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DUFFORD

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of Long Valley, Morris County, N. J.

for

The descendants of Samuel Swackhamer (Swackhamer) who, in 1730 settled in the New Jersey, in the Long Valley, and Philip Dufford (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 1976 issue should be received by the editor before May 15, 1976.

ANNUAL REUNION

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The year ahead marks a big birthday for our country, and just as our ancestors knew they were faced with good and bad eras, we too must accept the trials of our day, and trust our leadership will guide us through the birthdays ahead.

Stanley Dufford, President

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

The 28th annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society reunion was called to order on July 26, 1975 by the president Stanley Dufford at 1:30 P.M. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Long Valley, New Jersey.

Reverend Swackhamer led the group of 33 adults and 3 children in prayer in memory of members no longer with us.

The secretary's report of the 27th annual meeting was accepted as read. A letter was read from Sharon Swackhamer explaining her absence.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Miss Romaine reported we are sending out 325 bulletins which include 32 states and Canada. Some parents are forwarding their copies abroad, assuming the expense for mailing. For those following genealogy closely, Miss Romaine reported she is enclosing detailed information in bulletins of the organization.

Francis Swackhamer wrote a letter from Miami expressing interest in receiving a bulletin. He sent a letter to be read. Our historian is absent due to illness.

President Dufford read a letter from Mabel M. Kaser from Aurora, Ill. trying to trace her ancestors. A suggestion was made for her to contact the N.J. Genealogical Society. (letter on file).

New Business:

Motions were approved as follows:

Zion Lutheran Church	\$25.00
Middle Valley Cemetery	10.00
Washington Township Hist. Soc.	5.00

An additional \$25. was approved for the Historical Society to assist with the bi-centennial project of restoring the Old Union Stone Church. Work is progressing on the masonry and the cemetery portion is greatly improved.

A member of the Historical Society was to attend our meeting with information on a commemorative plate being produced for the society. The member was not present, but she will be contacted and hopefully her information will be presented in next issue of the bulletin.

The existing slate of officers were voted on to remain in office for the following year:

President - Stanley Dufford Vice-President - James V. Wert
Secretary - Mrs. Gene Swackhamer Treasurer - Mrs. Robert O. Hart
Bulletin Editor - Miss Eleanor Romaine Honorary Historian - Mrs. C. L. Harriman

The Bicentennial Year is to be a special one so a special Bicentennial Committee was selected with Mr. Douglas Romaine as chairman, Mr. Fred Sisser III and Mrs. Marjorie Logan as the committee to plan a special program to be incorporated with our next annual meeting. A special bicentennial issue of the bulletin will be produced with Miss Romaine in charge.

A discussion developed on the possibility of changing the date of the annual meeting. However, the day will remain the last Saturday in July for the next year.

Mr. Fred Sisser III, Vice-President of the Genealogical Society of New Jersey said the bulletin has an impact on many people and they are kept on file in the Rutgers University Library, New Brunswick, N.J.

This is the 50th year of the Dufford Reunion and the 28th annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Reunion.

Interest was expressed in the old church across the street from Zion Lutheran. Mr. Douglas H. Romaine, a freeholder of Morris County was present at our meeting.

Silver dollar awards were presented to Mabel Apgar, age 90, the youngest member present, Alyson Romaine, age 10; and the longest distance traveled to attend the reunion, Mrs. F. E. Barnes, Jr.

All present were asked to introduce themselves and tell a little about their family lineage. The Kaar Family Reunion is the same date as ours with some of our relatives included in this group.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon D. Swackhamer (Mrs. Gene) Secretary

1975 PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

The annual reunion of the descendants of Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lehman at Standing Stone, Pa. on August 11, 1975.

About 40 relatives enjoyed a very delicious meal and gab fest. It was voted at the business meeting to send \$5.00 to the Genealogical Society.

Next year the reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fleming at Camptown, Pa.

THE COMMUNITY CHURCH, POUND RIDGE, NEW YORK WILL CONDUCT SERVICES IN OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

The service held November 23, 1975 was programmed "Order of Public Worship" and spanned the period circa 1620-1720. Participants in the Service were:

Drummer: Lee Rodgers

Musketmen: Sven Johnson, Robert Johnston, Richard Rosa, Charles Sconce

Tythingman: Robert Davis

Deacons:

Teacher - Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer

Precenter - Paul Kerlee, Everett Knapp, Leonard Scofield

Minister: Rev. Richard S. Monkman

The introductory to this program is a most informative history which I take the liberty to include in this account - editor.

Sunday worship was an all-day activity for early American churchgoers. The place where they worshipped was called a 'Meeting House' because town meetings were held there also. Early Meeting Houses had no bells and so it was customary for a drummer to summon the people to worship.

The Tythingman was an important functionary in the service of worship, opening and closing worship and maintaining discipline. The Deacons were selected to assist in the care and concern of the congregation, being 'Men of Good Reputation, full of Spirit and Wisdom.'

'Lining-out' of Psalms was the common practice during the 18th Century since books were scarce and few could read. Only psalms could be sung in worship and the Pre-center would 'set the tune' and bellow it out in a most unmusical way line by line. The congregation followed drawling and sliding from note to note. The pace had slowed from livelier Puritan times to the point that often each note required a separate breath. Consider this quote from a noted preacher of the day, Rev. Thomas Walter:

(Once the tunes) were sung according to the rules of the Scale of Musick, but are now miserably tortured, and twisted, and quavered, (Ornamented) in some Churches, into a horrid Medly of confused and disorderly Noises... and there are no two Churches that sing alike...I have observed in many Places one Man is upon this Note, while another is a Note before him, which produces something so hideous and disorderly, as is beyond Expression bad.

Today we are using two settings from the Bay Psalm Book, published in Boston in 1698, and one from the Sternhold and Hopkins Psalter, published in London in 1624.

A clergyman was considered diligent in Colonial days if his sermon lasted at least an hour--the sand had to run out in the Hour Glass. Long prayers were felt to be the highest tribute to God and were highly esteemed."

The Community Church will conduct four other services in observance of the Bicentennial Year: January 11, 1976 - circa 1775; March 7, 1976 - circa 1860
May 2, 1976 - circa 1920 July 4, 1976 - 4th of July

Ministers are The Rev. Richard S. Monkman and The Rev. T. Cecii Swackhamer.

"PUBLISHED IN PARIS"

During the 1920's and 30's renowned authors of the time who lived in Paris, were called expatriates, and published some of their greatest works there.

Some of these authors were James Joyce, Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, Henry Miller, Lawrence Durrell, Gertrude Stein, Samuel Beckett, and Hart Crane, to name a few.

"Published in Paris" is a book recently printed in New York by Macmillan Company about the publishers of these authors. The publishers also were expatriates in many cases.

Hugh Ford (D), 50, an English professor at Trenton (N.J.) State College and a Washington, N.J. native, has written the story of the publishers of these great authors.

Sunday's editions of the New York Times Book Review magazine and This Week Magazine in June lauded the 543 page book.

Hugh Ford is currently on an exchange professorship at Worcester College in England. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Ford of Grand Avenue, Washington, N.J.

DOCTOR OF MEDICINE DEGREE

Thomas F. Myers (S), son of Mr. & Mrs. Hugh L. Myers, of Humacao, Puerto Rico, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine at graduation exercises of the Temple University School of Medicine on May 29, 1975.

Dr. Myers, a graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, will serve a residency at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children. He and his wife, Harriet, reside in Philadelphia, Penna.

Dr. Myers is a grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Francis May of Tunkhannock, Penna.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 DAYS

Peg and James Wert (D) left Camden, N.J. at 9:00 P.M. on August 11, 1975 on ship ZUIR, Yugoslavian Freighter: 42 others boarded. Large bundles of clothing were

... Savannah, Ga. where lumber was loaded for furniture to go to Napoli, Italy. Fellow passengers and good food aboard made life on the ZUIR very pleasant. Yogi lessons were available for those interested.

Evenings grew cooler as they left the Gulf Stream. Peg and James were glad they had remembered to pack sweaters.

A stop was made at Morocco where lots of leather products were available for purchase. Peg and James rode in a taxi driven by a Hebrew. They went on to Napoli, Italy and took a side trip to Rome. They went on to Tunisia where they rode a camel. The ZUIR loaded cinkered cooper at Pas, Yugoslavia and the trip by boat ended at Rajedka Sept. 3rd. So, it was by train to Kuwait (top of Persian Gulf). September is month of Ramayana (hero in Hindu literature) so lots of natives traveled as our people do the 4th of July. Being unacustomed to Hindu habits, it became necessary to adjust Train stops for food where everyone dashes off for bread and cheese and a container (if you have one) for water. There is no such thing as sanitation or cleanliness. More enjoyable was a stopover at Istanbul and the opportunity to take pictures of the natives from the train. The trip continued with a flight from Kuwait to Bombay then by train to Madras. It was helpful to find someone who spoke English as to foods and lodging. Peg and James flew to Perth and took a train to Sidney. It was spring and Australia was beautiful, clean and a joy! Flights to Singapore and from there to San Francisco with stops at Fiji Island and Hawaii almost concluded the trip. Final leg of the journey was by train to Missouri and by Greyhound bus to Binghamton, N.Y. where they arrived October 9th. JAMES is our Vice-President...an adventurous one!

CAPTAIN ROBERT EARL SWACKHAMER RETIRED

Captain Robert Earl Swackhamer of Springfield, Missouri - Troop D, retired from that office this July past. Two hundred State officials, family and friends honored the Captain with a retirement dinner.

TO SPEND THE HOLIDAYS IN SCOTLAND

Roy W. Swackhamer of Miami, Florida (formerly of Hackettstown, N.J.) will spend the Christmas holidays this year with Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Hill in Prestwick, Scotland. He will depart Miami December 14, 1975 and return January 23, 1976 via British Airways. They were war-time buddies in World War II and have kept in touch ever since. Roy's last visit to Scotland was in 1972.

SWACKHAMER WINS SECOND TERM

Despite Readington Township's (N.J.) reputation as a Republican stronghold, township voters returned committeewoman Virginia Swackhamer to her seat as the one Democrat on the five-person committee.

Virginia is the wife of the late, James Swackhamer. She is a 25-year resident of Readington Township. In her bid for re-election, Mrs. Swackhamer stressed the need to have a Democrat serve because "It keeps people more active and interested. With a two-party system, people have more of a chance to identify with their government."

CRADLE ROLL

Please correct the Cradle Roll announcement on page 3 of the Summer Issue 1975 to read "Whose other children are a son, Sean and a daughter, Heather Ann." With the arrival of Erin Christie on April 18, 1975, Mr. & Mrs. Jack P. Hughes, Sr. (D) became the parents of three.

Christopher Ryan Swackhamer, born on August 22, 1975 to Elizabeth and William Lee Swackhamer of San Diego, Calif., is the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Francis T. Swackhamer of Miami, Florida.

Christina Shaffer (S) born October 23, 1974 to John and Pat Shaffer. Grandmother is Florence Shaffer.

Shawn Smith (S) born January 20, 1975 - Mother, Kathy Knouse.

Jerme Cole (S) born May 14, 1975 to Peggy and Sam Cole. Grandmother is Mrs. Charles Lehman.

Bradley Allen Mahannah (D) born to Stephen & Brenda Mahannah of Minneapolis, Minn. born July 25, 1974. Grandparents - The Rev. & Mrs. Stanley Mahannah, Des Moines, Iowa.

Swackhamer-Stevens

Orin Cletus Swackhamer, Jr. was married to Catherine Stevens at the Tarkio, Missouri Methodist Church September 20, 1975. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. O. C. Swackhamer, of Fairfax, Missouri.

Swackhamer-Frysinger

Lt. Robert Lee Swackhamer, son of Captain Robert Earl Swackhamer, of Springfield, Missouri was married to Jean Frysinger at Villa Ridge, Missouri September 6, 1975.

Coats-Huddleson

The marriage of Karen Jean Huddleson to Mr. Jack A. Coats, Jr. (S) took place in the Standing Stone, Pa. United Methodist Church October 25, 1975. Mr. & Mrs. Jack Coats, Sr. are the parents of the groom. His grandmother was the late Ella Swackhamer Parks.

I N M E M O R I A M

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46: 1

CHANEY, GEORGE, JR. (D) of 6291 Desert View Ave., Desert Hot Springs, Calif. died August 28, 1975. He is survived by his wife, Aurora P. and a son, George H. Chaney III of San Gabriel, Calif.

George, Jr., who was 57, died from a high grade brain tumor. His son wrote that his father regretted the passing of Marguerite Ribble Chaney.

FROM OUR MAILBAG

Letters received from Mr. Francis Taintor Swackhamer, 6831 SW 72 Court, Miami, Fla advised us that his wife, Myrtle, is at home recovering from a brain tumor operation which occurred April 18, 1974.

Francis recalls attending the family reunions and his pleasant childhood in Long Valley, N.J.

Francis who married Myrtle Adelia Isaacson on March 14, 1946, is the son of the late, Charles Ming Swackhamer, b. Jan. 15, 1886 in Long Valley, N.J. d. July 29, 1950 m. 1st. Emily Wilson and 2nd. Ethel Worman. The lineage worked out: Charles Ming Swackhamer s/o William Sharp Swackhamer s/o Jacob s/o Philip W. s/o Johannas s/o Samuel.

Correspondence exchanged with Elizabeth Larrison Barnes, Jr., wife of Dr. F. Edward Barnes, of Auburn, N.Y. reveals that she is the daughter of Emma Louise Swackhamer who died in 1954 and Louis Kice Larrison of Schooley's Mt., N.J. Her grandfather was Daniel Swackhamer of the old Swackhamer homestead and later of Long Valley, N.J. He descended from Samuel's son, Johannes.

Dr. and Mrs. Barnes have three children: Mrs. William Kenny (Jennifer), Mr. Frank Barnes III, and Mr. Jay Whitney Barnes.

Dr. & Mrs. Barnes and Mr. & Mrs. William Kenny attended this year's reunion. We enjoyed meeting them and hope they will come again next reunion.

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G E N E A L O G Y

Still to be identified is the JOHN TUFFORD who was married to Eliza Jane Duncombe on January 19, 1834 and died in 1900 - see page 6 Winter Issue 1974 Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletin.

The JOHN K. TUFFORD death record printed on page 5 - Summer I-sue of our Bulletin is one John Konkle Tufford b. March 21, 1818 and died January 12, 1900. He married Rachel VanDuzen, date unknown at this time. They had 6 children. A history of Brant County, Ontario says that John Konkle Tufford's father, also John, married a Mary Konkle and had 5 children.

Our thanks to Mr. Norman E. Tufford of Munster, Ind. for assistance in this research. Two John Tuffords who died in the same year and same area can present a problem to researchers - pitfalls of genealogy!