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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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(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 28, 1973 - 12 Noon

PLACE Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J.

PACK A LUNCH AND COME TO THE GARDEN SPOT IN THE GARDEN STATE TO MEET YOUR COUSINS AND RECYCLE MEMORIES.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It is of interest when one of our relatives, living a distance away, will request any information concerning their family connection.

Generations continue on, but people maintain a deep-rooted respect for their background.

Stanley C. Dufford, President

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SITE CITED

The old Union Church ruins in Long Valley, New Jersey was designated as an official historical site by the New Jersey Historical Society, thanks to the efforts of Robert Suker, a student at the Budd Lake Upper Elementary School.

The site was one of three chosen for recognition at the 10th annual Convention of the Jerseymen, student wing of the state Historical Society. It was submitted president of the local chapter of the Jerseymen.

The church yard, burial ground and stone walls remain from the church built in 1774 to serve both the Lutheran and German Reformed (Presbyterian) congregations until they built their own separate churches in 1832.

100 YEARS AGO

The Star-Gazette of Hackettstown, N.J. published a reprint of an item dated February 22, 1873 reading: "Books for receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of the Schooley's Mountain Turnpike Company will be opened on Friday the 28th, between the hours 12 and 4 o'clock, at the Heath House. Also at the store of Mr. George Swackhamer in German Valley, on March 1st. 1000 shares are required and 300 have already been spoken for."

FROM THE MAIL BAG

For Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin from Miss Florence Armstrong dated May 10, 1973

"It was an interesting experience to spend four days in Morris County, N.J., during the second week in April. One day was spent at the Morris County Free Library, one day was devoted to historic sites and one day was spent at Long Valley once known as German Valley.

With the guidance of Eleanor Romaine of Chatham and Annette Hart of Manasquan, it was possible to see Long Valley, the Zion Lutheran Church, the old church walls, two cemeteries where ancestors' tomb stones stand, Heath Lane, Schooley's Mountain, Fox Hill and the old Fort, which was built in 1774 by Philip Weise, one of my many New Jersey ancestors. It was a rare privilege to be guided by these two women who took time out of very busy schedules to do this. Since I descend from Philip Larison, this section of New Jersey is personally very interesting. A dinner at wonderful day.

The visit to Morris County came between two national conventions. First came the Diamond Jubilee Convention of the National Federation of Misic Clubs held at Atlantic City. My official capacity was representing the Southwest District as President and as a member of the Young Artist Auditions committee. Second, came the Continental Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, held in Washington, D.C. I was a delegate of Fort Larned Chapter, Larned, Kansas. I have David Heath and Jacob Weise as Revolutionary acnestors as well as others."

Florence Armstrong (D)
Larned, Kansas

From Mrs. Stanley Mahannah, Librarian, The Iowa State Genealogical Society Library
"The back issues of the Bulletin have arrived and we wish to thank the Society
for placing them in our library. I sat down and read every one of them before I
stopped! How fascinating! And - in the 1971 issue, I found a letter from a
descendant of Andrew Wack and Magdeline Dufford. She is Alice Bradley of Princeton
Ill. Think we will take a trip sometime this fall to see her."

From Miss Theresa Hopler (D) of Morristown, N.J.

"From the Bulletin I learned of the Gunther's Dufford chart. From that I learned of a Kaar-Dufford marriage - my father's great-grandparents. From a later Bulletin I learned of a Kaar-Dufford descendant who had 'gone west', and of another Kaar who married a Charp and 'gone west'. As s widower, he came back to New Jersey and married his first wife's cousin, a Thomas. All this has added to the Thomas and Hopler charts. I am grateful for the Bulletin."

From Mrs. Robert Griffin (formerly Eleanor Hopler) (D)

"Have written Mrs. Stanley Mahannah offering to help her in completing the

Wack genealogy - for me, needed to supplement the Dufford chart.

Presently working with a Trimmer descendant in Pueblo, Colo. who visited here in early fall. They enjoyed visiting the old cemeteries at Naughright, Long Valley, Middle Valley and Lower Valley. They took many pictures but screening at the Airport ruined the film so have asked me to duplicate the pictures."

From The Rev. John Lawrence Brasher (S)

"Sorry I didn't make the reunion in '72. I was on vacation in Alabama. I always enjoy the Bulletin. I will graduate from Yale Divinity School in June and I will remain the Pastor of Stillwater and Swartswood United Methodist Churches in New Jersey."

BULLETIN CORRECTION

Winter Issue 1972 page 6 - WED THIRTY-FIVE YEARS - end word on third line should read Missouri instead of Maryland. In copying the written account your editor mistook Md. for Mo. Sorry about that!

WINS SEAT ON COUNCIL

In the November 1972 election, a tight race in Readington Township, New Jersey gave Mrs. James Swackhamer (Virginia) a seat on the Readington Township Council.

Mrs. Swackhamer's election makes her the only Democrat, as well as the only woman, on the township's five-man council.

INTERESTING WORK

Jane Tufford (Mrs. Norman E.) of Munster, Indiana has taken a new job with Sargent & Lundy, Consulting Engineers, as a Technical Editor in the Environmental Division. She commutes to the Chicago Loop every day and is enthused about her work.

IN SERVICE

Sergeant Bert B. Swackhamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert B. Swackhamer of 16 Fairmont Road, Long Valley, N.J. participated in the Strategic Air Command (SAC) missile combat competition at Vanderberg AFB, Calif. April 26 through May 4, 1973.

Sergeant Swackhamer, a missile mechanic with the 321st Strategic Missile Wing at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. competed with other top U.S. Air Force missilemen from SAC's six Minuteman and three Titan Wings.

He represented his Minuteman Unit as a member of the missile maintenance team.

Combat crews match their skill and knowledge in electronic computerized

simulators virtually identical to operational launch facilities at missile bases.

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Dozens of problems - such as fires, power losses, equipment malfunctions and security violations - are used in the "scripts" designed for the meet which is scored by electronic computation with no actual missile launches.

CITIZENS OF BROCKVILLE HONOUR WILLIAM TUFFORD

An Eastern Ontario community has paid high tribute by naming William F. Tufford as Brockville's "Citizen of the Year."

Music teacher at Brockville's Collegiate Institute since 1949, and organist at the Wall Street United Church, music director of operatic society productions, and involved in many community endeavors, Mr. Tufford was honoured by the Brockville Chamber of Commerce at a dinner at the Skyline Hotel there.

Born in Beamsville, Mr. Tufford attended public and high schools there. He taught music at several public schools of the area and at Beamsville High School before World War II. He also was organist at the former Wesley United Church.

During World War II, he served for four years with the Royal Canadian Air Force. After the War, he resumed teaching in Beamsville and was organist at Trinity United Church in Beamsville and Trinity in Grimsby before going to Brockville.

The citation that went with the honour of being named the City's Citizen of the Year lauded his "tireless dedication to music and the lively arts", and commended not only his work as a teacher with young people but his activities in var-

He is married to Janet Phillips of Brockville and they have three daughters.

The news article above was sent by Mrs. Lawrence Taylor of Beamsville.

BOOK PUBLISHED

A book entitled "The Left Bank Revisited: Selections from the Paris Tribune 1917-1934," edited by Dr. Hugh D. Ford (D), Trenton State College professor, formerly of Washington, N.J., has been published by the Pennsylvania State

Professor Ford's research for the book started early in the 1970's when he went to Chicago to check the files of the Paris Tribune. Eventually he went to England where the only other files of the Paris Tribune were available and then to the Continent to complete his research.

Dr. Ford first became enchanted by Paris during and after World War II. As a company clerk attached to the Second Armored Division of the 426th Field Artillery Group, he saw considerable European geography and occasional furloughs

The son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford of Washington, N.J. and a graduate of Washington High School, he came back to the United States to complete his formal education. He received his B.A. degree at Dickinson College, his master's degree at Stanford and his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the faculty of Trenton State in 1958 and has been there ever since.

Other of his published work include: "A Poet's War: British Poets of the Spanish Civil War", "These Were the Hours" and "Nancy Cunard: Brave Poet,

He is now at work on a book about American Publishers in Paris between World War I and II.

JOB PROMOTION

William G. Wert (D) has been appointed an electric utility sales manager in the General Electric Co.'s gas turbine marketing department. He will represent GE in the sale of gas turbines to electric companies in the northeastern region.

A native of Peekskill, N.Y. he holds a bachelor's degree in marine engineering from New York State Maxitime College and a master's degree in mechanical

engineering from Union College. He joined GE's Knolls Atomic Fower Laboratory in 1966.

In 1969, he transferred to GTPD, and in 1971 he was named manager of marine sales for the mechanical drive turbine products department at Fitchburg, Mass. A Navy veteran, he is a member of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

Wert lives in Burnt Hills, N.Y. with his wife, Barbara and their three children, Michael, Kathryn and Susan.

Mrs. Wert is active in church and local community affairs. Barbara served as co-chairman of a "white elephant" sale and flea market held May 5 at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Glenville, N.Y. The affair was sponsored by the home furnishings committee of Church Women United.

RETIRED

The Rev. Dr. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer retired in June after forty years in the ministry and fourteen years of service to The First United Methodist Church, Stamford, Connecticut.

On Sunday, June 3rd a Reception in the Fellowship Hall afforded Dr. Swackhamer to visit with his friends.

Preceding the Reception, Nathaniel Dickerson, tenor soloist, former member of the Mariner's Quartet, and a member of the church, offered a recital as a gift to Dr. Swackhamer on his retirement.

An added pleasure in April was the visit by an English family from London. Mr. Collins, F.R.C.O. gave an organ recital.

Dr. Swackhamer served as President of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society for many years.

May our good wish for you come true today and for your future too.

25th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations go to Mr. and Mrs. Fred P. Swackhamer of Willowdale, Ontario, Canada who celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary June 27, 1973. The couple have four children, two boys and two girls ranging in age 14 to 23 years.

TRAVELING WITH GLADYS

Miss Gladys Swackhamer of Santa Barbara, Calif. sent the following account of a trip she wishes to share with you.

In late November 1972 I returned from a five week's visit to the Orient, including Japan, Hong Kong and Honolulu, blessed by generally perfect weather.

The three weeks in Japan were spent with a student exchange group, called The Experiment in International Living with headquarters in Putney, Vt. This was the 42nd annual meeting, held in Tokyo where 200 of us from 17 countries spent a week getting acquainted with Japanese culture through mingling, eating, listening to lectures, theatre, concerts, and tours of city and famous places.

Then a week in a Japanese home. My hostess was a 63 year old widow with an old fashioned house and her own garden plot. Her two sons, college professor and banker, and their families are Christian. She is a Buddhist. She was wonderfully friendly, considerate and jolly. When we could not understand each other we sat and laughed!

Then came a trip through central and southern Japan, along beautiful sea coasts, through wooded hills and up mountain peaks on cable cars right to the edge of an active volcano! An all day trip through the Inland Sea showed us the industrial might of Japan, with Ship Yards, steel plants and freighters loading

and unloading. The lovely Kyoto, city of many Shrines and Temples, was enjoyed.

After a final party, some of us flew to Hong Kong for another exciting week of trips around the city and countryside, culminating in a dinner for each of us in the home of a Chinese family. This came about through a Chinese woman, director of a private school and college, where the instruction was in English and we were invited by young high school students. That night we experienced the unconscionable crowding of families into one cubicle apiece in tenements and saw acapuncture needles being placed in the back of a young man by a nurse at an outdoor market!

I also learned how untrue had been my concept of the area, where Chinese had generally moved about, visiting relatives and attending universities, as well as trading with mainland China.

My holiday came to an end in Honolulu where I spent four happy days in the spacious home of a college classmate who is part native Hawaiian, and who welcomed me warmly into the circle of her family and friends.

In February I was able to show some small appreciation of my Japanese visit to a young judge from Tokyo who spent some time in Santa Barbara. He is studying the U.S. judicial system. I took him to a session and luncheon at the Center for with educational broadcasting, and the main speaker was John Macy, former head of the National Broadcasting Corporation. Toshi said he understood about seventy and crime.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Biographical sketch requested by the editor follows:

Ruth Edna <u>Dufford</u> Leyde lives with his wife Sheri Miriam (Baumann) and three daughters, Miriam Ruth (10) Melody Anne (8) and Gayle Diane (6) in Columbia, South Carolina. Richard and Sheri were born and raised in San Francisco, Calif. They were high school and college sweethearts. Sheri has her B.A. degree and majored in Social Work. Richard received his Ph.D. degree in Marine Biology at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Following his graduate studies, Richard did post doctoral studies at Duke University. He now teaches Marine Biology at the University of South Carolina.

As a family they love the out of doors. They camp out without tent or trailer and have camped out all over the United States.

The family has recently joined the Mineral and Gem Society of South Carolina because the children are so interested. They hope this will be a hobby the entire family will enjoy. It is educational too.

Sheri's favorite hobby is doing genealogical research. She has traced (with help) two of her lines back to the English Royal line of King Edward the 1st. She has only just begun on her husband's lines and is thrilled to join the Swackhamer-Dufford Family organization.

She would particularly like any information any of the family may have on Mary A. Hitchcock wife of Theodore King Dufford.

The family Bible is in the home of my husband's grandfather. I plan to visit there this summer and will copy the record while there."

Written by Mrs. Richard G. Zingmark (Sheri)
93 Riverside Circle
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Mrs. Zingmark has sent a chart revealing her research and conclusions to date. Your editor will publish it shortly.

From Mr. Melvin Joseph Tufford, 2902 E. 2nd St. #6, Newberg, Oregon 97132 His letter dated April 3, 1973 reads: "Last Friday, my uncle, Mr. Arthur R. Tufford, mailed me a copy of the Winter Issue, 1972, of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin along with a family tree. I am very interested in learning more of the history of the family.

I am Melvin Joseph Tufford, son of Chester Norman Tufford, My grandfather was John Stuart Tufford and apparently he was son of Henry ? Tufford, who I have never heard of at least to my present knowledge.

My grandparents came from Canada, that I remember. I have pictures of them.

I have been Postmaster of Newberg, Oregon for nearly 24 years. I was appointed by President Harry Truman. Prior to that a Watchmaker Jeweler. As a side interest, when I was on a trip to California I came across another Tuffords Jewelry, which I called my store. I have kicked myself many times that I did not go to see the cwner. I was in a hurry I guess. Anyway that is not what I wanted to know.

How could I get on the mailing list to receive the bulletin in the future? Also some back issues if available?

Another question, what prompted the organization of a Genealogical Society? Was there a very prominent Tufford-Dufford-DuFord in the past history? This has me very interested. I would be glad to correspond with anyone who would exchange information."

CRADLE ROLL

Tammany Laureen Swackhamer, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Swackhamer, Jr., was baptized November 12, 1972 at the Sunday morning worship service in the Stanton (N.J.) Reformed Church by the Rev. Richard L. Miller, pastor.

DUFFORD-SCHLENGER ENGAGEMENT

In January 1973, the engagement of Miss Joan Marie Dufford to Mr. Robert Evans Schlenger of Neptune, N.J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip R. Schlenger of Long Branch, N.J., was announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Dufford of Succasunna, N.J.

Miss Dufford attends Douglas College.

Mr. Schlenger was graduated from Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., where he received a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice. He is a probation officer for Monmouth County Probation Department, Freehold. He served in the Navy three years.

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VER BRYCK-WILCOX

Judy Wilcox of Binghamton, N.Y. became the bride of Robert L. VerBryck of Vestal, N.Y.

The ceremony took place in the Sara Jane United Methodist Church, Johnson City, N.Y. on January 13, 1973.

Robert VerBryck is the son of Lleta (S) VerBryck and the late Mark VerBryck.

SWACKHAMER-LONGELL

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Longell of Berkeley Heights, N.J. announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Linda Lee Longell to Doyle Lester Swackhamer, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Swackhamer of Lancaster, Ohio. The wedding took place on November 4, 1972 at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Berkeley Heights, N.J.

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FORD-KEOUGH

Miss Mary Eileen Keough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hansen of Lexington, Ky., and Glenn William Ford (D), son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plenge of Washington, N.J. were married November 18, 1972 at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Lexington, Ky. The Rev. William Bush officiated. Following the wedding there was a reception at the Ramada Imperial.

Mrs. Ford is a graduate of Lexington Catholic High School and the University of Kentucky with a B.A. in Special Education. She is presently teaching at the Garden Springs School in Lexington.

Mr. Ford is a graduate of Washington (N.J.) High School and the University of Kentucky with a B.A. in Education. He is employed by the Graves Cox Company and coaches a wrestling team at the University.

IN MEMORIAM

'Yet a little while, and the world will see me no more, but you will see me; because I live, you will live also." - John 14: 19

SWACKHAMMER, DANIEL died at his home in Wesleyville, Penna. in April 1973 at the age of 83.

Daniel was born December 10, 1889 in Benezette, Panna., son of Victor and Mae Swackhammer. He moved to Wesleyville in 1960.

Mr. Swackhammer worked for 20 years in the Bradford oil fields. He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the Bradford V.F.W. Post 212.

Burial in the Wintergreen Gorge Cemetery in Wesleyville followed services in Wesleyville with Rev. S. Miles McConnell officiating.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Grace Beckwith, Pittsburgh; Mrs. Florence James, Midland; Mrs. Grace Whiting, Emporium; two brothers, Herbert W., Pittsburgh and James, Bradford; and several nieces and nephews.

GENEALOGY

Excerpts from a booklet sent by Mr. David Swackhamer, Bainbridge Island, Wash.

CHURCHILL
UNITED CHURCH
ESQUESING
1838 - 1938

Compiled on the occasion of The Centenial Celebration of the organization of the Churchill congregation as one of The Congregational Churches of Canada (Churchill is near Acton, Ontario, Canada)

Page 4 ORGANIZATION AND FIRST MEMBERS

The first records we have of Churchill Church are contained in a wellpreserved Minute Book, which is bound in sheepskin. Although there are gaps,
when apparently no minutes were kept, yet we are able to get a pretty clear idea
of the events connected with the starting of this congregation, one hundred years
ago.

The first of the recorded minutes reads as follows: 'On Saturday, February 4, 1838, a Congregational Church was formed by the Rev. H. Denny in the School House situate on Jacob Swackhamer's farm, in Esquesing, consisting of the following persons: Mr. Jacob Swackhamer, Mr. William Swackhamer, Mr. John Gibbons, Mr. Peter Masales, Mrs. Hannah Swackhamer, Mrs. Sarah Swackhamer, Mrs. Mary Swackhamer, Mrs. Susan Harris, Mrs. Mary Denny, Mrs. Nancy Ann Gibbons, Mrs. Mary McCutcheon.'

Shortly afterwards others were received into the newly-organized church, and here we find the names of John Smith, Deborah Smith, Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. Margaret Reed McCutcheon, and a little later those of Mrs. Hannah Lambert, Jacob Snyder, Mary Snyder, Sarah Ann Smith, Wm. Kennedy, Mrs. S. Kennedy, Jacob Smith

Nancy Smith, John Smith, Cordelia Smith, Mary Denny, Hannah Eliza Swackhamer, Sarah Matilda Swackhamer, Sephrona Alderson, Sarah Macdonal, Elizabeth Masales, Ann McCutcheon, Sarah Youmans, Henry May, Mrs. May, John Zimmerman and Mrs. Zimmerman.

The above includes a list of members received into the church to March 11th, 1843. At a church meeting on September 10th, 1842, the following resolution is recorded: 'With a view of the purity of the church, any member absenting him or herself three times in succession from the Lord's Supper, without giving satisfactory reasons, shall be ejected.'

The minutes in the following years show this resolution was strictly adhered to."

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SOME NOTES ON THE OLD PIONEERS

They came into the forest and hewed out homes for themselves and their descendants, thus laying the foundations of our civilization. But they knew that no civilization can last that is not rooted in Christian ideals and attitudes. One of their first duties, therefore, they believed, was the establishing of a place of worship.

Jacob Swackhamer was General Brock's orderly during his campaign in Upper Canada, in the war of 1812, and the farm, lot 32, on the third line, Esquesing, was a veteran's grant for military purposes. The Swackhamers were United Empire Loyalists.

In 1834 Jacob Snyder and his wife, formerly Mary Zimmerman, moved to Esquesing Township, to the site on which the Congregational Church was built, and of which they became members. Descendants still remain who reverence the church founded by these early pioneers.

Christopher Swackhamer was ably assisted in the service he gave to Churchill, first by his helpmate, who before marriage was Elizabeth Denny, and later by his second partner, Esther Zimmerman.

Mrs. Joel Leslie is our oldest living church member. She is a granddaughter of Jacob Swackhamer and is still keenly interested in the church, which she has loved for more than three-quarters of a century. For many years she was organist and, with her husband, sought always to advance the cause of the Kingdom.

Mrs. Albert Smith is also one of our oldest members. She is one who is deeply interested in the work of the church and is most highly esteemed by one and all."

These excerpts will be followed by others from the booklet in future issues of the Bulletin - Ed.