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for

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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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED TO DESIGNATE FAMILY CONNECTION

(D) Dufford (S) Swackhamer (B) Swackhamer and Dufford (F) Friend

ANNUAL REUNION

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WE KNOW LIVING FOR OUR FOREFATHERS WAS A STRUGGLE, BY TODAY'S STANDARDS. WE KNOW THAT TODAY'S MODE OF LIVING FAR SURPASSES OUR FOREFATHERS, BUT IN RELATION TO TIME, WILL WE PASS ON TO TOMORROW'S SOCIETY A BETTER INHERITANCE THAN WE RECEIVED.

STANLEY C. DUFFORD, PRESIDENT

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Mahannah (D) 3120 East Shawnee, Des Moines, Iowa 50317
Mrs. Elbert L. Moyer (E) 178 West Oak Street, Basking Ridge, N.J. 07920
Mrs. Mary T. Culver (S), 14 Upshur Ave., Bay Ridge, Annapolis, Md. 21403
Mr. Armand Swackhamer, 76 Chippewa Ave., Ottawa, Canada K2 G1 Y4
Mrs. Charles P. Conover (D), Mendham Rd., Gladstone, N.J. 07934
Miss Elma Tufford, R.F.D., Beamsville, Ontario, Canada
Mrs. Lawrence Taylor (D), R.F.D., Beamsville, Ontario, Canada

AVAILABLE AT HIGHER PRICE

Mr. Harold L. Gunther, 4 Oak Parkway, Lake Mohawk, Sparta, N.J. 07871 advises that he has been forced to put together a new supply of the Dufford Family Charts. Since all parts of the booklet and mailing costs have increased, the price will be \$3.00 for the first copy and \$5.00 for a second copy to the same person.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION OF THE SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The twenty-fifth annual combined reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society was held at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J. on July 29, 1972. Separate reunions for each of the families began in the 20's but because the two families are related, a combined reunion was begun in 1947. It was a very pleasant summer day but repainting of the church's parking lot caused inconvenience to early arrivals. Thirty-eight adults attended. There were, regrettably, very few children. The family members coming from the most distant points were Mr. and Mrs. John W. Dufford of Richfield, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Williams of Utica, N.Y. Four people who were absent in 1971 on account of illness attended: Milton Swackhamer, who was injured in an accident while driving to the reunion in 1971, was back. Incidentally, he may at some time in the future repeat his feats of magic with which he regaled reunions years ago. Marge Logan, recovered from pneumonia; Dorothy Gunther, recovered from a blood clot in an artery near the heart; and Robert Hart, recovered from an attack of ulcerative colitis- all were happy to attend. A new member, Mrs. Elbert L. Moyer of Baking Ridge, N.J., was welcomed.

The picnic lunch and socializing occupied the people until one o'clock after which President Stanley Dufford called the meeting to order. The President asked for a temporary secretary. Mr. Robert O. Hart consented to serve. Then the invocation was given by Dr. Sharp Trimmer.

The minutes of the meeting of July 31, 1971 were read by Mr. Hart in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Barbara Wert. The minutes, which were approved as read, were then followed by correspondence. A letter from Mrs. Barbara Wert was read, tendering her resignation as secretary because her husband's position has taken the family to Leominster, Mass., making her regular attendance at reunions somewhat difficult. The resignation was accepted with regret. A digest of a letter from Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer, former president, was given. He was in Edinburgh, Scotland and Canterbury, England, for ecumenical studies. He mentioned that he was continuing his genealogical interest while abroad and had met people who knew the two families.

Information was sought as to the correct addresses of people whose Bulletins had been returned.

Mrs. Annette W. Hart, treasurer, then gave her report. The report was accepted as read. At this point a collection was taken from the persons present to defray reunion expenses.

Miss Eleanor Romaine, editor of the Bulletin, gave her report, outlining her work in putting it together. She appealed to everyone to send in all items of family interest - births, marriages, deaths - and any new genealogical history - so that the impact of the Bulletin will not diminish.

Thanks were voted for Mr. C. Robert Brown, who printed and furnished the Society with the Reminders for the Bulletin.

There was no report from Mrs. C. L. Harriman, historian, who was not present.

Under old business, a discussion took place relative to promises made about five years ago by a speaker at a reunion concerning the fixing up of the old cemetery in Long Valley and the secretary was asked to check previous minutes regarding the matter and to report back next year.

The picture taken of last year's reunion by Mr. Norman Tufford was passed around to the delight of all.

Under the heading of new business, it was voted to increase the donation to the Middle Valley Cemetery Association to \$10.00. A motion was made and passed to give the Washington Township Historical Society \$5.00 and the Zion Lutheran Church, \$25.00.

Then the election of the officers took place. The incumbent president, vice-president and treasurer were unanimously re-elected and the temporary secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for them. Then President Stanley Dufford spoke about filling the office of secretary. No one present seemed willing to serve in this capacity. To save the situation, Mr. Robert Hart, former secretary, said he would accept for one more year but only after observing that he found it objectionable and burdensome for the two offices of treasurer and secretary to be in the same household. Following his remarks he was unanimously elected as secretary.

The President then reappointed Miss Eleanor Romaine as editor of the Bulletin and Mrs. C. L. Harriman as historian.

Each person present then stood and introduced himself. The oldest was Mrs. Mabel Apgar, 87. The youngest was Mathew Allen Groover, three weeks. As mentioned earlier, Mr. and Mrs. John Dufford of Ohio came from the greatest distance. It was moved and passed that beginning next year a silver dollar each would be awarded to the oldest and the youngest person present at the reunion and to the person coming from the most distant point.

Miss Romaine reminded the members that Rutgers University has a complete file of our Bulletins and that we should feel honored since they were requested. A short discussion took place as to the merits of having a paid speaker at future reunions. The discussion was inconclusive; some felt a paid speaker might draw large numbers to the reunion; others felt he might be a bore and anyway, it was more fun to have cousinly, informal socializing. A motion was passed to ask Miss Romaine to poll the readers of the Bulletin for their opinions.

(Editor's note - LET ME HEAR FROM YOU in this regard.)

The formal meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M. but folks lingered to visit and chat until 4:00 P.M., because many would not see each other for another year and a few would not meet again for many years.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert O. Hart

PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

The annual reunion of the descendants of Daniel and Rebecca Schoonover Swackhamer was held in August at the home of Joseph and Dorothy (S) Schultz, Macedonia, Pa. (R.D. 2, Towanda, Pa.)

It was a beautiful day and they had the largest attendance in several years with 56 present. There were games for the active ones and lots of visiting for the others. Four of the younger members were newly-engaged.

In 1973, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz will, again, host the affair to be held the second Sunday in August.

PERSONAL POLITICS RESPECTED

Now that the election is over those of you who descend from John Trimmer, emigrant, who died 1749/50, can recall that President Richard Nixon also descends from this John Trimmer. This information is found in "The Trimmer Family, New Jersey, Pennsylvania," by Raymond Martin Bell, Washington & Jefferson College, Washington, Pa., & Ira A. Brown, York, Pa. 1962. Margaret Trimmer 1826-1865 married George Nixon, great grandfather of Richard Milhous Nixon.

We are indebted to the following for the above information: Miss Florence Armstrong of Larned, Kansas who is a descendant of George Dufford, Jr. and Matilda Jane Heath; Mr. John L. Ely, West Orange, N.J., Secretary of The Wyckoff Family Association in America.

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR SOMEONE NICE

Our congratulations are late but very sincere. Mrs. Bessie Swackhamer Emmons celebrated her NINETY-NINTH birthday in September. She was born in Whitehouse, N.J. in 1873.

A GENALOGIST'S DREAM LIVED

The following is extracted from a letter dated November 18, 1972 written by Mr. Norman E. Tufford of Munster, Indiana:

"We (Jane and Norman) took our vacation at the end of August and into the first week of September and visited New England again and had a wonderful time. Our most exciting experiences were on the way home. Our first stop was to see Mrs. C. L. Harriman in Westport, Conn. where we had a long visit and met her son. She gave us lots of inspiration to push forward to explore the Tufford (Dufford) family.

We then stopped at Morristown, N.J. and had a long visit with Mr. C. Robert Brown and we learned many valuable things from him.

Our next stop was Beamsville, Ontario, Canada where we found a large number of Tuffords and found two of them we had corresponded with a number of years ago. We talked with Elma and her brother Howard Tufford who live on the original land granted by the King in the late 1700's and saw the large wax seal that accompanied the original grant. We were also privileged to stay overnight in one of the original Tufford homes on the property which is now in the hands of other people. The home is on the shore of Lake Ontario. This night of rest in this old home which has been restored and had much period furniture became ours at the gracious invitation of the present owners (and inhabitants) Corky and Larry Taylor. Corky (her real name is Corlene- much more beautiful) is very active in the Historical Society in that area and was interested in the Tuffords (because of the house) as we were and gave us many valuable suggestions for pursuing our genealogical goal. We also spent an evening talking with Muriel Tufford, her 80+ year old mother, two of her sisters and one brother-in-law (Corky too) in the parlor of their 70 year old home completely furnished with period furniture, some of which had been in the Tufford family over 100 years. This home was built circa 1905 next door to another Tufford home which was the home of my great grandfather, Henry Tufford, who sold the home and farm to the parients of Muriel. The building still exists nearby where it has been relocated and remodeled to be the home of a brother of Muriel.

As you can see we had the time of our lives and we are ready to go back and spend more time. Muriel is a walking encyclopedia of Tufford information in Canada and on my next trip I will take a tape recorder - one cannot possibly keep up with her."

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

REV. AND MRS. STANLEY MAHANNAH, 3120 E. Shawnee Ave., DesMoines, Iowa

Stanley (a descendant of Andrew Wack and Magdeline Dufford) was born in North English, Iowa on April 5, 1918 and to Ray Charles Mahannah and Edith Claire Smith. He received his education in the North English schools, Johnson Bible College in Tennessee and Drake University where he graduated and received his B.D. degree.

He served several Iowa Disciples of Christ Churches as Pastor until ten years ago when he became head of Fraud Investigation for the State of Iowa Employment Security Commission. He has continued to serve churches on an Ad Interim Basis until the last year.

He is married to Grace Hudson of Eddyville, Iowa and they are the parents of two sons: Stephen Leslie and Loren Ross. Stephen is a pilot for Northwest Airlines and lives in Minneapolis. He is married to Brenda Foust of Des Moines and they have two daughters, Stephanie and Melanie. Ross is a Programmer for Franklin Associates in New York City. He is not married.

Grace is Librarian for the State Genealogical Society. She is presently working on the WACK line. She would like to contact anyone who has information concerning Rev. Casper Wack's wife, Barbara Leidy.

MRS. MARY T. CULVER, 14 Upshur Ave., Bay Ridge, Annapolis, Md.

To the best of your editor's knowledge, Mrs. Culver is the first to become a member of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society by claim of descent from Eve (Effie) Swackhamer, daughter of Samuel, the progenitor. Eve was the first wife of Jacob Davidsee Schuyler born 1734 at Schooley's Mt., N.J. Mrs. Culver was accepted into membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution after submitting proof

of descent from Major Jacob Schuyler and his wife, Effie Swackhammer Schuyler.
Reference: pg. 598 "DAR Patriot Index" Schuyler - Jacob b. 4-29-1734
d. 11-3-1807 m. Effie Swackhammer 2 Maj N.J.

Mrs. Culver also belongs to The Mayflower Society, N.E. Historical and Biographical Society, Connecticut Society of Genealogists (Nutmeggers) and Connecticut Historical Society.

COLLEGE SENIOR

Above is the star caption heading the article quoted hereafter from Newark, N.J.'s THE STAR-LEDGER, Wednesday, October 11, 1972.

"LaJolla, Calif. (AP) - Roy D. Ribble, at 82 is back in college and says it would be a poor world indeed 'if I didn't have courses to look forward to.'

The retired New York City dentist filled the teeth of Wall Street financiers and Broadway celebrities before ending a 40-year career. Then he founded a school of dental hygiene at Fairleigh Dickinson University.

In 1912 he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and in World War II he was decorated by King George VI for helping establish a dental clinic serving British seamen in New York.

Ribble is taking two extension courses now at the University of California, not far from the home where he and his wife Ruth have settled in La Jolla. The courses are 'Great Moments in Medicine' and 'New Interpretations in History.'

Editor's note - thank you, good readers from all parts of the country, who sent this Associated Press release from your local papers.

More about our Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble can be found in the Summer Issue 1969 Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin which carried a reprint from the July 1968 "Medical Affairs" - University of Pennsylvania.

RESTORATION OF AN OLD HOME

The word "removed" is seen frequently by genealogical researchers. Your editor, therefore, trusts it will be accepted in reporting that Mr. Fred Sisser III (S) removed from Soverville (Somerset County) N.J. to Stewartville (Warren County) N.J. In March, Mr. Sisser found a house to his liking and purchased it from a direct descendant of the home's builder, Robert Stewart, whose brother, James, founded Stewartville. The cornerstone discloses the house was built in 1818.

Restoration was complete enough by the holiday season so that guests could be warmly welcomed by the new owner and gracious host.

RETIREMENT PLANNED

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, presently serving The First United Methodist Church, Stamford, Connecticut, expects to retire in June of 1973. His plans for the future were not yet formulated at the time this issue of the Bulletin was being prepared for publication.

We join the many others in prayer and wishes for many happy tomorrows.

HE RAN AGAIN

We have not heard the result but were informed that Mr. William Dulaney Swackhamer did not retire as we had suggested he might. Once again, after twenty-five consecutive years in that office, he sought election as Assemblyman to the State of Nevada Legislature.

PUBLICITY WELCOMED

The STAR-GAZETTE of Hackettstown, N.J. (which covers the Washington area) were kind enough to print an account of The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Association reunion. Our thanks to them and to Mr. Robert O. Hart, our Secretary, for sending a well-written article in to them.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

Dr. and Mrs. C. Sharp Trimmer of Montclair, N.J. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 28, 1972. Dr. Trimmer, a descendant of Philip Dufford, was born in Middle Valley, N.J. He acquired his higher education at Lafayette College and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School. In 1922 he married Ruth Barkman at the home of her mother in Rutlege, Pa. and sailed for China as a Methodist Missionary. Except for a furlough every six or seven years Nanking became their home and for two decades they served the Mission Board, he as a medical missionary and Mrs. Trimmer as a teacher. A son and daughter were born to them and the family lived through some strange and dangerous experiences.

During the second World War Dr. Trimmer sent his family home but remained himself and was captured by the Japanese. He was held prisoner for two years, then sent back to America as an exchange prisoner aboard the Gripsholm. After the war the Doctor and his wife returned to Nanking until the Communists marched in and without resistance from the Nationalists took over and made it known that foreigners were unwelcome. The Trimmers went home but after only a year and a half in the States sailed again for the far east, this time to Lahore, Pakistan. There at the United Christian Hospital, they continued their service to the fellow man.

Your editor is uncertain when they returned to the States but is certain it was not to retire - for, this couple continue to be active in their church and community.

They have eight grandchildren - four boys and four girls.

Many times Dr. Trimmer said, "Pray for us that we may be led of the Holy Spirit to bring many more souls into the Kingdom of our Savior." With such a mission their fifty years as a team could hardly have been anything other than golden.

LIBRARY REQUESTS BULLETIN

A request was received from The New York Public Library for back issues and a current mailing of The Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin.

This was a welcome letter and every effort is being made to obtain and assemble a set of back issues. This Library has one of the finest genealogical collections in the country and we certainly will be pleased to have a complete set of our Bulletin on its shelves.

Other back issues were sent to The Iowa State Genealogical Society Library care of their librarian, Mrs. Stanley Mahannah. Earlier in this issue you were introduced to Mrs. Mahannah. This was an excellent opportunity to place our publication in a place where they will be accessible to researchers of that area. The favor is being returned. Mrs. Mahannah has already sent items of value to researchers who are tracing families "who went west" from New Jersey. From time to time these "goodies" will be published in the Bulletin.

YOU CAN HELP! Please return any unwanted copies of the Bulletin to your editor - don't throw them out.

ACQUISITION ACKNOWLEDGED

The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society is most grateful to Mr. David C. Swackhamer of Brainbridge Island, Washington for sending a photocopy of "Churchill" (United Church) Esquesing 1838-1938 founded by Swackhamers who settled in Canada. It is of immense value. His generous monetary contribution is also acknowledged with thanks.

WED THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Our Vice-President, James V. Wert and wife, "Peg", celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on November 25th. The couple were married in the Wert residence in Hackettstown, N.J. At the time of their marriage, Peg's home was in Maryland and she was a Registered Nurse in New York Hospital, New York City.

In "retirement" the Werts operate a large farm and are enjoying restoring a very old home on their property in Neneveh, New York. The couple have two children and five grandchildren - all Duffords.

DOINGS OF THE YOUNG MS. & MR.s

Fraom, Grandmother, Mrs. C. L. Harriman of Westport, Conn. we learn that: Donald completed an I.B.M. course in computers and is working at California State University at Fullerton, Calif.; Evan enters Goddard College at Plainfield, Vermont in January; Wendy is spending the winter on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. where she has been all summer. All are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus D. Harriman (D) of Westport, Conn.

Michael Wert (D) sang a solo "Where is Love" from "Oliver" at a local Hospital Fund Musical. There were lots trying for the part but "Mike", not reading music but nerve and a good ear, got it on the first try. His two sisters and mother danced in the chorus. Bill was on a business trip at the time of the Musical.

HUGUENOT MEMBERSHIP INCREASED

By virtue of descent from Philip DuFord, the Huguenot, The Rev. Stanley W. Mahannah of Des Moines, Iowa was accepted into membership in the Iowa Huguenot Soc. The Huguenot Society of New Jersey, Inc. elected into membership Mrs. Homer F. Lyman of Point Pleasant, N.J. and her niece, Mrs. Charles F. Conover of Gladstone, N.J. Their Huguenot ancestor - Philip DuFord.

Appreciation is expressed to Mr. C. Robert Brown of Morristown, N.J. for his assistance and help to these persons.

PLANS TRIP EAST

Miss Florence Armstrong (D) of Larned, Kansas is planning to attend the biennial convention of the National Federation of Music Clubs to be held in Atlantic City, N.J. beginning on April 3, 1973, and then go to Washington, D.C. for the DAR Continental Congress later in April. There will be some time between these two events and she should like to visit the family historic sites in New Jersey. Miss Armstrong said it just may be possible to do this.

FALL TRAVEL

Floyd Swackhamer Emmons and wife, retired and living on Long Beach Island, N.J. took a New England trip in October. They visited their son, Richard, and family in Simsbury, Conn., then on up to Green Mountain College in Poultney, Vt. to visit with Richard's daughter, Linda, who is having her first year there. Then they proceeded around the Green Mountain State Forest stopping at interesting places and enjoying the fall foliage. The next stop was Burlington, Vt., where they visited their grandson, David Crosby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Crosby of Bernardville, N.J., who is having his last year at the University of Vermont. Then they took a leisurely drive north in Vermont, then down through Stowe, having a gondola ride to the top of Mt. Mansfield, and son on - back to the seashore.

Their grandson, Bradley Crosby, and his wife, now live in Freehold, N.J. He served his term in the USAF piloting C-141-s. After a nine-month stint as a desk engineer, he decided to take to the air again and is now with Eastern Air Lines. He is also in the USAF Reserves at McQuire Air Force Base.

VISITS ORIENT

Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, California sent an interesting account of her recent five-week's visit to the Orient, including Japan, Hong Kong and Honolulu. Your editor is holding it for inclusion in the next issue of the Bulletin.

ARIZONA BOUND

Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. May (S) of Tunkhannock, Penna. planned to fly to Arizona the last week in August to visit their granddaughters.

G E N E A L O G Y

KERN (KARN)-SWACKHAMER LINE

Picture taking of tombstones in the cemetery at the site of the ruins of the old stone church in Long Valley (formerly German Valley), New Jersey refutes the statement that Catharine Swackhamer and Christopher Kern "died on the way to Canada with their sons" as recorded in Pioneer Sketches of Long Point Settlement - E. A. Owens 1898.

Miss Helen L. Smith of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada presented her lineage from Catharine Swackhamer and Christopher Kern through descent from their son, John. Miss Smith did a fine piece of genealogical research, the result of which we hope to publish in full in a later issue of the Bulletin. Her documentation, however, included the above reference and quotation which warranted correction.

On May 23, 1971 your editor and Mr. Fred Sisser III met in the old cemetery. Your editors held down bushes to allow for better exposure while Mr. Sisser took readable pictures of the couple's headstones.

The stone of Christopher Kern is inscribed in German text and we are indebted to Mr. Donald A. Sinclair, Curator of Special Collections - Library of Rutgers - The State University, for the translation used herein. The stone of Catharine Karn is cut in the English language. They read:

HERE RESTS
IN GOD THE OLD FALLEN
ASLEEP CHRISTOPH
KERN. HE WAS BORN THE
16th DECEMBER 1728
AND DIED THE 22nd JULY
1796. HE REACHED THE AGE
OF 67 YEARS 7 MONTHS AND 6 DAYS
FUNERAL TEXT PSALM 84 VERSE II
FOR THE LORD IS A SUN AND
SHIELD: THE LORD WILL GIVE
GRACE AND GLORY: NO GOOD
THING WILL HE WITHHOLD FROM
THEM THAT WALK UPRIGHTLY.

In memory of
Catharine Karn
widdow of Christopher
Karn who departed this life
November the 5th 1815 in the 82^d
Year of her age
Lived 18 Years a widdow
Funeral text Psalms 46th and 8th verse
Come behold the works of the Lord
what dissolutions he hath made in the
earth
Why do we mourn de parting of friends
Or shake at deaths alarms
Tis but the voice that Jesus sendes.
To call us to his armes.

No doubt you will find the use of double letters, such as the "d" in widdow of interest and also note the "different" spelling of some words. Now, reflect that in eighteen years the family had changed from the use of the German to English language and spelled their name Karn instead of Kern.

Of the progenitor's twenty-five children, Catharine's grave is one of the few located. As some have suggested, these are not centographs (monuments erected to persons buried somewhere else).

The old cemetery is deteriorating and it is feared these stones will suffer the fate of the others which once stood --stones of the family, neighbors and friends of Catharine and Christopher Kern.

NAME CHANGED BY ADOPTION

Marsignia Mae Meyer, a daughter of Henry and Wilma Dufford Meyer, married Clarence James Miller on October 9, 1953 and had four children: James Henry Miller b. May 17, 1954; Blake Thomas Miller b. March 19, 1956; Joan Marsignia Miller b. June 25, 1958; and Marilyn Anne Miller b. January 25, 1962. Since then, a divorce occurred and Marsignia is now Mrs. Benjamin Hale. All four children have been adopted by her present husband and carry the name Hale instead of Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Hale and family live in Honolulu, Hawaii.

I N M E M O R I A N

I go unto the Father. John 14: 28

Swackhamer, Joseph P. died on August 26, 1972 at Toronto, Canada
The family had moved from New Market, Ontario, Canada only a month before his death. He is survived by wife, Martha and three sons: Fred, Leonard and Earl.

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Mr. Norman Tufford of Munster, Indiana wrote "I am very sorry to report that my own mother went to be with the Lord at 2:35 A.M., June 12, 1972. My father, Clifford James, had passed on 30 years ago. My mother was 85 years old. In my father's family there is one brother and his wife still living - there are many off-spring surviving, of course. Mother was always facinated by my periodic reports on information collected on the Tufford family."