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*Henry Melchior Muhlenberg*

SWACKHAMER~DUFFORD  
BULLETIN

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For the descendants of Samuel Schwackhamer (Swackhamer) who, in 1731 settled in Long Valley, New Jersey and Philip DuFord (Dufford), who also 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 FOR THE SUMMER 1978 ISSUE should be received by Fred Sisser, III, 10 Codington Place, Somerville, New Jersey 08876, by May 15, 1978.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I write this as the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons are hurriedly approaching. It is a time of anticipation of friendships renewed and families reunited. The seasons capture in ritual and celebration our religious and secular heritages. In the news media and sermons we are reminded of our common heritage of a bountiful land, a just form of government, and the privilege of freedom. But each of us has a particular heritage which makes us unique and reminds us from whence we have come.

When I went away to college, my friends there thought it strange that I always placed my breakfast egg on top of my toast. I could enjoy it no other way. It had been fixed that way for me when I was a child. When home again, I asked why and was told, "Your great grandmother Clark always served eggs that way." She was Harriet Swackhamer Clark. Some time later, I read in a cookbook the authoritative statement, "The Germans serve their eggs on toast."

Perhaps old Samuel S. ate his that way, too! An example of my particular heritage. What are some of yours?

John Lawrence Brasher  
President

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MINUTES OF THE 30TH ANNUAL SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING

The 30th annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society reunion was called to order on July 30, 1977 by the president, The Rev. John Lawrence Brasher, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey. In the absence of Secretary Swackhamer, Audrey T. McCaffrey was appointed Acting Secretary.

The Rev. Brasher thanked all the members for coming out to the meeting, and expressed the thought that it was an excellent turnout. He also expressed sorrow over the loss of Eleanor Louise Romaine, Bulletin Editor, who "was a guiding light of our reunion and will be deeply missed."

Rev. Mr. Brasher said he looked forward to a good program. However, The Rev. Russell Sauerwein, pastor of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, who was to share with us his knowledge of the history of the church, was hospitalized on Monday preceding the meeting and would not be in attendance. The folksong and instrumental group, "The Kinfolk", who were to entertain at our meeting had to cancel out due to a very heavy commitment schedule, and The Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer sent his regrets that he could not be at the meeting as he had been in the hospital during June and July. President Brasher announced that our secretary, Mrs. Sharon Swackhamer, could not make the meeting, and he thanked Mrs. Audrey McCaffrey for filling in for her.

President Brasher led the group of adults and children in prayer, and silent prayer, for members no longer with us, and those who may be at home or in the hospital ill.

The secretary's report was read and accepted. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

There was some discussion on whether to change the date of the reunion or to keep it the same date, the last Saturday in July. Motion was made and unanimously voted on to keep the date the same.

Mr. James V. Wert, Vice President, presented awards of silver dollars to Mabel Apgar, age 92, as the oldest member present. The youngest award, 27 months, was made to Erin Christie Hughes, daughter of Jack and Virginia Hughes, from Poughkeepsie, New York; and the longest distance traveled, was awarded to Leon Swackhamer from Tucson, Arizona.

It was moved to keep the same slate of officers as last year if the people wished to remain in office, and the Secretary cast one vote in favor of the motion that the slate remain the same.

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The president asked for nominations from the floor for a successor to take Eleanor Romaine's place as Bulletin Editor. After some discussion it was determined that for the coming year Douglas Romaine and Fred Sisser, III would co-edit the Bulletin.

Discussion was held as to what would be done with the monies that were contributed in memory of Eleanor Romaine. Douglas Romaine suggested that they be contributed to the restablization of the old Union Church in her memory. It was decided that a sum of \$200 be allotted and a committee appointed to look into the matter. Motion was made and seconded that the Executive Committee appoint Douglas Romaine to explore the matter.

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Many of the members present expressed a desire to walk through the Zion Lutheran Church, and motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 PM.

### THE "BULLETIN" COVER

Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg (1711-1787), shown on our "Bulletin" cover, was once the minister of the New Germantown (now Oldwick, New Jersey), Zion Lutheran Church. Serving as Zion's Rector from 1749 to 1778, he was personally acquainted with our Swackhamer and Dufford ancestors, and undoubtedly baptized many members of our ancestral families. Ordained in Europe, The Reverend Muhlenberg came to America in 1742, and soon served several Pennsylvania churches. As a Lutheran pastor of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York churches, he eventually succeeded in bringing the early Lutheran pastors in those states into a Ministerium, the forerunner of a permanently organized Lutheran Church in America.

### BITS & PIECES

-- "Wes" Moran recently gave our Treasurer, Annette Hart, a consecutive set of "Bulletins" from July 1953 to the current issues. She visited him and found he's alert and quite well, despite major surgery and two cataract operations. He says "Grace" before every dinner at "The House of Good Shepherd" nursing home. One grandson, Gary, is earning his Masters degree at Stevens, and another, Ricky, takes evening courses locally, and has a ham radio.

-- Annette Hart also stopped at the "Old Union" ruins in Long Valley, and found the outside stone wall had been worked on lately, but the inside wall in very bad condition--stones missing above windows, etc. She noted that there's a tombstone for Jacob Dufford, died 1816 at 55 yrs. and many visitors ask if this is the Jacob who married an Indian - No! This Jacob would have been born in 1751, and our migrant was alive in 1738 - thus was the father.

-- Ruth Dufford Lyman has sold her Manasquan River front estate and lives in a smaller house with a companion. Her eyesight is failing. Last fall she donated Carillons to Lakehurst Memorial Chapel, (non-denominational), in memory of her husband, Homer. There was a memorial service. Her brother, Andrew, in his late 70's, and a sister, Mrs. Crystel, still run a farm in Middle Valley despite failing eyesight.

-- Audrey McCaffrey, (who took the minutes at the last Reunion), her husband, "Herb" had a bad heart attack a few weeks before. He's now back to part-time work at AT & T, with guided exercise three times per week. Their daughter was married five days after her cousin, Grace Powell, and Mr. Baumgartner on February 14, 1977.

-- A news item in "The True Democratic Banner" - May 25, 1882, published at Morristown, New Jersey: "A family picnic was held at the home of Frederick Swackhammer, German Valley, yesterday. Good music was furnished by the German Valley orchestra and a pleasant family gathering was the result. Mr. S. is ninety-six years old."

-- Mabel Apgar (oldest member to attend Reunion at age 92, Wes Moran, a little younger) relates how her mother would drive her in a horse and buggy from the Valley over to Hackettstown to visit Aunt Annie (nee Martha Ann Dufford) and Uncle John C. Wert. They'd stay over and eat at "Wert's Bakery and Restaurant".

-- Mary T. Culver (S) of Maryland says she is a descendant of Eve Swackhamer who married Jacob Schuyler. Does anyone know this line?

-- David Elliott (Hoffman) is "Number One" at West Point (Senior); he knows Keith McCaffrey (D). At the Army & Navy game 1976 David walked across the field at the half time to the Navy side, and their #1 came to Army side - it's a tradition.

-- The Harry Sammonds (nee Martha West) have been on a trip to England where they toured the countryside and just missed Bing Crosby's last concert.

-- The names of many Swackhamers and Duffords, showing the locale of their homes in the various townships of Hunterdon County, may be found in the reprint of the original 1873 Beers "Atlas of Hunterdon County, New Jersey". It is offered for sale by the Hunterdon County Historical Society, 114 Main Street, Flemington, N.J. 08822, at \$25 a copy.

-- William G. Wert, (son of our V. P.), has been promoted to Manager of the Steam and Gas Turbine Division of G.E., Schenectady, New York, so he won't be commuting to San Francisco so often and will have more time to pitch for his favorite local baseball team or whatever.

-- Grace Jennings (Mrs. Gould)(S) has again made some very interesting trips and has kindly sent along an account of her travels. In an African safari, which lasted from December 1976 to January 1977, she took a tour which spanned 1,500 miles through Kenya and Tanzania, including a brief layover in Uganda's Entebbe Airport, where, she reported "We were a bit uneasy; President Idi Amin was rattling his sabre". Mrs. Jennings went on to say: "The animals were unimpressed by the Land Rover. They stare at you unconcerned. The monkeys try to join you. So many beautiful animals. We were overnight at the famous Treetops, on to Masai Mara Game Reserve, William Holden's private Safari Club, the very beautiful Serengeti, Norongora Crater, Mt. Kilimanjaro, Salt Slick, Tsavo Park and Amboseli Game Preserve to name a few.

"At night you heard the animals all around. One must be careful if you wish to dip in the Lodge pool after dark. Company may be lions. Once you are in your room at night, which is usually a short distance from the main lod you stay there. One tribesman was badly gored by a bush buffalo on Christmas Eve. No walking out alone.

"Loads of beautiful flowers at the lodges and everywhere, exotic birds. But no bridges or telephones. The animals do not need them.

"The climate is about as perfect as one could wish for. The sky was a vivid blue during day and at night a tremendous umbrella of twinkling stars. We were mostly at 7,500 feet altitude, 78° to 80° at mid-day and 50° at night. Perfect."

-- In June 1849 one "Sam'l S. Carns", age 80, married, died in Rapides Parish, Louisiana; he was born in New Jersey. Could this be Samuel Swackhamer Carns, son of Christopher and Catharine (Swackhamer) Carns?

-- From the "Unionist-Gazette", Somerville, N.J., Thursday, September 29, 1887, under the White House Locals: Mrs. Conrad Swackhamer, a very wealthy lady from New York City, is visiting Mrs. Samuel Daggett. Her husband was in the employ of the Navy Department under President Pierce.

#### 1977 PENNSYLVANIA SWACKHAMER REUNION

The Swackhamer reunion held yearly in Pennsylvania by the descendants of Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer was held August 14, 1977 at the home of Joseph and Dorothy Schultz at RD 2 Towanda. There were thirty-three present. A delicious dinner and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all. During the business meeting it was voted to send the Dufford-Swackhamer Genealogical Society of New Jersey a donation of \$10. It was a pleasant surprise to have Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Swackhamer of Oneonta, N.Y. visit our reunion and hope they will continue to join us. Marlene O'Neil Kopyetyke, daughter Kersten and son Stephen also were surprise guests. Mrs. Kopyetyke is the daughter of Mrs. Dora O'Neil. They are leaving soon to join Marlene's husband in Otto, in Amsterdam, where he is employed by Onan International Dept.

## MARRIED

NOROD-MYERS: Miss Cheryl Renee Myers (S), of Springfield, Pa., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Myers, 148 Snyder Lane, became the bride of David Norod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Norod, Geneva, N.Y. on Saturday, July 30, 1977, at 6:30 PM in the Covenant United Methodist Church, the Reverend Kenneth G. Fansley of Wilmington, Del. officiated at the double ring ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her parents.

She is employed by IBM Corp., Arlington, Va. The bridegroom graduated from Geneva, N.Y. High School and Hobart College, Geneva, NY. He is vice-president of Lucky Enterprises, Inc., Georgetown, Va. A reception was held at the Rolling Green Golf Club, Springfield, Pa.

After a wedding trip to Finger Lakes, the couple will reside in Arlington, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Francis May of Tunkhannock, Pa. are grandparents of the bride.

VICTORY-SCHULTZ: The Wysox, Pennsylvania, Presbyterian Church was the scene for the 6 PM ceremony on Saturday, August 27th, 1977, uniting Miss Judith Ann Schultz of Towanda, Penn. and Peter W. Victory of Towanda, in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Schultz of Towanda. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. William Victory of Towanda.

The new Mrs. Victory is a 1977 graduate of Towanda Area High School. Her husband graduated from Troy High School in 1972. He served three years in the U.S. Army and is presently employed at DuPont. They are living in Towanda.

## DIED

HERBERT WAYNE SWACKHAMER, age 81, died August 2, 1977 in Pittsburg, Pa. He was born in Benezette, Pa. April 14, 1896, son of Walter J. and Mae De Haas Swackhammer. He is survived by his widow, Alice Miller Swackhammer, sons William R. of Richmond, Va., and Richard V. of Pittsburg, Pa., one daughter, Mrs. Walter Wszelaki, of Pittsburg, Pa., three grandchildren, and three sisters, Grace Beckwith and Florence James of Midland, Pa., and Grace Whiting of Emporium, Pa. Burial was in Morning-side Cemetery, DuBois, Pa.

DOROTHY SWACKHAMER GRALINSKY, age 68, died August 31, 1977, in Manville, N.J. She is survived by her husband, John P. Gralinsky, and two brothers, Francis T. Swackhamer and Roy W. Swackhamer, both of South Miami, Florida. Mrs. Gralinsky, a retired registered nurse, was born in Long Valley, New Jersey and had lived in Hillsborough fifteen years prior to moving to Manville five years ago.

C. ROBERT BROWN (D), age 58, of Morristown, New Jersey, died October 8, 1977, in New York City. He is survived by his wife Mildred R. Brown; a son, Kenneth R., of Morristown; and a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn L. Cortright of North Plainfield, N.J., Mr. Brown, a registered genealogical record searcher, was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Huguenot Society, and a Veteran of World War II. He was a self-employed printer.

## GENEALOGY

A letter from Edna Tufford of Saskatwan, Canada, quotes Elma and Muriel Tufford that Philip (Conrad's father) Tufford was born 10 March 1776 in N.J., (Clinton Township), and married Mary Dietz in Canada 26 July 1801. She was born in Bucks County, Pa. 19 September 1784. He was Muriel's great, great grandfather. She is Membership Secretary of the Huguenot Society of Canada. One account from Brantford says that Henry Tufford, (her husband's grandfather), was born December 1821

married Charlotte Stuart in 1844. He was the son of John Tufford and Mary Kanple and came from N.J. John was born in 1775 and died 1861. Mary Kanple was born 1789 and died 1874. "Chambers", page 152, reads "George & Philip Jr. left N.J. area early. Philip Jr. was not mentioned in his father's will probated 1767.

In a newspaper account accompanying Edna's letter, is reported: "The American Revolutionary War split the members of the Tufford family between the two Georges. Some decided to fight with him; others chose George III of England.

Conrad Tufford chose George the King, so he made his way to the British Niagara Peninsula with three other families; the families of John Dillman, and Jacob and Christopher Culp. The descendants of these men make up a substantial part of the population of Lincoln.

Conrad settled on a 100 acre grant from the Crown, cleared his land and erected a house of logs, later replaced with a brick building still standing today.

Tufford is an old name which can be traced to its ancient European roots. Variations of the spelling include DuFour, du Four, Tofort, Duffort, Dufford, and Tufford. The name has definitely been established as being of French Huguenot origin.

Conrad Tufford arrived in 1786 accompanied by his wife Judy and probably a couple of his children. He died in 1834 and was survived by his wife and four children, Jacob, Isaac, Joseph and Mary. According to the 1841 census Joseph had a family of ten, and Isaac a family of nine. Conrad's will divided his property between his widow and children."

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Among the numerous reprints of books regarding genealogy and history is Thomas F. Gordon's "Gazeteer of the State of New Jersey", whose sustained subtitle reads: "Comprehending a General View of its Physical and Moral Condition, Together with a Topographical and Statistical Account of its Counties, Towns, Villages, Canals, Rail Roads, Ec." Printed in Trenton in 1834, it gives quaint, archaic descriptions of the various areas in which our Dufford and Swackhamer ancestors resided. Here are a few:

GERMAN VALLEY, Washington t-sp, Morris county, and in Schooley's mountain. It is about 10 miles long, varying, in width, from one to two miles. The soil is grey limestone throughout, and is well cultivated, and highly productive. The inhabitants are of German descent, and retain the industrious and thrifty habits of their ancestors. The valley is drained by the south branch of the Raritan river, and is crossed by the turnpike road from Morristown to Easton, which passes through the post town of Washington, lying in the vale. There is a Presbyterian church here.

NEW GERMANTOWN, p-t. of Tewkesbury t-ship, Hunterdon co., on the turnpike-road leading from Lamington to Schooley's mountain, 14 miles N.E. from Flemington, 45 from Trenton, and 211 from W.C.; contains about 30 dwellings, 1 tavern, 3 stores, 1 Lutheran, 1 Methodist, and a Presbyterian, church, and an academy. The town lies near the foot of a spur of the Musconetcong mountain, and is surrounded by a rich and highly cultivated limestone soil, in which there are masses of brescia or pudding limestone, which are perhaps equal in beauty, to that in the capitol at Washington,

WASHINGTON, p-t of Washington t-ship, Morris co.; in the German valley, Schooley's mountain, on the turnpike road from Morristown to Easton, and on the south branch of the Raritan river, 18 miles W. of Morristown, 54 N.E. from Trenton, and 220 by post route from W.C.; contains 1 Presbyterian, and 1 Lutheran church, a school, 1 store, 2 taverns, and about 20 dwellings. It is surrounded by a fertile, well improved, limestone country.

READINGTON t-ship, Hunterdon co., bounded N. by Tewkesbury t-ship; E. by Bridgewater t-ship, Somerset co; S. and S. W. by Amwell t-ship; W. by Kingwood, and N.W. by Bethlehem t-ship. Centrally distant N.E. from Flemington 8 miles; length N. and S 12 miles; breadth E. and W. 7½ miles; surface, hilly, except on the S.E. where it is level; soil, red shale, clay, and loam. The South Branch of the Raritan river flows on the S.W., S., and S.E. of the t-ship, and receives from it Campbell's and Holland's Brooks. The northern part is drained by Rockaway creek and its branches. Population in 1830, 2102. In 1832 there were in the t-ship 7 merchants, 5 saw mills, 7 grist mills, 6 distilleries, 2 carding machines, and 2 fulling mills, 705 horses and mules, 1200 neat cattle over 3 years of age. The t-ship paid state and county taxes, \$1323.75. White House and Potterstown are post-towns of the t-ship.

WASHINGTON t-ship, Morris co., bounded N. by Roxbury t-ship; E. by that t-ship and Chester; S. by Tewkesbury and Lebanon t-ships, Hunterdon co.; and W. by Mansfield and Independence t-ships, Warren co., from which it is separated by Musconetcong creek. Centrally distant W. from Morristown 18 miles: greatest length E. and W. 8, breadth N. and S 7½ miles; area, 27,500 acres; surface, mountainous, Schooley's mountain covering the western portion; on the east of which, lies the German valley, drained by the south branch of the Raritan river: the intervening country between that and the Black river, near the southeastern boundary, is hilly. The soil of the highlands is generally clay and loam, with grey limestone in the valleys, Much of the mountain is cultivated, and with lime, brings abundant crops. The German valley is very rich, and settled by the industrious descendants of Germans. The celebrated mineral spring and houses of public entertainment, are on the mountain. (See Schooley's Mountain.) Springtown and Pleasant Grove are villages of the t-ship - Population in 1830, 2188. In 1832 the t-ship contained 397 taxables, 124 householders, whose ratables did not exceed \$30 in value; 8 stores, 11 saw, 6 grist mills, 3 forges, 20 tan vats, 10 distilleries, 532 horses, and 1015 neat cattle, above 3 years of age; and paid the following taxes: state, \$314; county, \$703.74; poor, \$300; and road, \$500.

LEBANON t-ship, Hunterdon co., bounded N.E. by Washington t-ship, Morris co., E. by Readington and Tewkesbury t-ships, S. by Kingwood t-ship, W. by Bethlehem, N.W. by Musconetcong creek, which divides it from Mansfield t-ship, Warren co. Greatest length N. and S. 15 miles; breadth E. and W. 7 miles; area, 42,000 acres; surface mountainous, and generally hilly; soil, clay and loam on the hills, with grey limestone in the valleys; in parts rich and well cultivated. The Musconetcong mountain and its spurs cover the greater part of the northern part, and there are some high hills on the S.E., encircling Round Valley. It is drained by Spruce run and the south branch of Raritan river, the latter forming part of the eastern and the southeastern boundary, and crossing the t-ship from Morris county. The turnpike road from Somerville to Phillipsburg, runs westerly through the township, by the towns of Lebanon and Clinton. New Hampton and Sodom, or Clarkesville, are post-towns of the t-ship. Population in 1830, 3436. The t-ship contained in 1832, 13 saw mills, 16 grist mills, 2 oil mills, 87 tan vats, 1 distillery for grain, 11 distilleries for cider, 2 carding machines, 2 fulling mills, 886 horses, and 1540 neat cattle, above the age of 3 years; and it paid poor tax, \$1100; road tax, 800; and county and state tax, \$1585.36.

TEWKESBURY, t-ship, Hunterdon co., bounded N. by Washington t-ship, Morris co.; E. by Bedminster t-ship, Somerset co.; S. by Readington t-ship, and W. and S.W. by Lebanon t-ship; centrally distant N. E. from Flemington, 14 miles; greatest length, N. and S., 8; breadth, E. and W. 6½ miles; area, 23,000 acres; surface hilly; soil, on the mountain, clay and loam, and in the valley, at its foot, grey limestone, rich and well cultivated; drained by Rockaway creek, and its tributaries, flowing S. E. through the township, and by Lamington river, which runs on the eastern boundary. New Germantown, and Pottersville, are post-towns of the t-ship. Population in 1830, 1659. In 1832 the t-ship contained 8 stores, 6 saw mills, 3 grist mills, 28 tanner's vats, 2 carding machines, 2 fulling mills, 9 distilleries, 417 horses and mules, 696 neat cattle, above 3 years of age; and paid poor tax, \$350; road tax, \$600; state and county tax, \$706.68.