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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) 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

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHEN WILL MAN RECOGNIZE THAT THE WEALTH OF THE EARTH IS NOT INEXHAUSTIBLE,
THE COST OF A BETTER WAY OF LIFE HAS BROUGHT US TO THE CROSSROAD OF DECISION.
WE MUST ALL BE CONCERNED FOR TOMORROW.

STANLEY DUFFORD, PRESIDENT

BULLETINS RETURNED

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Gordon L. Ganschow (S), 4036 Admiral Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30341
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Mr. Barry Swackhamer, 870 E. El Camino Real #95, Mt. View, Calif. 94041
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EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REUNION OF THE SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

The twenty-sixth annual combined reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society was held at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J. on July 28, 1973. It was a sweltering July day but inside the church the temperature was pleasant enough. Forty-two persons attended. Some people arrived early enough to visit points of interest in the neighborhood. By 11:00 A.M. the social gathering of cousins was in full swing and was followed by a picnic lunch.

At 1:15 P.M. President Stanley Dufford called the meeting to order and asked Dr. T. C. Swackhamer, our former president, to give the invocation and for all present to observe a moment of silence for departed members. Dr. Swackhamer, pastor emeritus of the United Methodist Church in Stamford, Conn., missed last year's reunion because he was taking ecumenical studies abroad. Everyone was glad to see him. Friends from New Hampshire came with him.

The minutes of the meeting of July 29, 1972 were read and approved.

Mrs. Annette W. Hart gave the treasurer's report showing a balance on hand after all bills submitted up to the time of the meeting were paid. To defray the expenses of the reunion, a dishpan was passed around, since no basket nor collection plate seemed to be available.

Thank-you notes were received from Middle Valley Cemetery and the Washington Township Historical Society. The secretary had no other correspondence but a number of letters were either read or digested by Miss Eleanor Romaine, Bulletin Editor. Among these was one from Mrs. Wm. D. Swackhamer, whose husband is Secretary of State of Nevada. Principally this summarized his civic and business activities and long political career. Dr. T. C. Swackhamer was moved to observe that the gentleman was his first cousin and that this branch of the family had moved west in three stages in three generations. The father of the Secretary of State had opened a store in Battle Mountain, Nevada, which grubstaked miners. Once more we could all see how genealogy is, in effect, a microcosm of history. Another letter from Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble of LaJolla, California, led Miss Romaine to make contact with a Mr. Pierre Duford of Hot Springs, Va. a 1906 immigrant from France - a fact which opens up the possibility of developing a French line of ancestors. Another letter was read from H. C. Swackhamer of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. This spoke of the old Churchill Church in which Canadian family members have had an active interest since the early 1800's. Finally Mrs. Harriman (Historian) wrote that her son "Cy" had taken time during a business trip to Canada to visit a number of relatives there.

A motion was made and passed to make donations of \$25.00 to Zion Lutheran Church, \$10.00 to the Middle Valley Cemetery, and \$5.00 to the Washington Township Historical Society.

Dr. T. C. Swackhamer reported on the dismantling of the old stone house where Samuel Swackhamer (progenitor) lived. It was made of mud, straw and sandstone. It is to be rebuilt.

All incumbent officers were renominated and elected unanimously and President Stanley Dufford directed the secretary to cast a single ballot for them. Following this, President Dufford reappointed Miss Eleanor Romaine as editor of the Bulletin, Mrs. C. L. Harriman as historian, and the Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer as chaplain.

Miss Romaine reported the result of the Bulletin poll on having a paid speaker to be negative.

The secretary reported that after last year's reunion, Mr. John W. Dufford of Richfield, Ohio, had generously offered to provide the Society with the three silver dollars to be awarded this year as prizes. A motion was made and passed that the secretary communicate the Society's thanks to Mr. Dufford for his thoughtfulness. Upon completing a check of the reunion register, President Stanley Dufford announced these winners: Coming the greatest distance, Marilyn Hale of Honolulu, Hawaii; oldest person present, Mabel Apgar, 88; youngest, Peter Spinks, 8. We should mention that Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kaar of Hixson, Tenn., traveled 862 miles to the reunion. He took pictures of "the Fort," where his ancestors lived.

After the awarding of the prizes, each person present introduced himself, giving his family connection and whatever news or comments he had about his branch of the family. We had as visitors, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ely, secretary of the Wyckoff Family Association, who spoke briefly of their activities and publication. Another visitor was Dr. Robert W. Trimmer of Troy, N.Y., who is looking for a Swackhamer-Trimmer family bible of the early 1800's.

Formal adjournment took place at 2:45 P.M. but people were still around after 4:00 P.M. Many made the usual pilgrimages to take pictures at nearby family graves and homesteads.

Mr. Rockwell of Binghamton took pictures of the group.

The secretary regrets he does not have enough ears to hear and hands to write all the extremely interesting discussions of history, genealogy and vital statistics

which take place during the picnic and after the reunion is over. They give its true flavor and interest.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert O. Hart

Editor's note - Mr. Robert O. Hart died November 6, 1973 and after copying the above your editor paused for a moment of silent prayer for one who served our Society so faithfully and well.

1973 PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

The annual reunion of Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer descendants was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shultz at Durell, Penna. 61 guests enjoyed the bountiful dinner and enjoyed the beautiful day with the Shultz family.

In their business meeting, it was voted to send \$5.00 to the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society.

Next year the reunion will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman at Standing Stone, Penna.

GETS NEW FACE

Zion Lutheran Church, which has stood for 141 years on Route 24 at the river bank in Long Valley, New Jersey, was given a facelifting this spring as a joint effort of professional contractors and many members and friends of the congregation. Fresh stucco with white paint and red trim around the doors and windows was applied to erase the scars of time and weather from the stone structure which was last renovated in 1861 with a "brownstone" block effect on the stucco of the front and steeple. The wooden belfry supports a slate pinnacle which is topped by an unusual "Edison Gramophone" horn to act as a lightning rod and final covering for the steeple.

Zion Lutheran Church was erected in 1832 when the Lutherans and Presbyterians left the old Union Church on Fairview Avenue. A parish hall was added at the rear of the church in 1938; the century-old beauty of the interior was restored in 1959; and an educational wing was added at the river side in 1967. Since then a large parking lot at the rear has been paved and an enclosed playground added for nursery school pupils.

The Star-Gazette of Hackettstown, N.J. quotes pastor, the Rev. Russell L. Sauerwein as follows: "When you pass old Zion in its new finery, look up and smile at the building, because in its way it is a witness to the faith of many people to their Lord. The thoughts and prayers of Zion go with you as you pass our new-old building."

SCOUTS FRESHEN UP OLD CHAPEL

The old chapel which has stood along West Mill Road in Middle Valley, N.J. since 1891 looks brighter, thanks to the efforts of a group of teen-agers from Fairview who worked all day Sunday with paint brushes to give the building a badly-needed new coating.

They are members of the co-ed Explorer Scout Post 129 at Fairview, a town in the Cliffside Park section along the Hudson River opposite Manhattan. Five of the boys and two of the girls in the post made the 60-mile trip to help with renovation project of the Middle Valley Hall Association, the organization of local residents who took over responsibility for the abandoned church about five years ago. Mr. Frank Dufford is president of the Middle Valley Hall Association.

The young volunteers learned of the need for help from Frank Mannix, who lives in the historic frame house dated 1737, about a mile down the road from the chapel. He is chairman of the Association's property committee and his son Michael is a member of the Explorer post.

The Scouts were no strangers to Middle Valley. They had come out occasionally to camp at the Mannix farm. Their assignment was the road side and the roof of the building, which involved a lot of scraping as well as painting. The other side and the front had been done Saturday by a corps of 14 adults from the Association membership.

The exterior refurbishing which include some landscape planting, is another step in renovating of the chapel. The interior was spruced up shortly after the Association was formed. To buy their materials, the members have been using proceeds from the meals they serve to fishermen at the opening of the trout season in April.

CONGRATULATED BY PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON

Mrs. Alfred Emmons (Bessie Swackhamer) celebrated her 100th birthday on September 6, 1973. Her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Caskey, her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd S. Emmons and her granddaughter, Mrs. John Saums were with her on the occasion.

She received cards, flowers and gifts and a congratulatory letter from President Nixon.

SECRETARY OF STATE

William Delaney Swackhamer is now Secretary of State of Nevada. He was appointed by Governor Mike O'Callaghan in January 1973. Unless there is a change in health he will run again for this position in 1974.

Due to reapportionment, Mr. Swackhamer narrowly lost the last election in which he ran for his 14th term as legislator.

VICTORIOUS IN FREEHOLDER RACE

Douglas Healy Romaine (S) at age 30 became the first Democrat in 60 years to be elected to the Morris County (N.J.) Board of Freeholders. He takes office January 1, 1974.

Romaine, of Rockaway Township, N.J., is vice president of Knowlton Construction Company of Denville, N.J. He is a former secretary of the County Democratic organization, was a delegate to the 1972 Democratic National Convention, and is the County's only paid pollution control officer, serving Rockaway Township.

Mr. Romaine is married to the former Jane Smith of Chatham, N.J. The couple have two children: Fred and Alyson.

AWARDED BRONZE STAR

SMSGT Mellville Robert Romaine USAF was presented the Bronze Star because of work he did in Thailand. He and his family presently reside in Highland, California. Bob is a Swackhamer.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gunther of 4 Oak Parkway, Sparta, New Jersey, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 25, 1973.

Dorothy D. Walker, daughter of Joseph W. Walker and Aida G. Dufford, and Harold L. Gunther were married October 25, 1923. The couple have a daughter, Mrs. Robert O. Anderson, two grandsons and twin great grandsons born in 1969.

Dorothy and Harold were truly surprised to have the entire family greet them as they walked into the St. Moritz, Sparta, N.J. for dinner. The pianist played the Wedding March as a "hint." Mrs. Gunther's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hover of Ho-ho-kus, N.J. had kept the secret.

CRADLE ROLL

Richard Michael Swackhamer was born October 12, 1973 at Overlook Hospital, Summit, N.J. The baby's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard D. Swackhamer, 110 Spring Garden Street, Cranford, N.J. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Swackhamer, 910 Station Avenue, Haddon Heights, N.J.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Hankinson (S) announce a son, Scott G. Hankinson, was born March 3, 1973. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hankinson.

WEDDINGS

Crosby-Haupt

Mr. David Emmons Crosby (S) of Bernardsville, N.J. married Miss Gloria Haupt of Westfield, N.J. on December 22, 1973. The ceremony took place in Westfield Presbyterian Church. Mr. Crosby is the great-grandson of Bessie Swackhamer Emmons.

Myers-Levin

On June 24, 1973 the wedding of Harriet Levin of Broomall, Pa. to Thomas F. Myers (S) took place on Covenant Methodist Church of Springfield, Pa. Mr. Myers is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Myers of Puerto Rico and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Francis May of Tunkhannock, Pa.

Lee-Smaker

On May 26, 1973 the wedding of Karen Estelle Smaker and David Lee Fleming of Huntingdon, Penna. took place in Abby Reformed Church, Huntingdon. David Fleming is the son of Karl and Jean Fleming and grandson of Mrs. Beatrice (S) Fleming.

Hankinson-Beck

James Hankinson (S) and Susan Beck were united in marriage May 26, 1973 in the Freewill Baptist Church, Deerfield, Fla. James is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hankinson of St. Cloud, Fla.

SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Myers of Humacoa, Puerto Rico enjoyed a European trip to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. Preceding their trip they were tendered a surprise party by relatives and friends in Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Francis May, parents of Mrs. Myers (S) attended.

I N M E M O R I A M

I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7

HART, ROBERT O., age 62 of 1614 Holly Blvd., Manasquan, N.J. died November 6, 1973 at the Jersey Shore Medical Center, Neptune, N.J.

Mr. Hart had been a teacher of social studies and foreign languages at Asbury Park High School since 1946. He was the author of "History of Russian Literature" and co-author of "Colored Culture."

He was born in Jersey City and lived in Manasquan most of his life. He was a World War II veteran serving with the Army as a French interpreter.

Mr. Hart received his A.B. degree in teaching at Rutgers University in 1933 and also was a member of the evaluation of education in schools committee.

Bob, as he was known to family, served as Secretary of The Swackhamer-Dufford Family Association. Shortly before his death, he gave your editor an abbreviated course in the basic rules of linguistic laws which she finds most helpful.

Surviving are his widow, Annette Wert Hart (D); two brothers, Edward C. Hart, Floral City, Fla. and John Hart, Oxford, N.J.

A private cremation was held and a Memorial Service was held on November 10th at the First Presbyterian Church, Manasquan, N.J.

JAMES WERT'S EULOGY ON ROBERT HART

Read at Memorial Service in First Presbyterian Church November 10, 1973

In memory of Bob Hart the writer, who was friend, comrade and in-law in one or all of these capacities for over 50 years, would like to pass on a thought.

He was most generous in all his endeavors rarely thinking of any benefits he might enjoy but certainly considering how those about him might have their lives enriched. His efforts to better the community in which he lived were extensively appreciated and will be felt even more in time to come. He was held in esteem by his co-teachers and pupils alike. This was attested to by many acts of friendship as shown by the entire faculty of the Asbury Park High School and the correspondence of his former pupils who would credit Bob's teaching to their various successes.

It can truthfully be said there was not a mean or malicious bone in his body. For any of those people that have come in contact with Bob Hart down through the years, life has indeed been made a little richer.

PARK, MRS. ELLA S. of Wysox, R.D. Penna. died at home May 24, 1973. She is survived by a son, LaVerne, and a daughter, Alyce Coats. Also 8 grandchildren and sisters, Mrs. Baatrice Fleming (S), Mrs. Jane May (S) and step-mother, Mrs. J. E. Swackhamer.

SWACKHAMER, MICHAEL FIELD of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey died October 1, 1973 at the age of 24.

He was in his third year of graduate work in bio-chemistry at the University of California. A native of Whitehouse Station, he was educated at Hunterdon Central High School and Grinnell (Iowa) University where he was graduated as a chemistry major in 1971.

Mr. Swackhamer's father who died in 1971 was a partner in the architectural firm of Scrimenti, Swackhamer and Perantoni in Somerville and had served as chairman of the Readington Township Planning Board.

His mother early this year became the first woman in Readington Township to be elected to the Township Committee.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Virginia Mount Swackhamer of Whitehouse Station, two sisters, the Misses Meredith and Deborah Swackhamer, both at home; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rachel Field Mount of Middleton, N.J., and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ruth Swackhamer of Sherman Oaks, Calif.

Funeral services were held in the Rockaway Reformed Church, Whitehouse Station. The Rev. Bruce Penn, a former pastor of the church, officiated.

SWACKHAMER, JAMES WILLIAM Q.C. of Hillsburgh, Ontario, Canada was drowned in a pool on his farm property near Hillsburgh in August 1973. He was swimming alone and it is believed he was stricken with a heart attack.

Mr. Swackhamer was 51 and a senior partner in the Toronto legal firm of Fasken and Calvin.

In March he presented a report to the federal government on the causes of the 1971 riot at Kingston Penitentiary in which 600 prisoners held 6 prison guards as hostages and 2 inmates were killed.

Swackhamer headed a government-appointed three-man board of inquiry.

Two months earlier, he reported to the federal government on his findings as chairman of hearings into citizens' complaints on the proposed international airport near Pickering.

Born in Barton, Ont., he was a lieutenant-commander in the Royal Canadian Navy during World War II.

A graduate of McMaster University and Osgoode Hall Law School, he practised law for two years in Hamilton after being called to the bar in 1950. He joined the Fasken and Calvin firm in 1952.

He leaves his mother, Helen, and a brother, Joseph Edward, both of Ancaster.

Funeral service was held at St. John's Anglican Church, Ancaster.

SWACKHAMER, MRS. GEORGE F. passed away on February 11, 1973 at her residence in Haddon Heights, N. J. with interment at Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, New Jersey. She was preceded by her husband on April 20, 1971.

She leaves two sons, Byron F. of Haddon Heights, N.J. and James W. of Wheaton, Ill., six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Mrs. Swackhamer was born Romalda Grace Stratton, daughter of Grace Jordan and William Lanning Stratton. She was born August 10, 1884.

An interesting part of her ancestry dates back to the Hay family who immigrated from Scotland and established one of the first glass manufacturing plants in America near Winslow, N.J.

HOPLER, CLIFFORD S. (D) passed away August 3, 1973. He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Robert Griffith (Eleanor Hopley) of Long Valley, N.J.

COCKRAN, R. W., husband of Elsie (D) Cochran of Orlando, Fla. died while staying with a daughter in Philadelphia, Pa. We have not been advised of date of death or other details.

SWACKHAMER, ARMAND of 76 Chippewa Ave., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, died suddenly on October 17, 1973. He is survived by his wife, Madeline and son, James and one grand-son.

G E N E A L O G Y

From the KANSAS AND KANSANS written and compiled by William E. Connelley, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas - Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. and New York, N.Y. 1919-pages 1732 & 1733

GEORGE DUFFORD, one of the oldest residents of River Township in Pawnee County, has attained venerable years. He is now in his eighty-second and bears his weight of experience with remarkable energy and vigor. The experience of his earlier years which distinguishes him from most men now living was his valiant service as a Union soldier during the Civil war. He was one of the Union men who endured the tortures and indignities of prison life in the Andersonville stockade. He had his trials and tribulations as a Western Kansas farmer. It was in the month of February, 1874, that he came out to Pawnee County, traveling by railroad from Virginia to Pawnee Rock. His real success in life has been won in Western Kansas, and there is no more loyal citizen of the state than this old soldier and old time easterner.

He was born in Morris County, New Jersey, June 5, 1837, a son of George and Elizabeth (Neighbor) Dufford. His father was born in New Jersey in 1797, spent his career as a farmer and died in 1864. His wife, a daughter of Leonard Neighbor, who was of German stock was born in 1800 and died at the age of eighty-four. These parents had thirteen children. Eleven of them grew up: Leonard, Stephen, William, Lawrence, Elijah, Henry, Andrew, George, Elizabeth who married Philip L. Welch; Sophie, who married Jesse Smith; and Anna, who married John Wirt. Of all the sons George Dufford was the only soldier, and he was also the only one of the family to leave New Jersey to find a home elsewhere.

The scenes of George Dufford's childhood and youth were a New Jersey farm. Only the common schools afforded him the benefit of an education. A short time before the war he had set up in merchandising at Middle Valley, New Jersey.

He showed his patriotism by leaving the counter and his business to enlist. His enlistment occurred July 30, 1862, in Company H of the 15th New Jersey Infantry. He was under Captain White and later Captain Cornish, and the regiment was commanded by Colonel Fowler, later Colonel Penrose and finally Lieutenant Colonel Campbell.

After the rendezvous at Flemington the regiment was ordered to the front at Antietam. It arrived on the scene after the great battle of that place was finished and Mr. Dufford first came under fire at Fredericksburg. He was also in the second Fredericksburg battle, was wounded, and was sent to the hospital in Washington and later to Chestnut Hill Hospital in Philadelphia. On recovering he rejoined his regiment on the Rapidan River, participated in the battle of Mine Run, then in the Wilderness campaign, and at Spottsylvania Court House. May 12, 1864 he was captured. He was in a charge against the rebel works, and was one of the three men to reach the embankment and all three were captured.

Then following the six torturous months spent as a prisoner of war at Andersonville, Georgia. The conditions of that prison under the notorious General Wirz have been so frequently described that they are a familiar page in American history. Mr. Dufford not only experienced starvation but inhuman treatment. At times the food was cornbread, later only corn meal, and frequently cowpeas were served to them raw. He was so afflicted with the scurvy that he was unable to walk. On going to prison he had managed to smuggle in a watch without being detected by the prison officials, and he finally obtained \$15.00 for this timepiece and with it bought food at exorbitant prices from the sutlers. He was finally ordered from Andersonville, hobbling on crutches, and was transferred to another Confederate prison at Milan, Georgia. Later he was started for Savannah, Georgia, and was given to understand that he would be exchanged. However, the train passed through Savannah and becoming alarmed he made his escape at night alone. For some days he wandered around, getting his food chiefly from the darkies or secretly digging sweet potatoes in the fields, and he kept up this miserable existence until one day he fell into the hands of a forager from Sherman's army. On being taken into the lines he experienced a sense of relief and joy such as no other occasions in life have afforded. He was given transportation to Washington to the department of the Commissary General of Prisoners and was next ordered to report to his regiment after a furlough of thirty days.

That thirty days he spent at home and he rejoined his command at Petersburg. With old comrades he helped drive the Confederates out of that city, and took part in the final struggles around Richmond and at Appomattox the Sixth Corps, to which his regiment was attached, was sent to meet General Johnston's Army coming North and arrived at Danville, Virginia, before the news came of Johnston's surrender to Sherman. His command then proceeded to Richmond, on to Washington, and the Sixth Corps was reviewed there by itself. The regiment was in camp at Hall's Hill near Washington until mustered out, and he and his comrades separated at Trenton, New Jersey.

In a short time, Mr. Dufford resumed the quiet routine of civil life. In the spring of 1866 he went to Frederick County, Virginia, a section of country over which both Confederate and Union armies had campaigned, and he settled right down among the old Confederates. He lived with a man who had lost both sons in the Confederate army. It seemed as though all the life and enterprise had been taken away through the ravages of war, and altogether the seven years he spent there Mr. Dufford found most unpleasant and unprofitable. In fact he considers it the worst move he ever made.

In the meantime he had been hearing much of the west, partly through railroad agents and by various advertisements. He responded to these inducements by coming out to Kansas and, as already noted, he landed at Pawnee Rock in the spring of 1874. He arrived there with about \$600.00 in cash. He at once took up a homestead, and on the land he built a small box house 14 by 20 feet for the accomodation of his family. He also acquired a small yoke of poor cattle which had to serve as beasts of burden in performing the heavy work of breaking the soil. He kept that team for about three years, and finally traded them for a team of horses. The first crop he planted was entirely consumed by the grasshoppers. It will be remembered that the buffalo did not entirely disappear from the western praries until the late '70s. After his crop had been devoasted by the insects, Mr. Dufford went out on the plains and engaged in buffalo hunting and from that source he secured enough meat to last his household during the winter. During the first summer he bought a cow and used that as a nucleus for entering the stock business. Whenever possible he bought a calf, and finally acquired a substantial herd of livestock. That was one of the most important industries of his early years. In the fall of 1874 he sowed his first wheat crop in Western Kansas. He had never neglected a year of sowing since then, and as a business it has proved his salvation. It would take a long time to recount all the reverses and successes which have followed season after season, but on the whole Mr. Dufford found himself well satisfied and content with the country in the earlier years and of course that contentment and loyalty have been strengthened by the remarkable era which is now at its high tide.

When he began buying land he paid the railroad company \$8. an acre for a quarter section. It was bought with the privilege of payment in six years. The recurring payments were met without difficulty from the crops he had raised. In 1889 he bought another quarter section for \$1,050. He also paid \$1,600 for a quarter section north of Larned. All this land he still owns and it is worth a small fortune and gives him the financial independence which he enjoys and from which he has provided so liberally for home and family.

He has also preformed his duty as a citizen, served on the school board of district No. 9 and for a number of years was its treasurer. He was also trustee of the township many years. Mr. Dufford has been a stanch republican and gave his first presidential vote to Mr. Lincoln in 1860. From his means of his personal efforts he has assisted in building all the churches of Pawnee Rock. He was formerly an active member of the Presbtyterian denomination. His fraternal affiliations are with the Knights of Pythias and with Larned Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The year after the war, in 1866, Mr. Dufford was married in New Jersey to Miss Matilda J. Heath, daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Larison) Heath. Mr. Heath was a millwright. For forty-six years Mr. and Mrs. Dufford traveled life's highways together until her death in October, 1912. Four children were born to their union: Maude is now the wife of J. H. Armstrong, of Larned, and has a daughter, Florence;

Frank is a farmer in Sumner County, Kansas, and married to Mrs. Minnie Sneath; Emma is the wife of W. L. Enifer, of Carlsbad, New Mexico; Elmer is still at the old homestead and married Waitie Dickey, and they have a son, George Raymond.

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The editor thanks Miss Florence Armstrong of Larned, Kansas for sending the above account for publication in this Bulletin.

A LETTER FROM MRS. LEO R. LOGAN

The letter dated July 30, 1973 from Marjorie Logan (Mrs. Leo R.) of Whitehouse, N.J. was a delight to receive--sure you will agree.

"On my way home from from the reunion, I went to my father's farm and had an interesting experience.

The young couple who own the tenant house now are named Keebler. The wife's maiden name was Bell and just this week received word from an Aunt in Kansas that her grandfather was Jake Dufford who was born in Long Valley - so, there is a Dufford back on the farm." The name of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Keebler has been added to our mailing list and we welcome them as new members. Help in bringing in this line will be welcome. Ed.

QUERIES

Mrs. Mary Thomas Culver, 14 Upshur Ave., Bay Ridge, Annapolis, Md. 21403
Wanted - parents and ancestry of Philip Schuyler B. 1718-D 1784 M. Ann Anderson and had 14 children. They lived in Long Valley, N.J.

Mrs. Culver also desires contact with other descendants of Jacob Davidsee Schuyler B. 3-24-1734 Schooley's Mountain M. Eve Swackhamer, dau. of Samuel Swackhamer of Long Valley, N.J.

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Mrs. Richard Zingmark, 93 Riverside Circle, Columbia, S.C. 29210

Loan of pictures for copying. Mrs. Zingmark needs the following pictures to complete a family pedigree chart being compiled for her daughters:

Philip Dufford and Clarissa Dickerson
Stephen Jacob Dufford and Mary Weise
George Stephen Dufford and Ann Mary Trimmer.