

WINTER ISSUE

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Le 25^e May, Mons^r
Du Fort, Major, au Service
du Roy de Prusse, et natif
des Cevennes, d'une part.
et M^{me} Judanne Elisa-
beth Boomhouer, native de
Maestricht, ont presenté
un fils au S^t Baptême,
nommé Philippe. Le Par-
rain...
La Marraine...
Par M^r Croiset.

SWACKHAMER ~ DUFFORD

BULLETIN

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For the descendants of Samuel Schwachhammer (Swackhamer), who, in 1731 settled in Long Valley, New Jersey, and Philip DuFord (Dufford), who also settled there in 1738.

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President - The Rev. John Lawrence Brasher, Box 115, Stillwater, N.J. 07875

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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 1979 issue should be received by the editor before May 15, 1979. Please keep sending information on family happenings. Without them we would not have a Family Bulletin. Your Editor would like to take a few lines here to gratefully acknowledge the fine help that she has received, in putting this Bulletin together, from Annette Hart, your Treasurer. She has been an absolute gem and without her great assistance, I doubt that we would have a publication. Thanks, Annette.

ANNUAL REUNION

Last Saturday of July at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J. Won't you join us? And bring a relative or friend.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At this holiday season I am reminded that Matthew began his account of the birth of Jesus with a genealogy. Surely the gospel writer was intent on including the great ancestors of the faith -- Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David. But what have we here? Rahab was a woman of ill repute. Tamar was an adultress. Ruth was a foreigner from Moab. All three were women, whose sex was consistently excluded from other first century genealogies. Even in his "record of the lineage", Matthew was announcing the good news that in Jesus, the barriers were down -- the barrier between male and female, Jew and Gentile, saint and sinner.

From a non-religious viewpoint, however, the message could be that our worth does not depend on "pure lineage" or on the absence of antecedent scandal. Sooner or later in our genealogical tracings we all find a skeleton in the closet! I have a sword proudly kept in our family since the Revolution. Latter day research, however, shows that it probably was used on the Loyalist side of the struggle.

Genealogy is a fascinating pursuit, but when it is used as a tool whereby we attempt to gain status for ourselves, it becomes distorted. The test is not what our ancestors did, but rather how we live in this time we are given and how we relate to our neighbors -- no matter what their pedigree may be.

Season's greetings to all of you cousins.

-- Larry Brasher

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 31st ANNUAL SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING:

The 31st annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society reunion was called to order on July 29, 1978, by the president, Rev. John Lawrence Brasher, at Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey.

Rev. Brasher then led the gathered in prayer for the great blessings that we all share and asked all to remember all of our members who are deceased or ill at home.

PROGRAM

Mrs. Allen of the Washington Township Historical Society was introduced by Rev. Brasher. Mrs. Allen informed us that \$3,000 had already been expended on the restoration of the walls of the old church and another \$2,000 is needed. The Historical Society had also seen that the grass was cut and the cemetery kept weed-free around the old tombstones. There is also an effort going on to make the old church a National Historic Landmark. The Washington Township Historical Society is preparing an audio-visual history of Washington Township which will be available next year. They are also preparing scrapbooks of people, places, events and anything of interest such as anecdotes, stories which Mrs. Allen has asked for our help with. Anyone, having any of the above to share was asked to get in touch with Mrs. Allen. She also announced that in October, 1978 there would be a historic tour of Washington Township, including the center of the Valley which would be a walking tour. A second tour by car would extend down to the County line. Mrs. Eleanor Griffith is the lady to contact if anyone is interested in these tours.

The secretary's report was read and accepted.

The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Mr. James V. Wert, Vice President, presented awards of silver dollars to Mabel Apgar, age 93, as the oldest woman present. Mrs. Wesley Moren received the silver dollar as the oldest man present. Matthew Groover, age six, received the award as the youngest member present. The award for the longest distance traveled was presented to Charles Swackhammer from Tucson, Arizona.

NEW BUSINESS

President Brasher announced that he would not be able to attend the reunion next year due to family business which necessitates his being out of the state. He offered to resign but the consensus was that he remain president and miss the next meeting. Rev. Brasher then read a letter from Sharon Swackhammer into the minutes. Mrs. Swackhammer regretted she could not be present on July 29 due to a business trip to Bozeman, Montana with her husband. Motion was then made and seconded to nominate Mrs. Audrey McCaffrey as the new secretary for the coming year. It was then moved and seconded to keep the balance of the slate of officers the same, and the Secretary cast one vote in favor of the motion.

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Hon. Historian	Mrs. Marjorie Logan

A letter was read from Mr. Fred Sisser, III stating that he was resigning as Editor of the family bulletin. His resignation was accepted with regret. Nominations from the floor were asked for to replace Mr. Sisser. None were forthcoming. It was then suggested by Rev. Brasher that perhaps two or three people could do the job. Mrs. Audrey McCaffrey agreed to try to do the job with Mrs. Annette Hart and Mrs. Marjorie Logan. Motion was made and seconded to nominate the above named people to keep publishing the Bulletin.

Rev. Brasher suggested some form of a program or entertainment be furnished for our next meeting. Motion was made and seconded that the Vice President, James V.

Wert engage the entertainment for the next meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey T. McCaffrey (Mrs. Herbert)
Secretary

BITS AND PIECES

The following are family members whose "Bulletins" have been returned. Does anyone know their new addresses?

(S) Mrs. E. B. Leland and family, 220 S. Washington Ave., Dunellen, N.J. 08812

(S) Mrs. William Kenny, 1161 York Ave., 2-1 Sutton Terrace, N.Y., N.Y. 10021

--The Standing Stone Pennsylvania branch of the Swackhamer family descended from Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer, held in August, 1978 at Walter and Joyce Cooks. Very nice affair - 34 attending. Oldest member Mabel (Jesse) Swackhamer, 90 years and the youngest, Stacy Lyn Victory - 6 months. Next year's reunion for this branch of the family will be held at Jack and Alyce Coates, R.D. 3, Wysox, Pennsylvania.

-- From Mrs. W. E. Tufford of Regina Saskatchewan.

"We were very pleased to receive the 1978 Summer Issue. I was preparing my pages for the printing of part of our Tufford History. Your Bulletin gave information and clues before 1821. I have information from 1821 until now for our branch. Thanks very much, and my very best wishes." Mrs. Tufford also sent some more information which your editor will look into regarding a Fr. Robert Dufford, S.J. and his accomplishments.

--Glenn Dufford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Dufford, of 315 East 84th St., New York, N.Y. is a member of the world-famous Joffrey Ballet.

--From the Sunday Times, Scranton, Pennsylvania - July 23, 1978: "Leon Swackhammer, Susquehanna County silversmith is a dedicated hobbyist." Mr. Swackhamer, whose place of business is tucked in the hills between Dimock and South Montrose, Penn., is a silversmith and precious stone-cutter. Mr. and Mrs. Swackhammer spend half a year here and the winter months in Chula Vista (El Cajon) California, where he runs a shop and teaches. A firm believer in excellence in the hobbyist, Leon Swackhamer holds meetings and gives demonstrations in his rural shop for the New York Southern Tier Geology Club, the Chehamma Rock and Mineral Society of Sayre. Mr. Swackhamer is a retired 30-year Navy Veteran and his wife is the former Diana Hall.

--From the Sun-Sentinel, Pompano Beach, Florida, September 7, 1977. George Ramsey (D) of Boca Raton caught a 47 pound, 7 foot 1 inch sailfish, fishing from the Mandra II drift boat off the Hillsboro light.

--From James and Peg Wert (D) all is well on the farm. Ben has cut his cows to 16 and Peg has finished redecorating the last room in their beautiful home. Peg says all books out of boxes and on shelves -- so now find themselves reading more (as the books are available) and TV fare presently has little to offer in the way of entertainment. When they want to get away from the chores on the farm, Peg says they visit a new mall in Binghamton but are always glad to return to the tranquility of their farm-home.

--A 40th Surprise Wedding Anniversary Party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sisser, II, by their son, Fred Sisser, III and their daughter. Party was held at 10 Codington Place, Somerville, New Jersey, and about 100 guests were in attendance. Their wedding reception was held in the same home 40 years ago.

--Annette Hart (our Treasurer) says Indian Summer was called Squaw Winter. Annette also passes along, for your information, that Manasquan means island or land near

Manasquan River where squaws waited till their husband came back from sea with their load of fish. Manasquan is Leni-Lenape territory. Streets have names like Lenape Trail, Algonquin, Narrumson, etc. The Lenape migrated to northwest at change of season (wintered in Manasquan and summer'd near Delaware Water Gap.) Also Budd Lake and Lake Hopatcong.

--The Harold Gunthers (Dorothy Dufford) celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary October 25th. Congratulations on your long-wedded bliss.

-- Mr. and Mrs. Ben White (D) drove to California last summer to visit their daughter Mrs. Lynne Black of Stockton, California.

BIRTHS

Shannon Adele Swackhamer, daughter of David Leon Swackhamer and Shelly Ann Thompson, Las Vegas, Nev., was born April 24, 1978. The child is the granddaughter of Charles Webster Swackhamer, and the great-grand-daughter of Leon J. Swackhamer.

Kevin Andrew Wert, son of Craig George Wert and Anne Marie Doty of Stamford, Conn., was born May 12, 1978. Kevin is the grandson of George Wert (D) and the great-grandson of Alden Martin Wert. (D).

Brian Keith Swackhamer, son of Captain Robert Lee Swackhamer with the U.S. Air Force stationed in Germany, on June 1, 1978. Rev. T. C. Swackhamer sent this last announcement and said, "I suspect that he (Brian Keith) is the first U.S. Swackhamer born in Germany since the original Samuel left there in 1731. There may be others, but ^{he} is at least the latest."

DEATHS

MARJORIE LOGAN - September 30, 1978. Her shining light has left our presence.

In the late 1920's George Dufford and his wife Hattie Swackhamer Dufford, Marjorie Logan's parents, started the Dufford Reunions. They were held in Middle Valley across the street from George's summer home in an apple orchard. By profession George was a writer for a Plainfield newspaper but spent lots of time in the Valley looking up genealogy.

Over fifty local Duffords and family attended these picnic reunions since we could swap family yarns and enjoy homemade ice cream, cake and rootbeer, no store bought food. If it was a rainy day we met in a local building which served as a church, schoolhouse or community hall. It has since been refurbished by Frank Dufford and his Scout Troop.

Since George Dufford's wife was a Swackhamer and his mother was Susan Swackhamer and the Swackhamer clan was holding reunions also on another date, it seemed logical to combine the two groups as there were other intermarriages.

Through these fifty years "Marj" has guided, directed, and upheld us as did her sisters Delia Moren and Eliza Harriman. We will miss her inspiration and shining countenance but she has gone where they have all the answers so she is at peace. We all loved her and still do. -- Annette Hart

Annette Hart attended the Mass for Marjorie Dufford Logan at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Whitehouse Station. Marge is survived by two sons, Richard of Stockton and Jack of Watchung, New Jersey, and two daughters, Jinny Jones of Bethesda, Maryland and Gale Keffer of Rome, Ohio, and 10 grandchildren. Annette said the Mass was beautiful with Marj's children and grandchildren taking part. "The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this day forth, and even for evermore." Psalm 121

GLADYS SWACKHAMER POTTER, wife of Frank, sister of Leon J. and Mae S. Allen. Daughter of Ira and Rachel Swackhamer, died in October, 1977.

MAUDE (DUNHAM) DUFFORD, age 89, died on July 10, 1978 a patient at Twin Oaks Nursing Centre, Morristown, died at Riverside Hospital, Boonton. She was the wife of the late Charles C., and mother of Stanley and Norman. Survived by seven grandchildren also.

MR. ORABELLE SWACKHAMER of 49 Munsall, Binghamton, New York. The information on Orabelle came to us through the return of the Summer, 1978 Bulletin.

Deepest sympathy is sent to Francis Swackhamer whose sister Dorothy Gralinsky passed away on August 31, 1977, and her husband John P. Gralinsky died May 17, 1978. Interment was in Somerville New Cemetery. Francis has had surgery but is doing just fine.

DR. HARRY SPANGENBERG (D) of Worthington, Ohio, passed away last May - no details.

GENEALOGICAL INQUIRY

From Mrs. Joan Venable, Box 165, Maysville, Oklahoma 73057.

Mrs. Venable is trying to establish a connection, if there is one, between her 2nd great grandparents, George M. Dufford and Martha Sagasar (Sagizer) and the rest of the Duffords. She writes that her great-grandfather George M. died in 1882 and a great-grandmother Martha died in 1888. Did George have a brother by the name of Jacob? Who were his parents? Mrs. Venable believes George and Martha died in Pennsylvania and that their children were born there. The names of their children are as follows: Isaac, William, Jeremiah, Sarah Elizabeth, George W. and Amelia J. Amelia J. is Mrs. Venable's great-grandmother and she married Robert Stewart Greenlee in 1872. She was born in 1855 and died in 1917 in Muncie, Indiana. Amelia and Robert S. Greenlee's children were born in Pennsylvania, but the family moved to Muncie, Ind. If anyone can help Mrs. Venable, I am sure it would be much appreciated.

As your new editor I would like to set aside a small section of our Family Bulletin which will contain the happenings of some of our younger members. These "happenings" may be sent to me by the youngsters themselves or by their parents or other interested relatives. The following two were sent to me at my request by two who are very near and dear to your editor. They are my son and my great-nephew, and here are their "happenings".

FROM KEITH Mc CAFFREY - 2nd Lt. in the U.S. Army

Just prior to graduating from the United States Military Academy, I chose the Field Artillery as my branch of service. Before serving with field units, officers in all branches must satisfactorily complete an officer's basic course to learn the fundamentals of a particular branch. The Field Artillery Basic Course which I started on 27 July is a 10-week course held at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Following that course all officers are assigned to one of the follow-on specialty courses: ~~Lance~~ or Pershing missiles, Survey, or Cannons. The course I chose was Cannons, which I will finish on 6 December.

During my courses I received instruction from three major academic departments. These departments were Tactics, Gunnery and Weapons. The Tactics Dept. prepares new officers to be a Fire Support Team Leader (F.I.S.T. Chief). This is the primary job most Lieutenants will have in an artillery unit. The FIST Chief is in charge of nine enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, who in combat situations will serve with the maneuver branches such as Infantry and Armor. It is their job to call for and adjust fire to support these maneuver units in the attack and in the defense. This fire support does not come from the artillery alone. It also includes Mortars, Naval Gunfire and Tactical Air Strikes to name a few. A FIST Chief must know the capabilities and limitations of each so that he can provide the maneuver unit with the proper fire support at the right time.

The Gunnery Department prepares you for another job which might be held as a 2nd Lieutenant. This job is the Fire Direction Officer and it entails supervision of the Fire Direction Center as they compute firing data to send to the guns so they may have effect on the target.

The Weapons Department teaches the new officer all he may need to know about the various weapons in the artillery. This consists of how to fire them as well as how to maintain them.

Upon graduating on 6 December, I will report to Fort Benning, Georgia for an Infantry course where I will learn various Infantry tactics. Following that eight

week course I will have a month's leave before reporting to my first three-year assignment with the 2nd Battalion, 27th Field Artillery in Freiburg, Germany.

FROM RICHARD ROENBECK - Midshipman and Brigade Commander of Midshipmen at Kings Point, New York:

"Dear Family, The charming Editor of our Family Bulletin requested that I write an essay about myself and the college I attend, the United States Merchant Marine Academy. My name is Richard Roenbeck and to get the relationship straight, the Editor, Audrey WERT McCaffrey, is my great-Aunt and the youngest sister of my maternal grandmother, Martha WERT Smith Sammond.

I am a senior at the Merchant Marine Academy. Graduation day is "just around the corner" next June. "Kings Point" (as the school is known) is one of the five federal academies and is located on Long Island just north of Great Neck. It is a four-year, tuition free education which aims at teaching young men and women the professions of navigation and seamanship or marine engineering. The culmination of four year's training produces licensed professionals in one (or both) of these disciplines who make their career by manning our nation's freighters to deliver cargo in support of our commerce the world over.

One year of our education is put to practical training aboard U.S. Flag Merchant Ships (freighters). In my year of sea training I sailed upon four different ships and visited twenty-one countries in Europe, West Africa, South and Central Americas, and Canada. My sea year as a cadet is one experience I would not trade for anything. After graduation I plan to sail for several years as a deck officer and visit the places I've yet to see. To put frosting on the cake, a sailing career is quite lucrative; I stand to earn about \$25,000 to \$30,000 for six months at sea the first year out. But the old adage that the sea is a cruel mistress and the life of a sailor a lonely one is all too true. I look forward to the day that I will add to our already large family and its fine heritage.

For any of you who have sons or daughters (or grandchildren) who might be interested in the opportunities Kings Point offers, I would be glad to answer their questions or send them more information. Until June 25, 1979, my address will be:

Midn. Richard Roenbeck 1/c
P.O. Box 438
U.S. Merchant Marine Academy
Kings Point, New York 11024

After this date my home address will be:

19 Longstreet Drive
Lake Grove, New York 11755

It is a unique opportunity I would be happy to share with others. Best wishes to all.

GENEALOGY

Russell T. Dufford, Jr. send us the following:

This is a reply to my letter to Rijksarchief in Limburg, St. Pieterstratt 7, Maastricht Netherlands. This is a copy from the archives of the French Reformed Congregation in Maastricht verifying the baptism of Phillipe DuFort on May 17, 1711. This is referred to as from the Wallone Bible. A translator says definitely the name DuFort was French, Boomhouer was Dutch. That infant baptism was usually very soon after birth due to the mortality rate of infants at that time. That Major DuFort was from the area of the Cevennes.

From the archives of St. Johns Dutch Reformed Congregation of Maastricht showing the baptismal record of Susanna Lysbeth Boomhouer, translated - "14th of March 1691, Susanna-Lysbeth Boomhouer, daughter of Peter and Susanna Marie Boomhouer was baptised." She is the first wife of the Major and mother of Phillipe. Also from the same church there is a copy of the marriage record of Peter Boomhouer and Susan Maris vanAken, parents of Susanna Lysbeth Boomhouer, the mother of our Phillipe, translated - "6th of May 1684, young Peter Boomhouer and young Susanna Marie vanAken were married."

The name Boomhouer means tree cutter, vanAken means from Aken, a small hamlet in Holland, or possibly from Achen, Germany, just across the German border from Maastricht. DuFort is French and means the man from the fort or stronghold. If DuFour, then the man who operated the public oven, the baker. The Major's second wife, vanMoor was pure Dutch and means dweller near the marsh.

European names (last) were derived four basic ways:

1. From the man's place of residence, past or present.
2. From the man's occupation.
3. From the father's name.
4. From a descriptive nickname.

This indicates that by 1500 or 1600, once a man was given a family name it stayed with him and seldom changed, as was not the case before 1500. That the man with the name DuFort was not necessarily called this as long as he was a resident of the fort, but once he left the fort to live, he was known as the man from the fort. Thus the implication is that the name DuFort was given to a man who departed from one of the forts not later than 1600.

There were many small hamlets in France with the name duFort, not shown on the map, so Phillipe must have come from a real fortress as protected a number of medieval cities and shows he was a pure Wallon and had received his name when he went out from one of the forts in the Wallon section of Europe, and that certainly was from the 1500's on, the name given to the inhabitants of what is now central and southern Belgium. This agrees with "Chambers" that the family were Wallons and from French Flanders or Mons in Hainaut.

The Wallons were formerly the Belgic tribes of Celtic origin who later infused with Germanic elements, chiefly Salian Franks. The inhabitants that remained in southern Belgium adopted the French language and culture while those in the northern section adopted the Dutch culture and a form of the Dutch language, Flemish. However, there did exist for some time in the Wallon section a variation from French known as the Wallon dialect. These current cities in Belgium; Mons, Namur, Leige, Tournay, Maastricht in Holland, also medieval cities had great forts, some built even in the Roman Empire and others in the period of constant warfare between France and Germany in the later Middle Ages.

Since Major DuFort was a native of Cevennes and his children's birth and his burial records are in the Wallon Bible, there were Wallons. The Cevennes Mountains are a range in southern France extending over 100 miles from Montpellier northward to St. Etienne. North of these are the Jura Mts., extending north for 150 miles along the French and Swiss border. Then further north are the Vosges Mts. of eastern France, marking the frontier between France and the provinces of Vosges and Alsace. The mountains lie just west of Strassburg. This whole system is called the Cevennes system. There are many high peaks and deep valleys and dotted with numerous caves. As early as the 12th and 13th centuries they served as a refuge for various religious sects. All, particularly the Cevennes Mts. proper, have long served as a refuge center for French Protestants.

History tells us that about 1701-1705, there was a group of Protestants who took refuge in the Cevennes Mts. We think Major DeFort was one of these. They were given the name Camisards and carried on military resistance to the government revocation of the Edict of Nantes by using the Mts. as a hiding place and attacking outlying Catholic churches and the priest driving them off, or even at times killing them. They were much like guerrilla fighters, hit and run, back to the protection of the Cevennes. They wore white hoods over their clothes for night fighting to symbolize purity, thus from the French word "camisa". The force was up to four or five thousand strong and were supported by the people of the region. So effective was this group against the king's forces, that about 1705, Louis XIV agreed to grant amnesty to their leaders and give them a commission in his army if they would give up their warfare. The ranks of the camisards had been somewhat depleted by this time, and the leaders accepted the king's offer.

However, most of the rebels insisting that the Edict of Nante should be restored, continued the fighting. Finally, about 1709 or 1710 a goodly number of the last remnants of the camisards had either been captured or killed and those remaining fled to other countries namely, Germany, Holland and Switzerland. Quite possibly, Mr. DuFort was one of these and given the rank of Major in the Prussian army based on his military experience as a camisard.

So we learn that Lt. Col. DuFort having died at age 60 in Wesel in 1724 would have been 47 when Phillipe was baptized. His mother Boomhouer, baptised in 1691 would have been 20 at Phillipe's birth. Phillipe would have been 27 upon his arrival here in 1738. Chances are he couldn't read or write as military men moved frequently and their children were limited in their education. We think Jacob, Jr. was a cousin to Phillipe since there had to be a Jacob, Sr.

Glen Swackhamer of Oneonta, N.Y. sends us the following:

Samuel O. Swackhamer - Among the well-to-do and respected citizens of Union, Oregon who has well performed his part in developing this great state is S. O. Swackhamer. He owns eight hundred acres of farming and pasture land and fifty or sixty acres inside the corporate limits of the city. He was born in Warren County, New Jersey, July 25, 1837, a son of Conrad Swackhamer, a native of the same state. The grandfather, Samuel Swackhamer, also of New Jersey, was of German birth. The father and his family removed to Pennsylvania when S.O. Swackhamer was about five years old and his father was again married, his second wife dying in 1879.

S.O. Swackhamer pursued his education in the schools of Pennsylvania and Illinois and in 1860 migrated to Colorado where he engaged in the freighting business, operating between Denver and the Missouri River. This he continued for about eighteen months and after his marriage he returned to Denver where he spent the winter of 1862-1863. On the 14th day of the following May he started for Oregon with a wagon and arrived at LaGrande on the 5th of August. His was one of three wagons starting from Denver but the little train was joined at various points by other wagons journeying toward the far West. He was taken sick with the typhoid fever at Burnt River and was brought to LaGrande where he was attended by Dr. Peyton. After his recovery he began freighting from The Dalles to the Grande Ronde Valley residing in the Dalles during that winter in which city his wife's people were also making their home. He then returned to the Grande Ronde Valley where he continued freighting and also acquired a homestead. He is now the owner of 800 acres on Catherine Creek, five miles from Union and has 50 or 60 acres within the city limits, a considerable portion of which he cultivates. A racetrack and fair grounds were also located on a portion of his land and his home occupies an entire city block in the residential section adjoining the business district.

October 9, 1862, Mr. Swackhamer was united in marriage in Omaha, Nebraska to Miss Carrie E. Dodge, Monepelier, Vermont, and a daughter of Hiram P. Dodge, who was at one time engaged in the sash and door business in Vermont. His plant was destroyed by fire and he then located in Omaha, continuing in the same business. In 1859, he joined a party going to Pike's Peak for the purpose of gold mining, but on reaching that point Mr. Dodge concluded that the gold fields were not what they had been represented and he continued with his party to Oregon, settling in the vicinity of the Dalles where with a partner he operated a sawmill on 15-Mile Creek.

To Mr. and Mrs. Swackhamer have been born nine children. Mrs. Clara Nevada Mulholland; Mary, Alice, Luther, Alta, Elizabeth, and Maude, all of whom died in in the spring of 1879; Walter; Arthur who died of pneumonia in 1884; and Chester. Walter and Chester Swackhamer are both graduated from the high school at Union. The former attended business college in Portland and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago. He will graduate from that institution in 1914. He was married to Miss E. Odell, granddaughter of Col. A. D. Chapman who donated a

large tract of land to the City of Portland, Chester Swackhamer took a two-year course at the University of Illinois at Urbana and later graduated from the University of Chicago and is now a student at Rush Medical College and will graduate soon. He is thoroughly conscientious in his work and stand high in his class. The mother of these children passed on in November, 1808, and Mr. Swackhamer remarried Miss Ellen Finley of San Diego, California, whose parents were old-time friends of the Swackhamer family.

Politically, Mr. Swackhamer is a Republican and has had a political career worthy of mention. In 1876, he was elected sheriff of Union County and served two terms. During his tenure of office occurred the Indian outbreak, when the settlers through up rifle pits in various places and the courthouse of Union was barricaded. While in office he handled many desperate characters, always using the greatest caution and fortunately he met with no serious mishaps. In 1885 through the recommendation of Congressman George and Senator Dolph he was appointed Register of the land office by President Arthur. This office he held for eight months, owing to the election of President Cleveland. In 1898, he was appointed receiver of the United States land office by President McKinley, through the influence of Senator George McBride and W.R. Ellis of Pendleton and served acceptably in that capacity for about five years. He has also served in the city council of Union and has been one of its leading citizens.

He is a Mason of longstanding, having served in all the chairs. He was the first High Priest of the Union Chapter, and is a member of Al Kader Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Portland. He is also a member of the Eastern Oregon Commandery #6 of LaGrande. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and was lay delegate to the general conference which convened in New York City in 1888.

Mr. Swackhamer is a splendid citizen and has an extremely large number of close personal friends who hold him in the highest esteem. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Union County, his activities having brought him in touch with a very large number of citizens and he is highly respected by the people of the entire community.

-- The Centennial History of Genealogy,
1811-1911 by Joseph Gaston

The following statistics were supplied by Mrs. Charles Swackhamer (Adelia):

David Swackhamer born May 12, 1816 Died June 16, 1882
Married Nancy Seley on March 6, 1842 Nancy born August 27, 1826

Children:

Aldwin Swackhamer, born June 30, 1843	Died December 3, 1864
Daniel Swackhamer, born Feb. 10, 1845	Died December 23, 1926 - 81 yrs.
Emma Swackhamer, born July 17, 1847	
Edwin Swackhamer, born March 3, 1849	
George Swackhamer, born March 30, 1851	
Sarah Swackhamer, born April 18, 1853	
Lovina Swackhamer, born December 3, 1860	
Rosey Swackhamer, born March 1, 1862	
Lucy Swackhamer, born April 1, 1864	
Mary E. Swackhamer, born May 28, 1866	
Miles Swackhamer, born March 6, 1868	Died, June 7, 1895
Walter Cogswell, born July 12, 1857	

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Just as a short introductory to those who may wonder who their new editor is, I would like to let you know I am a Dufford, and my grandmother was Martha Ann or (Annie) as many of you called her. She and my grandfather John C. Wert ran a bakery in Hackettstown for many years. I, unfortunately, did not know my grandparents as I was born after their deaths. My Dad was Alden M. Wert, and my Mom, Grace Wert. Dad died in 1962 and my Mom in 1959.

I would like to also ask that all items for the Summer Issue of the Bulletin be in by May 15, 1979.

In closing, I hope that 1979 brings all good things to all of you but especially good health and happiness.

-- Editor