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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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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 1975 issue should be received by your editor before November 15, 1975.

ANNUAL REUNION

THE MANY HAPPENINGS AT THE REUNION MAKE IT A GREAT PLACE TO SPEND THE DAY.

<u>DATE AND TIME</u>	Saturday, July 26, 1975	11:30 A.M.
<u>PLACE</u>	Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey	
<u>PROVIDE</u>	own picnic lunch	

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOW OFTEN WE BELIEVE THAT WE CAN HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL OUR DESTINY, AND A FLICK OF A PAGE OF TIME CAN ALTER THE IMAGE OF OUR DREAMS. DESPITE TODAY'S ADVERSITIES WE STILL MUST HAVE THE HOPE FOR TOMORROW.

Stanley Dufford, President

OTHER REUNIONS

1975 Pennsylvania Swackhamer Reunion

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

Second Annual Reunion of the Kaar family

Descendants of Joseph and Elizabeth Dufford Kaar are getting together Saturday, July 26, 1975 at 11:00 A.M. at Roxbury Township Fire Hall, Route 10, Succasunna, N.J.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. R. B. Hamm (D) 2202 Stanolind, Midland, Texas 79701  
M/M Donald Floyd Dufford, Rt. 7, Box 61-A, Broken Arrow, Okla. 74012  
M/M David E. Swackhamer, Box 189 R.D. #3, Nazareth, Pa. 18064  
Mrs. John Blumenstein (T), 6006 Maiden Lane, Bethesda, Md. 20034  
Mr. Stu Tufford, 601 70th Ave., North, Minneapolis, Minn. 55430  
Miss Nancy R. Tufford, 3509 Park Ave., South, Minneapolis, Minn. 55407  
Mrs. Arthur Reiton (Tufford) 1124 Second St., Devils Lake, N. D. 58301  
Mrs. Arley Burt (Tufford) 1030 Leslie Ave., Helena, Montana 59601  
M/M William J. Tingué (S) 7110 Rodophil Rd., Richmond, Va. 23219  
Mrs. Sherry Mattison (D) South Kennedy Way, Willingboro, N. J. 08046  
Miss Lois-Jean Tufford, 710 Concession St., Hamilton, Ontario, Canada Apt. 317

### POOR PEOPLE LENDING A HELPING HAND

(From The Democrat, Flemington, N.J. Thursday, January 9, 1975)

In a matter of hours a small poster tacked on the wall of her office reversed the role Meredith Swackhamer played for VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America).

Bilingual Miss Swackhamer, the daughter of Readington Township's only committee-woman, Mrs. Virginia Swackhamer, had been helping Spanish speaking Mexican-Americans of Dallas, working on VISTA project SER (Service Employment and Redevelopment.)

She advises them on consumer problems, aiding them in applying for food stamps, trying to find jobs for them so they can support themselves and their families - helps them to cope in their own struggle to survive.

Her job was mostly desk work until she tacked up a sign notifying readers of the diaster Hurricane Fifi wrought last September and the need of its victims.

She put the sign up on Wednesday afternoon saying that donations would be collected for the Hondurans at the VISTA office in the Mexican-American ghetto. Readers carried the message by mouth - in Spanish - for most of them knew no English.

Ms. Libis Hernandez, one of the dozen staff members who worked with eleven volunteers, was contacted by Dallas' only Spanish speaking radio station, KBUY, and asked to coordinate pickup for clothing and non-perishable food.

The poster was put up and a small article inserted in the newsletter and before they had time to wait, people began to bring in full sackfuls of canned goods. "They were people who could barely afford to feed their own families," said Miss Swackhamer.

By Friday afternoon enough food had piled up in the office to fill a 1½ ton Salvation Army truck. It was transported to New Orleans where it was shipped to Central America.

That was only the beginning. For the next five weeks Miss Swackhamer worked with staff members, sorting, packing and loading the gifts.

Dallas' leading newspaper carried stories recording the effort. Braniff Airlines personnel saw them and offered a plane. A private construction company in Dallas which had been working on the Honduras offered a private plane. Local doctors sent professional samples of medicine. The United Fruit Company shipped much of the stuff to New Orleans for pickup and distribution.

The mounting response drew the attention of NBC and CBS television and Miss Swackhamer took pictures of the cameramen photographing the collection scene.

After four weeks the government announced that the emergency needs, except for food had been met. Miss Swackhamer got back to her normal routine and once more started counseling Spanish tongued Texans.

### BACK ON THE MAINLAND

The Benjamin S. Hale family returned to the Mainland from Honolulu, Hawaii. Benjamin retired after 32 years of government service, 20 years in the Air Force and 12 with Civil Service. They now live at 770 Arton Lane, Port St. Lucie, Florida.

Mrs. Hale is the former Marsignia Mae Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Meyer of Hollywood, Fla. Mrs. Henry Meyer is the former Wilma Dufford, daughter of Edwin and Matilda Dufford.

The Hale's two sons are both in the Air Force. Jim (21) is stationed in Korea and Blake (19) in Thailand. Their two daughters, Joan and Marilyn are still at home attending school.

### COLLEGE BOUND

David William Romaine (S) of Marlboro, N.J. is enrolled in and will enter Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall.

Davis is the son of Wilma Newbery Romaine and the late William B. Romaine, Jr.

### TOURED WITH COLLEGE GROUP

On January 4, 1975, Miss Deborah Swackhamer, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Swackhamer and the late James A. Swackhamer, left for a week's concert tour in the Midwest. She sang with the Ginnell College Singers in Iowa.

While she was at home on Whitehouse Ave., Whitehouse Station, N.J. she sang solos each Sunday at the Rockaway Reformed Church where she first began her singing five years ago.

Miss Swackhamer was one of 16 in the group whose concert program included folk ballads and madrigals. She completes her junior year at Ginnell this spring and expects to tour again with an eight-member student group known as the Scarleteers and Tanagers who sing folk and rock music.

#### A LANDMARK CASE

Mr. George Chaney, Jr. (D) of Desert Hot Springs, Ca. writes his wife is studying law. They were surprised to find Swackhamer vs. Town of Hackettstown 37 N.J. 1 191 (1874) a landmark case in development of Municipal Corporation Law.

#### WINS HONORS

Mary Stidworthy (D) of Prescott, Ariz. has been named winner of the annual Bausch and Lomb award which recognized her as having the highest scholastic standing in science for senior year. She will enter the University of Rochester.

Mary presently holds the title of Arizona's Woman's Rifle Champion.

#### SMSGT NOW MR.

Meville Robert Romaine (S) retired from the Air Force February 1, 1975 and is presently area marketing representative for Raytheon Company. His wife is the former Winifred Bonnie Coons of Chatham, N.J. The couple have two children, Deborah and Jeffrey.

The family make their home at 114 Tor Drive, Warner Robins, Ga.

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#### CRADLE ROLL

Erin Christie Hughes (D) arrived April 18, 1975. She is the daughter of Virginia and Jack P. Hughes, Jr. whose other child is a son, Sean.

Erin is the 6th grandchild of the James Werts of Ninevah, N.Y.

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#### ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Swackhamer of Wheaton, Ill. announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet to John Wayne Hoekenga, son of Mrs. N. R. (Bud) Hoekenga, also of Wheaton, and the late Mr. Hoekenga.

Both are 1972 graduates of Wheaton North High School. Miss Swackhamer is presently a junior at Illinois State University in Normal.

Mr. Hoekenga graduated in 1974 with an associate's degree in building construction technology from Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Mich., and is presently continuing his studies at Ferris State College, majoring in business management.

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#### WEDDINGS

##### BRASHER-THARAUD

Louise Ann Tharaud of Maplewood, N.J. and The Rev. John Lawrence Brasher of Stillwater, N.J. were married September 15, 1974.

Mrs. Brasher is a 1973 graduate of Douglas College and attended the University of Chicago as a graduate art-history student. She plans to enter Columbia University in the fall of 1975 for a masters in Historical Preservation. She descends from Sussex County, N.J. families of Kispagh, Hallett and Wildrick.

The Rev. Brasher is a 1973 graduate of Yale University and is serving the Stillwater and Swartswood Methodist Churches. He is descended from the Swackhamer and Skellenger families.

##### TUNISON-SCHOENHERR

Gail Elizabeth Tunison (S) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Tunison, and the Rev. Philip H. Schoenherr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester H. Schoenherr were married on August 19, 1974 in St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Hollywood, Fla.

##### WINTER-TUNISON

Page Winter, daughter of Mrs. Jacqueline Marie Winter of Boca Raton, Fla. became the bride of John Tunison (S) son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace L. Tunison of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The couple were married on February 23, 1975 in the Boca Raton Yacht Club, Boca Raton, Fla.

I N M E M O R I A N

*"In just a little while I will be gone from the world, but I will still be present with you. For I will live again - and you will too."*

*John 14:19*

SWACKHAMER, ALFRED of 5 Guy Street, Dover, N.J. died on March 7, 1975 at Morristown Memorial Hospital. He was 84.

Born in Dover, Mr. Swackhamer lived his whole life in the area. He was retired plumbing contractor and was a member of the Acacia Lodge F and A M of Dover.

Services were held at the Smith Funeral Home, Dover, N.J. Burial was at Locust Hills Cemetery, Dover, N.J.

Surviving Mr. Swackhamer are several cousins.

CRATER, DAVID H. (S) of Richmond, Va. died on March 12, 1975. He was 58. David's father was the late, David Swackhamer Crater.

Born in Mt. Vernon, N.Y., Mr. Crater lived in Essex Falls and Mountain Lakes, N.J. before moving to Richmond last year.

A 1938 graduate of Princeton University, he received his Master's Degree in 1939. Mr. Crater was an engineer and district manager of the Martin Fireproofing Co., Richmond, Va.

An instructor at the John Tyler and J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College Richmond, he was the former general manager of the Shrine Manufacturing Co., Upper Montclair, N.J. and former president of the Essex Engineering Co., Upper Montclair, N.J. He was an instructor at Princeton University from 1940 until 1946.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy Edmondson; four daughters, Mrs. William J. Tingle, and the Misses Sally, Sue and Bonnie; three sons, Douglas, Jeffrey and Scott, and a sister, Mrs. William Salmon.

Services were in the Community Church, Mountain Lakes, N.J. Burial was at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, N.J.

Rather than flowers, it was requested contributions be made to the David H. Crater Memorial Scholarship Fund, Northfield-Mt. Hermon School, East Northfield, Mass. 01354

SWACKHAMER, MRS. META of the Sunnyside area of Clinton Township, N.J. died February 3, 1975 in Hunterdon Medical Center. She was 90 years old.

Mrs. Swackhamer was born in Somerset County, N.J., a daughter of the late Peter and Mary Etta Bergen Studdiford, and lived in Hunterdon most of her life. A resident of Clinton Township 20 years, she formerly lived in Whitehouse and Flemington.

Mrs. Swackhamer was a member of the Old White House Chapter DAR and the Stanton Reformed Church.

Her husband, David J. Swackhamer, a former Hunterdon County freeholder died in 1949.

Surviving are two sons, David H. Swackhamer with whom she lived, and Frederick Swackhamer of Elizabeth, N.J.; five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held in Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, Flemington. The Rev. Richard Miller, pastor of Stanton Reformed Church officiated. Burial was in Somerville, N.J.

LYMAN, HOMER F. of 419 Lincoln Avenue, Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. died February 22, 1975 in Lighthouse Point Yacht Club, Lighthouse Point, Fla. His date of birth was March 4, 1899.

A native of Manhattan, Kansas, he lived in Nutley, N.J. before moving to Point Pleasant in 1963. Mr. Lyman was president of the Universal Dishwashing Machinery Co. in Nutley.

He was a member of the Salaam Temple and Salaam Temple Yacht Club, American Legion Post 70 of Nutley and the Nutley Elks Lodge. Mr. Lyman was an Army Balloon Corps veteran of World War I.

He leaves his wife Ruth (D) and a sister, Mrs. Pauline Wright.

Services were held on February 25, 1975 from Kraefer Sample Road Funeral Home, Pompano Beach, Fla. and on February 28, 1975 from Van Hise & Callagan Funeral Home, Point Pleasant Beach, N.J. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle, N.J.

HENRY, MISS MARIAN (D) of 533 E. 4th St., Loveland, Colorado, died July 18, 1974. The First National Bank in Loveland, P.O. Box 29, Loveland Co. 80537 was named personal representative of her estate.

DUFFORD, WINONA G. (Miss) died March 23, 1974 in Hyannis, Mass at the age of 37. She was the only daughter of Richard H. and Ruth (Turton) Dufford of 14 Conkling Road, Flanders, N.J. 07836. Her great-grandfather was John S. Dufford 8/7/1844 - 9/25/1891 and her grandfather was Charles S. Dufford 7/7/1878 - 5/6/1937.

Winona was entitled to write her name as Lt. Winona G. Dufford USCG Retired, A.B., B.S., M.S.W., J. D. N.A.S.W. She obtained her associate and bachelor degrees at the University of Bridgeport and her masters and law degrees from the University of Connecticut. Winona also spent 18 months as director of the Freedom Hill USO in DaNang for which she received the USO "Medal for Civilian Service." At the time of her death, she was a Lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard, legal division, stationed in New Orleans. Winona, was also admitted to the Bar in the state of Connecticut and was a certified member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Winona's death was caused by cancer, which caused her to retire from the Coast Guard. She had been living in Dennis, Mass. at the time of her death.

Quoting her father, "As you can see, Winona even though relatively young, lived a very full life. She had traveled extensively in Europe, had visited Hong Kong, Sidney, Australia, Thailand, Hawaii and toured the U.S.A. and Canada.

Forgive me for rambling on about Winona but I was very proud of her and shall miss her very much."

Services were held March 26, 1975 at The Hallett Funeral Home, South Yarmouth, Mass. Burial was later at the convenience of the family.

FLEMING, MRS. BEATRICE S. (S) age 79, of Camptown, Pa.; widow of the late Howard W. Fleming, daughter of the late Howard W. Fleming, daughter of the late Jesse E. and Lena Vanness Swackhamer, died suddenly at her home Wednesday, December 25, 1974.

She was born in Standing Stone township, Pa. and has been a life long resident of the area.

She was a very active worker in the community and was always ready to help when the occasion would arise.

She was a member of the Camptown Community Church, The United Presybterian Women and very active in the Camptown Civic Club.

Survivors include two sons, Paul of Camptown and Karl of Huntingdon, Pa., four grandchildren, two great-grandsons, three sisters, Mrs. Florence May of Tunkhannock, Pa., Mrs. Mark VerBryck of Johnson City, N.Y., Mrs. Gould Jennings of New York City, half-sister, Mrs. Joseph Schultz of Towanda, Pa., half-brother, Jesse Swackhamer of Horseheads; step-mother, Mrs. J. E. Swackhamer, several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at Camptown Community Church, Rev. Robert Smyrl officiating. Interment was in Camptown Cemetery.

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## G E N E A L O G Y

The Winter 1974 issue of the Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin pages 6 and 7 carried the lineage of Eliza Jane Duncombe b. July 4, 1816 (1814) at Middlebury, Schoharie County, N.Y., M. January 19, 1834 John Tufford who died 1900. They lived in Parish, Ontario Canada.

In an effort to identify this John Tufford, your editor wrote to the Office of Registrar General, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Under date of April 21, 1974 she received the following:

"Information Extracted for Genealogy"

Death	
NAME OF DECEASED	JOHN K. TUFFORD
DATE OF DEATH	JANUARY 12, 1900
PLACE OF DEATH	BEAMSVILLE, LINCOLN COUNTY
AGE, OR DATE OF BIRTH IF GIVEN	83 YEARS
PLACE OF BIRTH	CLINTON TWP.
OCCUPATION	RETIRED
NAME OF PARENTS	- - - - -

ELIZA DUFFORD SABER

Mrs. R. B. Hamm, 2202 Stanolind, Midland, Texas 79701 read of our reunion in the 1974 Genealogical Helper.

As a result, she sent the following in the hope that we could connect her Dufford lineage.

Eliza Dufford

b. 12/29/1827 or 1828

d. 11/19/1899

Buried - Montpelier (Blackford Co.), Indiana

M.

Aaron Sarber

b. 6/22/1832 or 1833

d. 5/14/1891

Buried - Montpelier (Blackford Co.), Indiana

Issue: (1) Clara (2) Amanda (3) Ezra (4) Thomas Sylvester b. 1854 Butler, Pa. (5) Enos (6) William (7) Harve (8) Eli (9) Margaret (10) Arley

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COMPILING FAMILY DATA

Mr. Stu Tufford, 601 70th Avenue North, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55430 is in the midst now of compiling his Tufford (and Gage-Mills of New England and Canada) family data. His offer to pass copies along to us is greatly appreciate.

GERMAN VALLEY UNION CHURCHYARD

We are indeed grateful that the gravestones in the German Valley Union Churchyard have been copied and published in The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey Vol. 49 No. 3 Whole No. 183 pages 97-104.

Genealogists who have used these stones as a source had no record to use as a reference. They do now!

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DUFFORD TAVERN

Further down on the list of Tax Rateables (Microfilms) of Roxbury Township March 1779 we find June-Aug. 1790 and listed thereunder: John Dufford - 25 acres value 12, 2 horses, 2 horned cattle and a TAVERN.

Our thanks to Mrs. Robert O. Hart for this revelation.