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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 Summer 1975 issue should be received by the editor before May 15, 1975.

ANNUAL REUNION

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AS WE RIDE THE MERRY-GO-ROUND OF LIFE, ALWAYS WISHING TO
CATCH THE BRASS RING, SO MUST WE ACCEPT THE CHALLENGES OF
TODAY TO MORE ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF TOMORROW.

TODAY IS NOW, LIVE IT AND HOPE FOR A BETTER TOMORROW.

Stanley Dufford, President

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REUNION OF THE SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY:

The 27th annual Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society reunion, picnic, and business meeting was held on Saturday, July 27, 1974, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Long Valley, New Jersey. It was a mildly overcast day which made the church parish hall comfortably cool for the noon picnic lunch of cousins.

Immediately following lunch, a business meeting was called to order by Mr. Stanley Dufford, President. Twenty-nine adults and nine children were recorded as present.

President Dufford opened the meeting by asking those present to stand for a moment of silent prayer for remembered departed relatives.

REPORTS

The minutes of the 26th reunion of July 22, 1973 were read and accepted as recorded. Treasurer, Mrs. Robert O. Hart, reported on the financial position of the Society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miss Eleanor Romaine gave an interesting report on several items of general interest. (1) She read a letter from Miss Diane Swackhamer of Acton, Ontario, Canada regarding Churchill United Church, the church that refused to die. (2) A letter was read from Mary and Harold Swackhamer and appreciation was expressed for their donation. (3) Acknowledgement was made of a note from Dr. Robert Trimmer regarding notice of our annual reunion which appeared in the "Genealogical Helper", a Utah genealogical publication. (4) Notice was made of the death of Mrs. Bessie Emmons at age 100 on July 18, 1974. A newspaper obituary was read by Milton Swackhamer, her nephew. (5) Announcement was made of a new book, Chester, New Jersey, a Scrapbook of History

by Frances Greenidge. The book contains an interesting reference to a Dufford's rum shop and the Swackhamer farms across the river.

BULLETIN AFFAIRS

Miss Romaine reported on the 1973 Bulletins indicating that higher postage and paper costs resulted in more expense than the year before even with a full page reduction in size. Further, requests for Bulletin items will be made in each issue listing a due date. No reminder postcards will be sent to members as has been done in the past.

President Dufford thanked Miss Romaine for her dedicated service and asked the members to remember to send in news items at any time.

NEW BUSINESS

New business items included a report of the efforts of the Washington Township Historical Association to partially restore the remains of the 1774 old Union Stone Church in Long Valley across the street from Zion Lutheran Church. The restoration is the Association's 1976 Bicentennial project. They have set a goal of raising \$5,000 for this activity. Because of the important role old Union Church has played in the lives of many Swackhamers and Duffords, the Society voted to contribute \$25. toward the project this year and to review the progress at the 1975 reunion.

Other new business consisted of voting donations to the following organizations:

Zion Lutheran Church	\$25.00
Middle Valley Cemetery	10.00
Washington Township Historical Society	5.00

It was further decided to ask Mrs. Lawrence Halleck to order more yellow due reminder slips and to include this expense as a part of the Bulletin costs.

Mr. Milton Swackhamer discussed correspondence regarding family coat-of-arms. It was generally agreed that although the documentation might not establish authenticity of the Swackhamer-Dufford names, that such symbols of heraldry make interesting conversation pieces.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Noting the vacancy for the position of Secretary, an invitation was extended for a volunteer candidate. Sharon Swackhamer (Mrs. Gene L.) was nominated and elected as Secretary. Having decided that the members present desired the present officers to serve another year, and that such officers were willing to serve, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for re-election of Stanley Dufford, President; James V. Wert, Vice-President; Mrs. Robert O. Hart, Treasurer; and the Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer, Chaplain. Miss Eleanor Romaine was requested to continue as Editor.

PRIZES AWARDED

Silver dollar prizes were awarded to the oldest member present, Mabel Apgar, age 89; the youngest member present, Matthew Grover, age 2; and those traveling the greatest distance specifically to attend the picnic, Gene and Sharon Swackhamer and children, Sheryl and Jill of Vienna, Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further new business, a round-robin of introductions and farewell comments were made and the business meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.

Sharon D. Swackhamer (Mrs. Gene L.) Secretary

1974 PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

The annual reunion of the descendants of Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer was held the second Sunday in August at the delightful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman at Standing Stone, Pa.

A wonderful dinner and day was enjoyed by all.

ELECTED SECRETARY OF STATE

A letter dated December 8, 1974 from Joyce S. Swackhamer (Mrs. William D.) from Carson City, Nevada reads in part: "After a hectic, but pleasantly tasteful campaign between a young gentleman and my husband, Mr. Swackhamer was elected handily to the office of Secretary of State of Nevada. Since he was appointed to the office in January of 1973 this was his first State-wide race in all of his twenty-eight years of service to our State. The twenty-six years spent as an Assemblyman were County-wide races.

While Mr. Swackhamer was campaigning, I kept busy with my duties as DAR Regent of John C. Tremont Chapter, Carson City."

INTERESTING CAREER AHEAD

In September, 1974, Jennette Sue Swackhamer stopped in Stamford, Conn. to visit her Uncle, The Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer. Jennette is the daughter of the O.C. Swackhamers of Fairfax, Mo.

After the visit she went to France to study until June of 1975. Then will go to Cameroon, West Africa and be assigned to a tribe. The goal - learn and analyze the language produce a written system, teach a core group to read and write who can, in turn, teach others and translate the New Testament into this language.

Jennette is a graduate of Missouri University and a linguistic school in Dallas, Tex.

FOCUS ON ENERGY CRISIS

Union College in Cranford, N.J. offered a free five-week course on the energy crisis to county residents as a public service this fall.

The course was taught by Farris S. Swackhamer of Cranford, a professor of chemistry at the college and a former director of research with the Shell Chemical Co. in Union, N.J.

Professor Swackhamer, who developed the program, said he hoped the course would "peel away some of the emotion caused by the recent energy crisis and replace it with some facts about the energy situation in the world today."

JAMES SWACKHAMER AWARD

In May of 1974, the second annual James Swackhamer Award was presented by Mrs. James Swackhamer of Readington Township, N.J. to Marthe Rowen, an architecture student at Princeton University.

The gold medal was given to a second-year architecture student for an outstanding design. It was established in memory of James Swackhamer, a Somerville, N.J. architect, who was an active member of the Central Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Architects which gives the award.

DON'T DESTROY OLD OAK TREE

"I'm for saving the oak tree, said Mrs. Virginia Swackhamer, member of the Readington Township, N.J. Planning Board at the first hearing (in July, 1974) of Barna Associates' proposed eight lot subdivision off Route 523.

The planning board frowned on the recommendation of the township engineer to destroy a tree which the developer wanted to save and to pave a proposed cul de sac island.

The engineer's office recommended getting rid of the tree to make it easier for the snow plow to do its work around the cul de sac island, but the board was behind its chairman who preferred "risking a little more work by the road department once or twice a year" to denuding the island.

BICENTENNIAL OBJECTIVE

The Washington Township (Morris County, N.J.) Historical Society hopes to save what is left of the historic Old Union Church in Long Valley, N.J.

Full restoration would cost \$100,000. This amount is deemed impossible to raise so the group is now settling on a reachable \$5,000. goal to "point up" the walls - apply new mortar to keep the walls from deteriorating further - and lay a stone patio and altar in the center of the shell for use in church and community memorial services. A stone mason has been working a few days a week since April repairing the walls. He works as money is found to pay him.

LOOKING BACK TO FEBRUARY 1944

Miss Theresa Hopler sent your editor a clipping from a North Plainfield, N.J. paper which has a picture of Samuel S. Swackhamer pointing to the date of February 12, 1944 on the calendar.

Samuel S. Swackhamer, at the age of 85, was preparing to mount the lecture platform in several New Jersey communities that week to speak on Abraham Lincoln, his idol and the man after whom he had modeled his life. Even in appearance, it is said, he resembled "The Great Emancipator." Samuel was tall, with an erect bearing and his appearance belied his age. Some called him "The tall sycamore from Somerset."

He was born in Whitehouse, New Jersey and chose, as his profession, to become a lawyer. He took a fling at politics and served as Assemblyman from Somerset County. He gained a state-wide reputation for his oratorical ability.

AUTHOR OF A POEM - A SWACKHAMER

After the publication of the book Chester New Jersey, A Scrapbook of History by Frances Greenidge, we had great fun reading a poem (reprinted from a 1932 issue of the Morristown Daily Record) by George Praster. Thanks to Miss Theresa Hopler, George Praster has been identified as being a Swackhamer descendant - see page 518 of Early Germans of New Jersey by Chambers.

CRADLE ROLL

Michael James Morris was born May 21, 1974. Michael is the grandson of Howard and Mary Nesbit Kisner (S) of Montoursville, Penna.

Ryan Swackhamer was born April 8, 1974 to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swackhamer of Kersey, R.D. 1, Penna.

WEDDINGS

Culver-Swackhamer

Miss Julie Ranae Swackhamer and Mr. Dennis Culver were married July 20, 1974 in the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Corry, Penna. Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred H. Swackhamer, of Correy, Penna.

Rossi-Swackhamer

Miss Jane Swackhamer and Mr. Dominick Rossi were married July 6, 1974 in the First Baptist Church in Bradford, Penna. Jane is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Swackhamer, and the late, John I. Swackhamer of Bradford, Penna.

Whiting-Manning

Miss Paula Manning and Mr. Harry J. Whiting (S) were married July 6, 1974 in United Church of Christ in Webster, N.Y. Mr. Whiting is the son of Mrs. Grace Swackhamer Whiting and the late, Harry Whiting of Emporium, Penna.

Schoenherr-Tunison

On August 10, 1974 Gail Elizabeth Tunison (S) became the bride of the Reverend Philip H. Schoenherr. The wedding took place in Saint Mark's Lutheran Church, Hollywood, Fla.

Kisner-Hale

Mary Jane Hale of Washington D.C. became the bride of Richard Kisner, son of Howard and Mary Nesbit Kisner of Mountoursville, Penna. Mrs. Kisner, Sr's mother was Mary Swackhamer Nesbit.

Hagen-Blank

Marjorie Blank (D), daughter of Mrs. E. J. Blank of Largo, Fla. was married on September 8, 1973 to Wendell Everett Hagen. The couple reside in Port Washington, N.Y.

Swackhamer-Luce

Miss Cindy Lee Luce and Mr. Bradley Earl Swackhamer of Bradford, Penna. were married July 13, 1974. Bradley Earl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Swackhamer of Bradford, Penna.

I N M E M O R I A M

"How earnestly I tell you this - anyone who believes in me always has eternal life!" - John 6: 47

EMMONS, MRS. ELIZABETH of 150 Norwood Avenue, North Plainfield, N.J. died July 18, 1974. She was 100 years old.

Affectionately known to the family as "Aunt Bessie", Mrs. Emmons was born in Whitehouse, N.J., a daughter of the late Ruliff and Jane Loree Swackhamer.

She taught in Plainfield and Hunterdon County area schools. She lived in the Plainfield area 75 years, and was a member of Trinity Reformed Church. She was the widow of Alfred Emmons.

Surviving are a son, Floyd S. Emmons of Loveladies, N.J.; two daughters, Mrs. Howard E. Burr of Belmar, N.J. and Mrs. Helen Caskey with whom she lived; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held in Rual Hill Cemetery, Whitehouse, N.J. with the Rev. William Gieger, pastor of Netherwood Reformed Church, officiating.

JEFFERIES, FLORENCE BONNER (S) died August 11, 1974 in Dania, Fla. She is survived by a son, Michael; three sisters and a brother. Burial was in Florida.

ZIDAR, LOUIS (S) died suddenly of a heart attack on Monday eve., August 12, 1974. He is survived by his widow, Betty Whiting Zidar. Burial was in Emporium, Penna.

SWACKHAMER-DONALD M., age 51, died in Grand Rapids, Mich. April 8, 1974. He was born April 8, 1923 in Benezette, Pa. son of the late David V. and Mildred Swackhamer.

He is survived by his wife Evelyn; twin sons Daniel and David; two sisters and five brothers. Burial was in Grand Rapids, Mich.

LONGELL, CLIFFORD W. of 620 Mountain Avenue, Berkeley Heights, N.J. died on September 26, 1974. He was the beloved husband of Dorothy (Mayer), devoted father of Leslie L. and Leland L. Longell, Mrs. Doyle L. (Linda) Swackhamer, and son-in-law of Mrs. Etta Mayer.

FARLEY, MRS. HELEN K. (D) 73, of 4 Highland Ave., High Bridge, N.J. died June 22, 1974 at the Union Forge Nursing Home. Born in Tewksbury Township, N.J., she moved to High Bridge in 1925.

Mrs. Farley was a member of the High Bridge United Methodist Church, Herbert Cawley American Legion Post and Hobart Chapter OES, both of High Bridge, the Ladies Auxillary of High Bridge Fire Department and the High Bridge Library board.

Surviving are her husband, Beldon H. Farley; two sons, Jay S. of High Bridge and Marc A. of Annandale; a sister, Mrs. Lester Hoffman of Califon; two brothers, Joseph C. Farley of Mountainville and Walter C. Farley of Oldwick and five grandchildren.

Helen was the daughter of the late Myrtle and Charles Farley and granddaughter of the late Philip Dufford of Long Valley, N.J.

HOFFMAN, CARLTON E. (S) 58, of Tamaqua, Pa. died on July 24, 1974 in the Veterans Hospital, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Born in Somerville, N.J., he was a son of the late Carlton E. and Mary (Miller) Hoffman.

In 1967 he moved to Tamaqua, Pa. where he was employed by Eastern Diversified Metals. He formerly resided in Somerville and Point Pleasant, both in New Jersey.

An Army veteran of World War II, he saw service in the Solomon Islands invasion in the South Pacific.

As a young man, Mr. Hoffman was associated with the Cincinnati Reds baseball farm system and was a semi-professional baseball, softball and basketball player with the Somerville Athletic Association League.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Somerville, N.J.; a member of the American Legion in Tamaqua and the Tamaqua Lodge of Elks.

Mr. Hoffman was a descendant of Pieter Monfoort, A Huguenot who settled in 1639 in New Netherlands, the largest colony in the new world.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Gloria Hoffman, a son, C. Scott Hoffman of St. John's Island, Bahamas; a brother Herbert S. Hoffman of Rumson, N.J.; and a sister, Mrs. Fred Sisser, Jr. of Point Pleasant, N.J.

Services were held one day in the Davis Funeral Home, Tamaqua, Pa., and another service was held the following day in the Cusick Funeral Home, Somerville, N.J. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in Immaculate Chapel. Burial was in the cemetery of that church.

GENEALOGY

"SWAKE" CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Burrer of Sunbury, Ohio visited in New Jersey this summer and stopped at the home of your editor to leave papers of the Rev. Lambert Swackhamer which pertain to the formation of "Swake" Church...see page 222 of Early Germans of New Jersey- Chambers. Mrs. Burrer is a descendant of Rev. Lambert Swackhamer and, after copies have been made for use by our society, it is her desire that they be placed in a library for use by future historians and genealogical researchers. Along with these documents she left a number of family pictures. Copies of these have been made by Mr. Fred Sisser III and the originals will either be returned to Mrs. Burrer or deposited in a library along with the documents. Can you imagine how excited and pleased your editor was to have these put into her hands. My visit with Mr. and Mrs. Burrer was all too short, and it is my hope that they will return to attend our reunion this summer.

Be assured that portions of these documents will be published in our Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin - watch for them. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Burrer.

TUFFORD

The following line was extracted by your editor from a copy of a document in The Public Archives of Canada designated "Dr. Charles Duncombe Papers" (M.G. 24, B 38). It should be noted that there are papers in this file that make some of the dates used herein questionable.

Charles Spencer Duncombe (s/o Thomas Duncombe and Rhoda Tyrrell)

b. Dec. 13, 1792 d. 1851

m. June 6, 1813 Nancy Haines

He was a physician, Member of Canadian Parliament, and a Civic Leader both in Canada and California where he lived in his later years. He married a second time and had a son, but the boy died as a young man and left no children.

Children of Charles Spencer and Nancy were: Eliza Jane; Maria; Catherine; Charles Henry.

Eliza Jane Duncombe b. July 4, 1816 (or 1814) at Middlebury, Schoharie County, N.Y. m. Jan. 19, 1834 John Tufford who died 1900. They lived in Paris, Ontario, Canada.

Their children were: Charles D; John; Katherine; George; Caroline; Emily; Mary; Anne; Julie; Frances; Josephine.

Charles Duncombe Tufford- - - - - Evelyn Springer

b. July 4, 1834 m. at Delaware 1863

d. Aug. 1, 1896 in Los Angeles. He was a physician.

Their children were:

Maria Eliza b. June 6, 1864 m. Leonard Bowen 1883 and had children:

Wilfred b. 1885 and Sereta b. 1887.

Louisa Maud b. 1866 d. at Chicago

Frances Mabel b. 1869

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(Children of Charles Duncombe Tufford cont.)

Constance Ethel b. 1870

Wilhelmina Mary b. 1873 d. 1874

Charles D. b. 1876

Frank H. b. 1878 d. 1887 Louisville, Ky.

John H. Tufford - - - - - Catherine Pettit

b. July 29, 1837 m. 1861

d. 1890 in California. He was a physician.

Their children were:

William H. b. 1862 d. July 28, 1916 m. Agnes Currie no children

Charles D. b. 1864 died. 1864

Celia M. b. 1866 m. Harry Rorke, Montreal - one son, William

Katherine - - - - -

b. July 25, 1839 d. Jan. 18, 1928

George W. - - - - - Emily Reynolds

b. Jan. 25, 1842 m. 1867

d. Mch. 24, 1900 at Vancouver

There children were:

Eva May b. 1868 m. Edward Clay 1887 children: Lucy Josephine; Emily Maud;
Charlotte Ruth; Eva Margaret; Edward Nellis

Josephine b. 1869 m. Malcolm McDermid - no children

John O. b. 1871 m. Effie Ellis Detroit - no children

Emily - - - - - listed but no further record on her in file

Caroline D. - - - - - George W. Wright *

b. Nov. 13, 1843 m. July 29, 1889 Peterborough, Ontario

d. Mch. 16, 1924

Anna E. Tufford - - - - -

b. Aug. 8, 1846 d. Dec. 1925

Josephine Louise - - - - -

b. June 12, 1848 d. Feb. 6, 1872

Mary E. - - - - - George Wood Wright *

b. Aug. 15, 1849 m. 1874

d. June 17, 1888

Their children were:

Harry T. K. Wright m. Bertha McDaniel no children

Percy Duncombe Wright m. Alberta Kelby - Two children: Eleanor b. 1901
Marjoie b. 1903

Julia K. Tufford - - - - -

b. June 29, 1851 d. Aug. 1927

Frances Jane - - - - -

b. May 14, 1854 d. Sept. 20, 1920

*The file was noted that two Tufford girls married "George W. Wright" but the relationship of the two men was not known.

The children of Eva May Tufford and Edward Clay were given as follows;

Lucy b. Feb. 4, 1892 m. Robert Saunders had 2 sons

Emily b. Mch. 23, 1894 m. John Stepler

Charlotte b. May 5, 1897 m. Peter Milne

Eva Margaret b. Feb. 1, 1900

Edward Nellis b. Mch. 4, 1908

This Tufford line ties into the families of Duncombe, Tyrrell and others which the researcher will discover have interesting histories...editor.