Angeles, and John Swackhamer, San Francisco.

Funeral services were held in the Robert B. Hauck Funeral Home with the Rev. Robert A. Geddes, pastor of Rockaway Reformed Church, Whitehouse Station, N.J. officiating. Cremation followed.

SWACKHAMER, MRS. THOMAS ARTHUR, 92, died September 3, 1971. Burial White Oak Cemetery, Henry County, Missouri. The following memorial was written by her devoted son, The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, Stamford, Conn.

On September 3, 1971 my mother, Mary Thompson Swackhamer died. On Nov. 14th, my wife, Elizabeth Bass Swackhamer, died.

These two women had two things in common - they were sure of their values and secure within themselves. They were not awed by the wealthy and sophisticated nor were they patronizing to the less fortunate.

Mary Irene Thompson was born in Saline Co., Missouri December 5, 1878. She was descended from some of this country's oldest families, such names as Marshall, Boone, Parrish and Hoggard were her forebearers. But she was a person in her own right, and very much so.

On March 12, 1907 she was married to Thomas Arthur Swackhamer and they lived more than 50 years on their farm home south of Urich, Mo.

There were five children: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, Stamford, Ct., Oren Cletus Swackhamer, Fairfax, Mo.; Mrs. Wilbur Hupp, Jr., Clinton Mo.; Captain Robert Earl Swackhamer, Springfield, Mo.; and Mrs. Joseph McDonald, St. Paul, Minn.

Mrs. Swackhamer was one of the pioneer 4-H Club leaders in the state and developed a prize winning flock of Rhode Island Red chickens. She was active in the Methodist Church.

SWACKHAMER, ELIZABETH BASS, died on her birthday, November 14. She was born in Wilson Co., North Carolina and educated at Greensboro College and Johns Hopkins University. She was for a period of time a medical missionary in the Congo.

On December 14, 1933 she was married to Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, a divinity student at Duke University.

During thirty-eight years of parsonage life she strove to make the parsonage a home where the most sophisticated would not be ashamed of it and the humblest would not feel out of place. She kept the way clear for her husband to do his work.

She brought to the parsonage an international mind where guests have been entertained from all over the world and where she shared with understanding the thinking of other people. The aged, poor, and youth often had gifts and attention that no one else knew about.

She had an artistic sense as to what was beautiful and appropriate. She had an understanding of the gentle ways of life, and with her needle she was able to create beautiful things. Perhaps her greatest characteristic was unselfishness. She wanted no adornment for herself, sought no position for herself, only wanted to be loved.

On Saturday night at the parsonage there was celebration, laughter, flowers and good fellowship. On Sunday morning just as the sun was rising in the Eastern horizon her little light was extinguished to join the Total Light.

In death she is survived by her husband, and daughter, Elizabeth Hall; three grandchildren; Hugh Barnett Hall, III, Elizabeth Swackhamer Hall, and Sally Ordway Hall.

EXPLAINS KINSHIP

A letter dated November 2, 1971 from Mr. Russell Todd Dufford, Jr. of 528 Hayes Drive, Lynchburg, Va. informed us of the deaths of Henry Payson Dufford and Clyde Weise Dufford and goes on as follows:

"I am the son and only child of Russell Todd Dufford, deceased. The Grandson of Lewis and Annie Dufford, deceased. Payson was the half-brother of my Grandfather. Payson was the son of my Great-grandfather, Henry Poland Dufford and his

second wife, Laura Linnell. Payson was buried in the old cemetery across from Frank Dufford's farm in Middle Valley. This farm originally belonged to my Great-grandfather, Henry Poland Dufford.

Clyde was the only brother of my father. Clyde was a veteran of World War I, a member of the 310th Field Artillery, and had been a patient at the V.A. Hospital at Lyons since World War I. He is buried in Naughtright Cemetery.

I teach at Rustburg High School in Campbell County. Serve as Athletic Director and baseball coach in addition to teaching and working in the Guidance Dept. The duties as Athletic Director keep me busy the year around. Am able to get to New Jersey every year or so. Came up to visit Clyde last summer and to attend the reunion, and of course again in September for Clyde's burial.

To my knowledge there are no other Duffords in the state of Virginia. With the passing of Clyde, the only remaining relatives are Frank and Harold Dufford, sons of Frank Dufford - brother of my Grandfather. Also, Jeannette Dufford Fier-son, daughter of Charley Dufford-brother of my Grandfather.

I read with interest the family bulletin, particularly the accounts there of the Dufford genealogy."

DEDICATION

This issue of the Bulletin is dedicated to my good cousin-friend Mr. Fred Sisser III, who was recently elected President of The Somerset County Historical Society --- ye editor!
