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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.

DEADLINE

Items for the Winter 1974 issue should be received by the editor before Nov.15,1974.

ANNUAL REUNION

DATE Saturday, July 27, 1974 12 noon

PLACE Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey

ENJOY Social gathering of cousins and visiting the points of interest in the neighborhood

Pack a picnic lunch, pile the family into the car and GO. You will be glad you did.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*The arrival of Spring again permits us, in our climate, to anticipate summer pleasures and goals for another year. In spite of the energy crisis, our Reunion will continue. See you then.*

*Stanley Dufford, President*

PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

Descendants of Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer will hold their annual Reunion the second Sunday in August at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman of Standing Stone, Pennsylvania.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mrs. Frank VanOrden (S) 16410 Cornuta St., Bellflower, Calif. 90706

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AUGUSTINE COLLECTION

Several thousand photographs from New Jersey's historic past were presented to the Rutgers University Alexander Library in New Brunswick, N.J. They were the gift of William Augustine, a retired newspaper photographer and New Jersey history buff.

Mr. Augustine formed a working companionship with the late Henry Charlton Beck and for eighteen years the two men traveled together to every county and corner of New Jersey, compiling a weekly feature series for the Newark Star-Ledger.

The Rev. Henry Charlton Beck's prolific pen and Mr. William Augustine's photographs gave Jerseyans an awareness of their heritage.



## THE CHURCH THAT REFUSED TO DIE

There is no post office, school or general store but the church founded in 1838 by the Rev. H. Denny, Swackhamers, Gibbons, Masales, Harris and McCutcheon families stands fast - just 2 miles north of Acton, Ontario, Canada.

Six years ago the farming community of Churchill, a crossroads of the Town and Third Lines, Esquesing and Erin townships was split on the decision to close historic Churchill United Church by Halton Presbytery.

The 135-year old church pulled out of the United Church rather than be closed by its presbytery and amalgamated with Trinity United Church, Acton. It made sense for the handful of families to worship in the big town church where there were more activities, more of a youth program.

But it didn't make sense to those families. They said they wouldn't go, and it turned out that presbytery couldn't make them. For when lawyers got out the deed to the property, they found it placed ownership in the trustees and their assigns, forever, and never was turned over either to the Congregational Church before 1925 or to The United Church of Canada after.

The congregation voted to withdraw from the United Church and to organize under the Ontario Companies Act as a community church. The Churchill people say presbytery took their record and put them in Archives.

The people's givings are enough to pay expenses and make contributions (through the United Church) to such causes as Biafra, Bangladesh, the Sid Gilchrist Fund and the summer student program Caravan. The church is served by the Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, a United Church minister who retired in 1969. Mr. Fosbury keeps up United Church ties and would like this congregation to return to the United Church some day.

Ever since the pullout, the Churchill church has grown and its young people have retained strong interest in its program. A four-piece string orchestra accompanies the organist and there is a choir of twenty or so, most of them teenagers. The pews are filled with the congregation's 40 families, some of them new folk from the city, some with roots in the church, and community that go back to its settlement 135 years ago by United Empire Loyalists.

Why do they come to the little country church when they could worship at the big town church? They say, because it's more friendly.

The Church that refused to die is a plain frame church, freshly painted white, shaded by elms, the kind that used to dot so many corners in rural Ontario. The date over the door is 1838. Members of the church defend the pull-out by such expressions as "God had plans for us here" and "Things can get too large."

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CREDIT FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE ABOVE goes to Miss Diane Swackhamer, Acton, Ontario, Canada. Diane is the great-great-granddaughter of Jacob Swackhamer, who settled at lot 32, con 3 Esquesing Township after the War of 1812, and who was one of the founders of Churchill Church. Miss Swackhamer sent an article which appeared in THE ACTION FREE PRESS Wed., September 12, 1973.

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### ILLNESSES

Glad to report that Annette Hart (Mrs. Robert O.) (D) made a fine recovery following surgery performed in April.

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The Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer is doing well. He had an operation for removal of a cataract.

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Mr. Wesley Moren also had a cataract removed and is progressing nicely.

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### CRADLE ROLL

A son, Robert Preston (S), was born March 9, 1974 to Robert and Linda Lee of Fort Huachuca, Arizona. This is the first great-grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Francis L. May of Tunhannock, Penna.

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A son, Kirby Michael, was born April 9, 1974 to George and Carlyon Ellis of Towanda, Penna. This is the second great-grandson of Mrs. Howard Fleming (S) of Camptown, Penna.

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ENGAGEMENT

TUNISON-SCHOENHERR TO WED

Mr. & Mrs. Wallace L. Tunison, 4941 NW 11th St., Fort Lauderdale, Fla., announce the engagement of their daughter, Gail Elizabeth (S) to Rev. Philip Henry Schoenherr, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Schoenherr of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The bride-elect graduated from Plantation High School and Career Academy, Atlanta, Ga. She is employed by a local pediatrician.

Rev. Schoenherr graduated from Concordia High School, Fort Wayne, Concordia Junior College, Ann Arbor, Mich., Concordia Senior College, Fort Wayne, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., where he received his Master of Divinity.

He is Assistant Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hollywood, Fla.

An August wedding is planned.

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WEDDINGS

SWACKHAMER-RAY

In an early autumn wedding, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 6, 1973 at the Presbyterian Church in Paris, Ill., Miss Carolyn Swackhamer, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. James Swackhamer, 818 North Blanchard Street, Wheaton, Ill. became the bride of James Mott Ray. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. & Mrs. Clarence E. Ray of Dennison, Ill.

The Rev. Orville C. Pearson, church pastor, officiated at the double ring ceremony before a background of ivy and fall mums in shades of bronze and yellow. Candelabra decorated with ivy, wheat and fall foliage held yellow candles, and the pews were marked with wheat, corn husk flowers, and natural autumn foliage.

John Mitchelson, Paris, served as organist, and accompanied the bride's father, James W. Swackhamer, who sang "Ich Liebe Dich" by Grieg, preceding the ceremony.

The bride wore her sister's wedding gown of white organza. She carried a Victorian cluster of yellow roses and white pompoms.

For something old, the bride wore her paternal grandmother's gold locket, and carried a handkerchief which had belonged to her maternal grandmother.

Mrs. Thomas J. Yorke of Claredon Hills, served her sister as matron of honor. Miss Janet Swackhamer, the bride's sister was maid of honor. Another sister, Miss June Swackhamer, was bridesmaid. The attendants were in checked gingham gowns made by their mother and all carried a sheath of wheat, accented by clusters of mums in fall shades, croton leaves and orange berries.

The bride was graduated from Paris High School and from Illinois State University, Normal, where she received a bachelor of science degree in special education. She now teaches kindergarten at Memorial School in Paris. The bridegroom, also a Paris High School graduate, is a student at Indiana State University, Terra Haute, where he is majoring in business management.

The bridal couple reside at 514 Ten Broeck Street, Paris, Ill.

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COATS (S)- BEEBE

Mr. & Mrs. Jack A. Coats announce the marriage of their daughter, Nancy Louise, to Mr. Patrick Cushman Beebe on Saturday, May 4, 1974 at the Springhill United Methodist Church, Wyalusing, Penna. Nancy is the granddaughter of the late Reed and Ella S. Parks.

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SWACKHAMER-HOEHN

Miss Terry Lynn Swackhamer was married to Thomas R. Hoehn on April 6, 1974 at the Methodist Church in Galesburg, Ill. Terry Lynn is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. O. C. Swackhamer of Fairfax, Missouri, and a niece of Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer of Stamford, Conn.

Mr. & Mrs. Hoehn are both in the Public School System in Galesburg.



I N M E M O R I A M

*I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. John 14:18*

PARK, ELLA S. (S) wife of the late Reid J. Park of Wysox, Pa. died at home May 24, 1973. Surviving are a son, LaVerne; a daughter, Alyce (Mrs. Jack Coats), Wysox, Pa.; eight grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Howard Fleming, Camptown, Pa.; Mrs. Francis May, Tunkhannock, Pa.; Mrs. Mark VerBryck, Johnson City, N.Y.; Mrs. Gould Jennings, New York, N.Y., and a step-mother, Mrs. J. E. Swackhamer, Towanda, Pa.

O'NEIL, GEORGE F. (S) age 34. Died in an automobile accident, September 13, 1974 in Lakeland, Florida. He is survived by his mother, Dora O'Neil, (S); wife and children.

SWACKHAMER, DANIEL, son of the late Chauncy and Maude Swackhamer, died December 30, 1973. He is survived by five sons and seven daughters.

ROBERTS, LILLIE DUFFORD (MRS. RAYMOND ROBERTS) of 17 Spruce Street, Dover, N.J. died November 29, 1973. Lillie was the daughter of the late Gilbert and Mary A. Dufford. She is buried in the Naughtright Cemetery, Naughtright, N.J. in her father's plot. Lillie is survived by her husband, Raymond Roberts.

APGAR, LESTER M. of Main Street, Califon, N.J. died on January 5, 1974, age 87, husband of Mabel Trimmer Apgar (D). Services were held in the United Methodist Church, Califon. Interment was in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, N.J.

A native of Califon, Lester Apgar retired in 1951 after running a general store there for 50 years. He served as borough clerk for 41 years, retiring in 1968. Since then, he was an honorary deputy clerk.

Mr. Apgar was a charter member of the Califon Fire Company, a member of Lower Valley Cemetery Association, the Welcome Valley Club of Califon, the Califon Methodist Church, and its administrative board. He formerly served as financial secretary and a trustee of the church and was a member of the church choir. He was a former member of the Califon Band.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mabel Trimmer Apgar; a son, Clifford O. of Annandale; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Alpaugh of High Bridge; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

ANDERSON, ANNIE SWAYZE (S) (MRS. WALTER) of Long Valley, N.J. died April 25, 1973 at the age of 86.

She was the daughter of the late John and Mary Swayze of Long Valley.

News of Mrs. Anderson's passing came to us from Mrs. Walter Jones, wife of the boy she raised from a baby.

TRIMMER, DR. CLIFFORD SHARP (D) of Harvard Street, Montclair, N.J. died January 8, 1974.

Dr. Trimmer was born in Middle Valley, N.J. in 1891 and graduated from Lafayette College in 1913 and from the University of Pennsylvania Medical School in 1918.

Dr. and Mrs. Trimmer went to China in 1922 where he was one of the heads of Nanking Hospital under the regime of Chiang Kai Shek working as a medical missionary for the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Trimmer was a tutor to Madam Chiang Kai Shek's nephew and his children, and taught English to servicemen in the Chinese military academy.

In 1951 when the Communists invaded and his wife had already been sent home, Dr. Trimmer came home on the Gripsholm, which proved to be the last ship out for evacuees. He and his family later went to Pakistan where he served six years.

Following this Dr. Trimmer worked for the Board of Foreign Missions until shortly before his death.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ruth Barkman Trimmer, a son John Morris Trimmer of Gainesville, Fla.; a daughter, Dr. Mary Spinks of East Aurora, N.Y., a sister Mrs. Mable Apgar of Califon, N.J., and eight grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in the chapel of the First United Methodist Church, Montclair, N.J.



DeMONT, JOSEPH A. of 125 Bergen Street, Hackettstown, N.J. was dead on arrival at Hackettstown Community Hospital, February 1, 1974 after suffering an apparent heart attack while waiting in line to purchase gasoline. He was 64.

Born January 20, 1910 in Hackettstown, DeMont was a son of the late John and Catherine McDermott DeMont.

Services were conducted at the Metzler-Scala Memorial with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption. Interment was at Pequest Cemetery, at Great Meadows.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Agnes Hoppock DeMont (D); a daughter, Mrs. John Watters, Port Murray; 5 grandchildren.

MOREN, LLOYD E. (D) on May 30, 1974, of 2421 Hill Rd., Scotch Plains, N.J. He was 61.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Scotch Plains for the past 25 years. Mr. Moren was associated with his father in the firm of Wesley J. Moren and Son, insurance brokers, Westfield, N.J. for 30 years. He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth; his father, Wesley J. and two sons, Richard L. and Gary A. His mother was the late Delia Dufford Moren.

The Rev. Dr. George Laird Hunt, minister of the Fanwood Presbyterian Church officiated at services held Sunday, June 2, 1974 at The Gray Funeral Home, Westfield, New Jersey.

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## G E N E A L O G Y

We are indebted to Mr. Harry Marsales (F) of 36 North Drive, Buffalo, N.Y. for the following record which is proof of the burial place of Christopher Swackhamer-son of John and grandson of Samuel, the progenitor.

Letter is dated January 19, 1974 and addressed to Mr. Marsales at his winter address, 2514 53rd St., South, Gulfport, Florida.

Letterhead is St. Andrew's Church (Anglican Church of Canada) Grimsy, Ontario (Rectory, 154 Main Street, West) Rector-The Venerable J. Homer Ferris, B.A., L.Th. Bishop's Archdeacon in the Diocese of Niagara.

The letter signed by J. Homer Ferris, Rector reads in part:

"According to our records Christopher Swackhammer is buried in our Churchyard. In our record book there is the following entries for Range 11, Lot 11:

Christopher Swackhammer	1768 - 1840
Elizabeth Swackhamme	1772 - 1858
Walter, son of Isaac & Catherine Swackhammer	1850 - 1850

Also according to our Church history there is the following reference made to the consecration of the present Church building:

"For another important date in the history of the stone Church, the writer is indebted to Professor Young of Trinity College, who writes that he finds in the S.P.G. (Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) records about Grimsby, 'Church Consecration July 27, 1828 by the name of Saint Andrew's.'"

1969 was the year of the 175th Anniversary of the Parish and a year of celebration.

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Mr. Harry Marsales describes himself as the unofficial head of the Canadian Branch of the Marsales (spelled variously) family and one actively interested in the family genealogy. His letter dated July 29, 1973 made us aware of the closeness of the Marsales and Swackhamer families. In part, his letter reads:

"Peter Marselis lived as a Loyalist on a Crown Land farm in Clinton Twp., a new Grimsby-Beamsville in Niagara area. He married and had a family of ten who on maturity were qualified, as children of Loyalists, to apply for Crown Land. Three of the boys and one girl received land in Esquesing Twp. (now Acton area, 40 miles north and across the western end of Lake Ontario) - Stephen b. 1795, Mary b. 1797,



In the home district - Clinton Twp. - the Marsales had friendly neighbors named Swackhammer. Two of the boys married Swackhammer girls - Stephen married Susan and Peter married Catharine. They all, with the other two Marsales - Mary and George and wives moved to their Crown Land farms in Acton, Ontario area where they were active in community projects.

At least some of the Swackhammers got land in Esquesing Twp., as Peter II Masales and Jacob Swackhammer were together in building the little old historic church on Church Hill, Acton which is now a fine memorial.

I have a pretty good record of the Marsales family, but have a missing link. I have no record of Stephen Marsales b. 1795 and his wife Susan (Swackhammer) after locating in Acton and am hopeful that Swackhammer sources might fill in from their records."

Editor's note - we do not have a record of Susan Swackhamer who married Stephen Marsales nor Catherine Swackhamer who married Peter Marsales but suspect they were daughters of Christopher and sisters of Jacob Swackhamer. We would be happy to hear from anyone who could provide proof of this.

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UNITED STATES CENSUS RECORDS

The following is a contribution by Mr. Fred Sisser III (S) of Stewartsville, N.J. Mr. Sisser is now a Vice President of The Genealogical Society of New Jersey and in line for congratulations.

U.S. CENSUS 1870    READINGTON TSWP. (N.J.)    JUNE 23, 1870

Peter S. Swackhamer,	56	farmer
Catherine        "	, 56	keeping house
Mary Jane        "	, 27	
David            "	, 22	
Annie            "	, 17	

U.S. CENSUS 1870    READINGTON TSWP. (N.J.)    JULY 21, 1870

Jacob Swackhamer	, 45	farmer
Ellen            "	, 44	keeping house
Cornelia J.     "	, 19	
Jacob            "	, 16	
John R. E.      "	, 14	
Margaret        "	, 10	
George          "	, 8	
Jane Wyckoff    "	, 64	

WE ARE CONCERNED

Bill H.R. 4426 would force restriction of censuses, so that the public (who paid to have them done) will not be allowed to use them - ever! The 1790-1880 have been opened to the public, and are available in some larger libraries and Historical organizations. 1890 and 1970 have already been burned, and so are gone forever; some statistics were taken from them first, but this will not help the historians.

Censuses used to be open to the public after 70 years; it is now 100 years, and if this bill goes through they will all be destroyed, except for statistics taken from them.

If burned, not only genalogical societies and historians will lose out, but also minority groups who are just beginning to be really interested in their past, and their migrations caused by political situations.

WHAT CAN YOU DO: Write Hon. Richard C. White (Dem. Texas),  
 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington D.C. 20515;  
 and your Congressman in Washington. - Editor



### NAUGHRIGHT CEMETERY

On August 18, 1973, the Tombstone Hounds of The Genealogical Society of New Jersey copied the tombstones in Naughtright Cemetery, Naughtright, Washington Twsp, New Jersey. This record will be a part of that society's collection housed in the Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, N.J.

Naughtright, a tiny village in the rolling farmland of Morris County, boasts a well kept burying ground dating back to the early 19th century. Although it is in use today, it is the last resting place for many of the members of the early families who settled Washington Twsp. which includes the Duffords and Swackhamers.

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### WRITINGS OF GEORGE STEPHEN DUFFORD CONSULTED

In talking to the author of a book soon to be published, your editor learned that she had read and used some of the material contained in articles written by George Stephen Dufford.

CHESTER, NEW JERSEY --A SCRAPBOOK OF HISTORY by Frances Greenidge is "A complete though informal history of Chester, from its beginning to August 1971, will be off the press shortly and ready for sale. It tells of life in Chester from the time of the earliest settler (in what was then called Black River) through the Revolution and Civil War and the developing years between; through Chester's heyday during the Iron Era and the following depression; and through the years of our century still so vivid in current minds. The names of the early families have been stressed throughout, for it was these people living here for 200 years that made the town of Chester what it was.

This history of Chester is being published by the four-year-old Chester Historical Society. The price of the Scrapbook of History will be \$3.95, plus \$.50 for postage and handling.

It may be ordered from: Chester Historical Society  
52 Grove Street  
Chester, New Jersey 07930

or from: Mrs. Ralph Greenidge  
380 Main Street, Apt. 20  
Chatham, New Jersey 07928

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### BULLETINS RETURNED - CAN YOU HELP US LOCATE THESE PEOPLE?

Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Blank, 3117 28th St. N. St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mrs. G. A. Hankinson, 6634 Anchorway, Sarasota, Florida

Mrs. Solange Dufford, 224 E. 96th St. N.Y. City, N.Y.

Mrs. Alice Potts, Box 551, High Bridge, N.J.

Mr. Paul Swackhamer, c/o Electronics Div. Gen. Motors Corp., Houston, Tex. 77058