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BIOGRAPHY OF THE LATE ELIZA DUFFORD HARRIMAN

By her son, Cyrus D. Harriman

Eliza Dufford was born at Lower Valley, New Jersey on December 28, 1886, the first child of George Stephen and Elizabeth Wise Dufford. She married Chester Leon Harriman on July 20, 1912, in Bucksport, Maine. She had one son, Cyrus Dufford Harriman, born November 4, 1916, in Plainfield, New Jersey. She died in Westport, Connecticut on December 26, 1975 - two days short of her 89th birthday.

Her earliest memory: Palisade, Colorado, 1891. A railroad depot, including living quarters. George had taken the job of stationmaster. A child of five could hardly realize that they had come 2,000 miles to this place because her mother had tuberculosis, and the high mountain air was prescribed as her only hope. But the wonderful adventure of it! She and her sister Delia (younger by 18 months) were the only little girls around, and captured the hearts of everyone who came by. People brought presents. Very often live ones, both wild and tame. After awhile the place became a sort of refuge for creatures needing care. Eliza developed an empathy for all living things that never wavered.

Elizabeth died on November 23, 1893, and was buried in Grand Junction. The great adventure was over. George brought his daughters home to New Jersey.

The family homestead in Middle Valley. Grandpa and Grandma Dufford provided warm welcome and quiet comfort. Elijah, at 66, and Susan, at 58, coped wonderfully well in caring for two high-spirited young girls of seven and going on six, while George set about reorganizing his life. It took four years. Eliza grew to love her grandparents deeply. Also the farm itself. In following years she never missed a chance to go back to the farm for a visit - the longer the better.

In 1898 George Dufford married Hattie Swackhamer and once again could provide a proper home for his daughters.

675 West Front Street, Plainfield, New Jersey. This house was to play an important role in Eliza's life for an extraordinarily long time. She lives there during three separate periods, the last one ending in 1959. The first, covered fourteen years, starting at age eleven. Growing up time, swiftly passing. School. The nickname "Betty". Star pupil in a secretarial course. Employment in New York City. Advancement to a top position. She was very proud of her skills as a secretary - could still type up a storm even on a portable years later - until arthritis finally got to her fingers and slowed her down.

Marriage. Leon Harriman came down from Maine to visit her sister in Plainfield. Somewhere he and Betty met. Found they were well matched. Leon stayed on and they got engaged. In 1912, on the way to visit some of Leon's relatives, they decided "Why not now?" So they were married in Bucksport, Maine. Leon was a happy-go-lucky guy, with a touch of wanderlust, given to spur-of-the-moment decisions, which suited Betty fine. He'd say, "Let's go somewhere", and in an hour Betty would have everything packed and they'd be off. Leon loved driving a car. He drove carefully and well, and could keep on indefinitely. Betty was content to be the passenger. She never learned to drive.

The birth of their son in 1916 slowed them down a bit, but only until he was old enough to be taken along. Many years later (1951-53), when they had the time and money, they took their long trips, drove thousands of miles, criss-crossed the country seeing all the great sights and most everything in between. A great time, a high point of joy in Betty's life.

North Carolina, 1920. It is not quite clear how they got to a spot called Hickory Nut Gap in the mountains south of Asheville, but it sure was beautiful country. A resort area, it was also a great location for shooting rugged outdoor-type motion pictures.

Leon started a taxi service out from Asheville. When this didn't prove as successful as hoped, Betty pitched in by opening a tea room. Both worked as extras in the movies. Mostly on horseback. All this was great fun but Cy had to get some schooling. So in 1923 they came back to Plainfield, moved in temporarily (nearly 3 years) with George and Hattie at good old 675 West Front Street.

Leon became a traveling salesman, handling automobile accessories. Made a great success, covered a large territory that often kept him on the road for weeks. While being with George and Hattie helped, still this was a lonesome time for Betty. So maybe it was best when the auto makers started supplying the accessories as standard equipment. Leon's job evaporated, but it proved he was a great salesman.

New York City. Leon went to work in a textile brokerage office, and they moved to a Bronx apartment in the fall of 1925. They were to stay in the city for 19 years. Not in the same place, of course; they moved five times to different apartments. But Betty never really became a New Yorker. She was a country girl; her true roots were out in New Jersey; and she escaped for visits to Plainfield or Middle Valley every time she could. Not that she felt isolated or lonely in New York; wherever they were, Betty and Leon made friends easily and never lacked good companions.

The D.A.R. Betty was accepted as a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and joined the General Nathaniel Woodhull Chapter in New York. Plunged into their activities with her characteristic energy, Headed Committees; became a delegate to the National Congress in Washington; acted as Secretary for a while; finally served a term as Regent from 1942 to 1945. These were the war years. She helped organize a center for visiting Servicemen at the Hotel Roosevelt. Earned a citation from the Secretary of the Navy for outstanding effort.

The house at 675 West Front Street had been concerted into a two-family affair many years ago. The first floor apartment now became vacant. Betty and Leon decided they had had enough of New York. Cy had gone off, married in 1942. So Betty went back to the old home for the third, and actually the longest, time, 15 years.

Buddy. In Plainfield they adopted a surrogate son. A cat who developed extraordinary powers of communication and comprehension. Also excellent table manners. He had his own chair and place at the table for all meals. No story of Betty is complete without at least a mention of Buddy.

Florida. In 1954, Leon was very sick. He had to retire from business and after months of pain, underwent two major operations. He recovered, but was advised to seek a warm climate for the winter. They chose St. Petersburg. Drove down, of course, and found a compatible motel. Thus started a new routine; Plainfield in the summer, St. Petersburg in the winter. Deep down Betty wasn't completely happy. Winter had always been a season she loved. And it was particularly hard to be away from the family at Christmas. But she made the best of it because it was best for Leon; made a host of new friends; developed a new life style.

Now in her 70's, Betty had never been seriously ill. She began to feel a few twinges of arthritis, but not enough to slow her down. Which was good, because Leon was going to need care from now on, and Betty had the health to take on the burden.

Westport, Connecticut. The final move. Cy had bought a home there. The property had a separate cottage. There were also three grandchildren and four cats. Powerful inducements. They moved there in 1959.

Her 50th wedding anniversary, July, 1962. With the connivance of sisters Marjorie and Delia, and Cecil Swackhamer, who got them out of the way while guests arrived, from all over, it was a complete surprise, and a time of great joy. They were to celebrate five more anniversaries before Leon died in 1967. 55 years of togetherness. Betty and Leon. It was hard to think of them separately.

The Swackhamer-Dufford Geneological Societies. Back in the early 1920's when George Dufford started checking into the family history, Betty shared his enthusiasm, and followed his research closely. When George died in 1945, Betty sort of took his place as chief source of information. After the Combined Societies were formally organized, she served as Secretary-Treasurer from 1953 to 1955, Editor of the Bulletin from 1956 to 1964, and Historian after that.

Nothing pleased her more than the discovery of a new prospect for a place on the family tree; nothing more exciting than the painstaking search through her books, records, notes, and memory, to find out exactly where that place was.

The declining days. Arthritis, relentlessly worsening with time, made moving around continuously painful. But the spirit never faltered. She stayed independent, took care of herself and her own house, right up until the stroke in 1975 that was to be her final illness.

It was a good life. One to be proud of. To remember, with love.

A CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

In the Special Commemorative Issue of the Bulletin, you are asked to make a correction in the article "A Tour to Jog your Memory." On page 10 in paragraph 4, please delete the words ((gone now))."

Our apology to the family of our founder. Marjorie Dufford Logan, daughter of George Dufford, tells us that the old house is still being occupied and is in excellent condition. It was built in 1747 of clay, straw and rails and there was 130 acres of land which was farmed. The original barns are still standing across the road in front of the apple orchard. The 1747 sign is now on the stone spring house near the house.

The present owners are most hospitable and welcome visitors. They are eager to tell the history of the old house which they are now enjoying.

This will be good news to those who remember the late, George Dufford and the family reunions he hosted.

HOW I CELEBRATED AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY

Beginning in this issue and continued in the Winter Issue 1976, there will be a section devoted to accounts of how you celebrated our Nation's 200th Birthday. Share with us, and preserve for future generations, a memorable moment, an unusual or ingenious experience. Direct these to your editor, Miss Eleanor Romaine, 18 Hedges Ave., Chatham, N.J. 07928.

Bicentennial Wagon Train Pilgrimage - In a replay of history, five separate trains of covered wagons crossed the country and met at Valley Forge, Pa. on July 4th, where they camped.

Mrs. Francis L. May (S) of Tunkhannock, Pa. wrote "I can never explain the thrill it was to see them (the wagon train) coming in. It was really a sight and one I'll never forget. It arrived (in Tunkhannock, Pa.) about 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, June 26 and left at 6:30 A.M. on Sunday.

About 6,000 people gathered on the school grounds for the evening program and much of the town was on the sidewalks at 6:30 A.M. to see them again. We had one wagon and several riders join them to ride on into Valley Forge.

Mrs. May's sister, Mrs. Gould Jennings, arrived to visit and also enjoyed the events so well described by the correspondent.

A nationwide Ringing of the Bells on July 4th heralded the country's entrance into its third century. The time selected was exactly 200 years from the precise moment that the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia proclaimed the independence of the new nation.

From the family archives, Eleanor L. Romaine uncovered a bell used in the one-room Mine Brook (Somerset County) N.J. school in the 1890's. This school was attended by her mother, Eleanor Tunison Romaine (S) -graduated, when she outgrew the seats. The bell had a loud clear ring which outdid those rung by her neighbors. And, there was no doubt, the children who had attended the Mine Brook School responded to the authoritative tone.

SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

Joyce S. Swackhamer wrote "Pretty proud of him, I am."

Joyce is the wife of William Delancy Swackhamer, who is in his second term of four years as Secretary of State of the State of Nevada. In the election, he won in every county and got the highest number of votes of anyone - even The Governor.

Our heartiest congratulations to The Honorable William and Mrs. Swackhamer.

LETTER FROM DR. RIBBLE

A letter dated June 22, 1976 directed to Annette Wert Hart from Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble, LaJolla, California, is of interest to us all.

"Dear Annette:

Your fascinating 'A Tour to Joy Your Memory' in Bicentennial Bulletin brought back many pleasant memories.

As a life long trout fisherman I covered this historic area year after year with pleasant companions.

When one is so far away those 'bygone days' are a real tonic to offset my present status in overcrowded Southern California.

Living on the edge of a vast 10,000 student campus, I have been going back to school ever since exodus from New York in 1958.

This yen really began when the President of Fairleigh Dickinson, Dr. Peter Sammartino, became my patient in 1950.

He talked me into starting his Dental School, so I became a Dean in a hurry. His dream world ideas survived; so I had seven pleasant years watching the explosion of Fairleigh Dickinson University to five campuses.

Thus without knowing it, I was given a hobby which is A++. Can't stop now for people speak to me on the street - 'what courses are you taking now?'

'The Swackhamer Dufford Bulletin 1776-1976' gives this life long history student another great addition to his New Jersey files.

Sincerely,

Roy Dufford Ribble"

A BUSY RETIREMENT

The Rev. Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer of Stamford, Conn. had a marvelous trip to Jerusalem and Rome, January 26 to February 6, 1976.

As a personal Bicentennial contribution, he wrote and put into booklet form, a family history and genealogy entitled "Six Generations of The Swackhamer Family in Missouri."

AUTHOR OF "OUTDOORS" COLUMN

Farris S. Swackhamer, a Union College professor, has an "Outdoors" column appearing each Wednesday in "The Courier-News" which serves Central Jersey.

Mr. Swackhamer, a Union College professor, is a chemist by vocation and an ornithologist by avocation. He is a former director of research at Shell Chemical Company, Union, N.J.

He has taught ornithology at the Cranford and Westfield Adults Schools and the South Jersey Wetlands Institute of Lehigh University for several years. He is presently a research associate at the Institute, a lecturer for the New Jersey Audubon Society, and a volunteer observer for the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife of the U.S. Department of Labor.

DEBORAH SWACKHAMER WINS GRINNELL HONOR

Deborah P. Swackhamer of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, has been selected by the Grinnell College Alumni Association as the outstanding woman in the college's 1976 graduating class.

Miss Swackhamer received a B.S. in chemistry and held a 3.50 grade-point average at college. Last year, she earned the college's junior award in analytical chemistry.

She was president of the Grinnell chapter of Mortar Board, a national senior women's honor society, and served as a student member of the Grinnell Long Range Planning Committee.

Active in vocal music activities, Miss Swackhamer toured with the Grinnell College Choir, the Grinnell Singers, and other college vocal groups.

A two-year letter winner and captain of the Grinnell field hockey squad, she was selected as most valuable member of the team in 1975.

Miss Swackhamer is the daughter of the late James Swackhamer and of Virginia Swackhamer, who served on the Readington Township committee.

APPOINTEE TO ADVISORY GROUP

Morris County freeholder, Douglas H. Romaine (S) has been appointed to a 14-member Flood Plan II-B advisory group by Betty Wilson, deputy commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The group will study alternatives to controversial Flood Plan II-B and are interested in drafting new statewide standards that will control both time and flash-flooding of rivers and waterways within the basins.

DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM FOR THE HANDICAPPED

A newly-launched program for the handicapped and their families began on Sunday, March 7, 1976, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Long Hill Chapel, Chatham Township, N.J. For those needing transportation, Miss Cora Swackhamer of Madison, director of the program for the handicapped, has made her van available. All physically, mentally or emotionally disabled people age 18 and older are invited to the program, which includes a time of fellowship, Bible study and worship. The Chapel is served by Pastor Hans E. Josephsen. Miss Swackhamer's van is equipped with a hydraulic lift.

BULLETINS FILED IN ANCESTOR BOX

In December, 1975, Jane Saums (Mrs. J. M.) of Warren Township, Plainfield, N.J. wrote:

"I have enjoyed the Bulletin for many years and always save them for my 'Ancestor Box'.

Family history has always had such a fascination for me and having spent several summer vacations of a few days' visit with George Dufford and his family in Middle Valley (my grandmother, Bessie Emmons, was a sister to Hattie Swackhamer, Uncle George's wife), I'm interested in the Dufford family too.

I've also spent many happy days in Whitehouse, N.J. with my grandmother's sister, Bertha Swackhamer Burd, a short distance away from the Swackhamer homestead on

Lamington Road. My grandmother passed away in July 1974 at the age of almost 101 years. We were very close for 50 years. I guess that's a good long time to have together. From the time I was a baby my grandmother was one of my favorite people.

We have just one child, Loree Elizabeth, who will be graduating from high school this June and will be going on to college next fall."

FETED ON 75th BIRTHDAY

The children and grandchildren gave Marjorie Dufford Logan (B) a surprise 75th birthday party in April. To Whitehouse, N.J., her family traveled from Washington, D.C., Ohio, Connecticut and others, from areas in New Jersey. All had a wonderful time.

We add our congratulations and a wish the years ahead bring Marge joy and contentment.

CRADLE ROLL

Welcome a new addition to the family. His name is Michael James Swackhamer. Born on February 18, 1976, he weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 oz.

His parents are Karen and Richard D. Swackhamer of 110 Spring Garden, Cranford, N.J. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Byron F. Swackhamer of Haddon Heights, N.J. Great Grandparents: (both deceased) Romalda and George Fremont Swackhamer.

WEDDING

HARRIMAN-PELLETIER

Wendy Harriman (B), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cy Harriman, of 18 Hillandale Rd., Westport, Conn., was married to William Edward Pelletier, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Pelletier, of New Britain, at Martha's Vineyard, Mass., on Saturday, June 12, 1976.

The wedding ceremony, held in the Japanese-style Mytoi Gardens on Chappaquiddick, was performed by the Reverend William Blair, of the Methodist Parsonage of Christ Church, Vineyard Haven. It was a double ring marriage service.

Eighteenth Century music was performed on classical guitar by Leonard Handler, and on recorder by Charles Grey.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white cotton batiste gown with a low V neck, and various beautiful laces enhancing its intricate tucking down the center front, banding and edging its flowing sleeves and lower ruffles. Her elbow length veil was trimmed with matching lace, and its lace cap was held by the braids of her hair. She carried a cascade of gardenias, white sweetheart roses, stephanotis and baby's breath. The groom was also all in white. His shirt, reminiscent of the days of the 17th century, was topped by a brocade vest.

The rest of the wedding party wore natural muslin. Linda Fisher, of Vineyard Haven, Mass. was matron of honor; Cathy Garamella of Fairfield, and Wendy Bronkema of San Diego, Calif. were bridesmaids. Kimberly Garamella, goddaughter of the bride, was junior bridesmaid. All wore headbands of baby's breath and pink sweetheart roses and carried nosegays of pink and white carnations, roses and baby's breath.

Robin Hyde of Vineyard Haven, Mass., the best man, and Marc Pelletier and Jean-Paul Pelletier, both of Boston, Mass., the ushers, all wore Mexican wedding shirts and matching slacks. The groom's nephew, Grayson Pelletier of West Tisbury, Mass. similarly dressed, served as ring bearer.

The wedding reception was held outdoors at the home of Mrs. Louise M. Lafferty in Chilmark.

The couple will reside on Martha's Vineyard, where Mr. Pelletier is a partner in a greenhouse and landscaping business.

Guests included Marjorie Dufford Logan, her daughter, Jinny and her husband Phil Jones and their daughter Emily; Dick and Vivian Logan. All stayed the weekend at Martha's Vineyard and not only attended the wedding, but the rehearsal dinner and reception.

The bride is the granddaughter of the late, Eliza Dufford Harriman.

I N M E M O R I A N

"I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world; again I leave the world, and go to the Father."
John 16:28

DUFFORD, DR. RAY THEODORE Astronomy lecturer, of 512 South Weinbach Ave., Evansville, Indiana died November 16, 1975.

Dr. Ray Theodore Dufford, retired head of the University of Evansville physics department and lecturer for the Evansville Museum Planetarium for many years, died at Deaconess Hospital.

Dufford, 83, taught at various schools for a total of 51 years, including 15 years at the University of Evansville. He retired from UE in the spring of 1967.

He began as an assistant in physics at Northwestern University in 1916. He later taught at the University of Missouri, and was chairman of the Science Division at Missouri Valley College for eight years before going to Evansville in 1952.

Following his retirement, Dufford began a series of free lectures on various aspects of astronomy, presented in the Koch Planetarium at the Evansville Museum of Arts and Sciences.

In February, 1970, the Tri-State Council for Science and Engineering honored Dufford with its fourth annual Technical Achievement Award as recognition of his work, which explained the mysteries of the skies to thousands of area residents and school children.

Dufford was a fellow in the American Physical Society and the American Geological Society and a consultant and member of the Isotopes Committee at Deaconess Hospital.

He was one of three founders of the Evansville Astronomical Society and served as president of the Evansville Scientec Club and UE Laurels.

Under the sponsorship of the Evansville Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dufford was instrumental in development of a local program for tracking, recording and reporting the first Russian satellite and later American satellites during the late 1950s. Stationed atop the UE engineering building, Dufford's "Moonwatchers" searched the skies for satellites and reported their findings to the Smithsonian Astro-physical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass.

Dufford held both bachelor's and master's degrees in physics from Northwestern University; where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his doctorate from the University of Missouri.

He was the recipient of numerous honors. And, in 1974, a planetarium library was established at the local museum in recognition of Dufford's 20 years of service to the museum's planetarium program.

Surviving are his wife, Mamie E.; three daughters, Mrs. Marian D. Helton of Stockton, Cal., Mrs. Ellen D. Logan of Toledo, Ohio and Mrs. Catherine D. Paulu of Madison, Wis., eight grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

Services were held at Alexander Funeral Home, East Chapel, the Rev. Dr. Jack Barnes officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ray T. Dufford Library at the Evansville Museum.

EDWARDS, MRS. SARAH (S) Mr. Henry I. Edwards, Jr. has written that his grandmother, Sarah Edwards of 58 Silver St., Norwich, N.Y. had been receiving our Bulletin for sometime and felt sure we would want to know she passed away December 4, 1975. Sarah was born at Silver Lake, T.W.P., Penn. Her parents were George and Mary Swackhamer.

SWACKHAMER, JAMES W. age 67, of Bradford, Pa. died Tuesday, December 23, 1975 in the Bradford Hospital of a heart attack.

He was born May 15, 1908 in Benezette, Pa., son of Victor and Mae DeHaas Swackhamer.

Surviving are his wife, Jane Wentworth Swackhamer; one son, James B. Swackhammer, of Bradford, Pa.; one daughter, Penny Swackhamer of Pittsburgh, Pa. Also three sisters: Grace Beckwith and Florence James of Midland, Pa., and Grace Whiting of Emporium, Pa.; one brother, Herbert Wayne Swackhammer of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Burial was in Bradford, Pa.

SWACKHAMMER, EILEEN BECK age 39, of Weedville, Pa. died in the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. February 24, 1975.

She is survived by her husband, Russell Swackhammer; two sons: Ralph and Richard; one daughter, Faye - all at home.

Also surviving are her parents, two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held in Weedville Wesleyan Church. Interment in the Gardner Hill Cemetery.

HARRIMAN, MRS. ELIZA (B) of Westport, Conn. died peacefully in her sleep, in her home, on Friday, December 26, 1975. Eliza, born December 28, 1886 in Lower Valley, N.J., was the daughter of George S. and Elizabeth (Wise) Dufford. Her grandparents were Elijah and Susan (Swackhamer) Dufford.

On July 29, 1912 she married Chester L. Harriman who died December 11, 1967.

She is survived by a son, Cyrus and three grandchildren: Wendy, Donald and Evan. Her half-sister, Mrs. Leo R. Logan (Marjorie) resides in Whitehouse, N.J. She was predeceased by a sister, Delia Moren, who died in 1969.

Because of her devotion and service to the Swackhamer-Dufford Family Association, founded by her father, this issue of the "Bulletin" is dedicated to her. Her biography will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Eliza was a gentle woman with gracious ways. While editor of this family association Bulletin, her words were a comfort to many with whom she developed a personal relationship. She knew each as friend and kin and her feelings were warm and sincere.

CRATER, RONALD D. (S) 76, of 553 West Mount Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, N.J. died Wednesday, March 31, 1976 at home after a short illness.

Born in Dover, N.J., he had moved to Livingston in 1938.

He was a former member of the First Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dover, and several organizations of that church; a member of the Old Guard, Livingston; past chairman of the Livingston Recreation Council and the National Society of Professional Engineers; the Dover and Livingston Historical Societies; and the Canal Society of N.J.

He was employed by the Essec County Park Commission 1926-59, and was chief engineer and superintendent 1941-59.

He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lucretia Pearse, Southboro, Mass.; three sisters, Mrs. Cornelia Peattie, Brewster, Mass., Mrs. Hilda Boldt, Mine Hill, and Mrs. Kathleen Larson, Mine Hill; and two grandchildren.

Services were held at the Smith Funeral Home, 1 Baker Ave., Dover, N.J.

According to Chamber's "Early Germans of New Jersey" Ronald's grandmother was Catherine Elizabeth Swackhamer who married Elias Crater (son of George), of Flanders. If this be correct, David Swackhamer b. 1814 buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Dover, N.J. is his Great-grandfather.

FORD, MRS. ELLA I. died June 30, 1976 at Warren Hospital, Phillipsburgh, N.J. She lived at the Washington Arms Apartment, Washington, N.J. She was 87 years old.

Born March 27, 1889, in Penwell, she lived in the area her entire life.

She was the widow of Charles H. Ford (D), president of the Ford Furniture Company in Washington, who died in 1970.

Mrs. Ford taught school in Port Murray many years ago. She was a Gold Star Mother. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, and its United Presbyterian Women. A former member of the Washington Board of Education, she was a past president of the Washington PTA.

She is survived by three sons, C. Fred of Washington, Dr. Daniel I. of West Chester, Pa., and Robert B. of Fairport, N.Y.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Two sons predeceased her. They were Lt. Ben E. Ford, killed in Korea in 1951, and Paul J. Ford, who died in 1969.

Services were held at the Ford Funeral Home, Washington, conducted by the Rev. Maurice Farr, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Interment was in Washington Cemetery.

NOVA CAESAREA

Nova Caesarea is the name on maps, coins and in early records which identified the land now known as New Jersey.

On the face of copper half-pennies and cents in use in 1786 and 1787 is Nova Caesarea. And, on the reverse side of a cent minted in Morristown by Walter Mould is the phrase "E. Pluribus Unum" - one composed of many.

New Jersey, one of the thirteen original Colonies, was the third state to ratify the Constitution. Five of her "sons" signed The Declaration of Independence.

During the observance of this Bicentennial, the reference is "The Crossroads of the Revolution." Many Revolutionary encounters were fought on New Jersey soil and the Continental Army spent two harsh winters during the war in Morristown (1777 and 1779-80).

New Jersey has preserved or restored a number historic sites worthy of a visit.

The three-part National Historical Park in Morristown is an excellent example. The Ford Mansion, which served as the home and headquarters of General and Mrs. Washington during the winter of 1779-80, is furnished with many of the Ford family's original pieces. Behind it are the museum and library which house Revolutionary documents, military weapons, the original Gilbert Stuart portrait of Washington, and some 60,000 manuscripts and printed works on the Colonial and Revolutionary eras.

You'll find Ft. Nonsense, the second part of the Park, nearby in Morristown; and Jockey Hollow, the main encampment of the Continental Army during the winters of 1777 and 1779-80, a few miles outside of Morristown. At Jockey Hollow you can visit the reconstructed soldiers' and officers' huts, the Continental Army Hospital and the Wick House, a restored 18th Century farmhouse with its fascinating old-fashioned herb garden.

Another of the interesting battle areas in the state is Trenton. The Trenton Battle Monument, 155 feet high, provides an excellent view of the surrounding area from its observatory platform at the top.

The monument marks the spot where the Continental Army opened fire on the British, who had occupied Trenton.

The old Barracks nearby are the finest specimens of Colonial barracks in the U.S. Built in 1758, they now house a collection of antique furnishings, firearms, pottery and currency.

Trent House, the oldest house in the city, built around 1719, also contains authentic colonial furnishings, as does McKonkey's Ferry Museum at Washington Crossing State Park, a colonial inn where Washington stayed after crossing the Delaware before the Battle of Trenton.

It is to be remembered that the signing of The Declaration of Independence on July 4th in 1776 marked the beginning of the American Revolution. Observances commemorating the events which followed will be held throughout the State. These will include programs to celebrate the ten days of the Revolution that began with Washington crossing the Delaware on Christmas of 1776 and included the two Battles of Trenton and the Battle of Princeton.