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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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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 connections are obvious, or if there is uncertainty of connection.

DEADLINE FOR THE WINTER 1980 ISSUE: Items should be received by Audrey McCaffrey or Annette Hart by November 15, 1980.

REUNION

Saturday, July 26, 1980
12 Noon - picnic lunch followed
by business meeting and program.
Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey

Please make a special effort to attend and bring a friend or relative.

DEATHS

Elma Best (S), of Hackettstown, died on January 28, 1980. Mrs. Best was born in Long Valley and is survived by her husband, Harold G. Best, and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth Ramsey, wife of George Ramsey, passed away July, 1979. George is a Dufford, and is living in Boca Raton, Fla.

BITS AND PIECES

Annette Hart received a nice note from Doris Hargreaves (D). She is the daughter of Etta Pettinger Dufford and Elijah Dufford. Doris fills us in on her mother who is in the Queen of Carmel Nursing Home in Morganville, N.J., and is quite ill with arthritis in her knees. Doris has been ill herself and had a hip replacement which has helped because she could not walk a block without severe pain. Doris also asked about Frieda Tribilcock who lives in Hackettstown.

SOME HISTORY FROM A. HART (D)

The Lenape Indians migrated through New Jersey in the late 1600's and joined the Tuscaroras tribes in early 1700's. The Lenape were peaceful and followed the seasons to hunt and fish. It is said in some quarters that the Lenape joined the Delaware who were also peaceful.

LOU DUNKIN (S) of Steilacoom, Washington, 98388, writes that her husband, R.L. Dunkin is a direct lineal descendant of Catherine Schwackhamer and Christopher Karn. She would like to know if there is any information available on Samuel Schwackhamer prior to his arrival in 1731? They would be most grateful. The Dunkins' have a daughter who lives in Maine and they visit her every Fall. Lou also appreciates the efforts made to keep the family story alive and available.

MILDRED SWACKHAMER YOUNG (S) of Allentown, Pa. writes that our former president, Rev. Larry Brasher, is married to her cousin Louise Watters, and Mildred appreciates keeping up on the family and its history.

KAREN SWACKHAMER HANSON of 2287 Shadowood, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, writes that she appreciates the Bulletin and that she and her husband are very interested in geneology. She has found that her Swackhamer line follows one of Samuel's three sons that left New Jersey for Canada. She believes it was Jacob Swaekhamer whose line they follow back to Samuel. Karen requested that we mention the above so that anyone that follows that line to Canada could perhaps contact her with information. She, in turn, will be glad to share her information.

I am sure we have a few Canadians who can correspond with Karen at the above address.

Sorry to hear that Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer had a bout with arthritis last winter. Now that the nice weather is here, hope he is feeling a lot better.

SUZANNE SWACKHAMER BRYAN of 5580 Winshire Terrace, Dayton, Ohio 45440, writes that she and her mother Marianne Swackhamer took a trip to California to visit her brother Paul Swackhamer in Santa Barbara. Paul is a sales manager for Delco for General Motors. He has three children, Paula Swackhamer, at home and a Junior at San Marcos High School, and two married daughters, one, Sue Swackhamer Whitecotton, who lives in Texarkana, Ark, and Cindy Swackhamer Knickrehan who lives in Elkhorn, Wisconsin. Paul's wife Cleo, and Suzanne graduated nurses training at about the same time in the 1950's. Suzanne also has a brother David Allen Swackhamer who lives in Charlotte, N.C. with his wife Nancy and three daughters Amy, Lisa and Molly.

While visiting in California Suzanne and her mother had tea in Santa Barbara with a Gladys Swackhamer, a most gracious lady. (I did not get connection as to family if there is one. Ed.)

Suzanne's husband is Joe Bryan and they have a son, Jeffrey who graduates this June from Bellbrook High School. Jeff wants to be an autobody and mechanic tradesman.

Suzanne's letter was very newsy and she would like to know where her family fits into the genealogical tree. Her father was Elmer Swackhamer and he died in 1971. His parents were William and Celia Swackhamer of Roseville, Ohio. Elmer and his wife Marianne Charlotte Swackhamer were from Springfield, Ohio. Any information sent to Suzanne, I know would be appreciated.

JANE SAUMS of Old Church Road, Warren, N.J., writes that she really enjoyed the reunion last summer. She recalls that it was thirty years before, that she attended her last reunion, and always looked forward to Milton Swackhamer's magic show. Jane also recalled Great-Uncle Sam Swackhamer who always livened his stories with several jokes. (Jane must be of the same vintage as I, for I recall the same things about the reunions of yesteryear, and always enjoyed them. Ed.) Jane's daughter Lorree graduated from Drew University in Madison, N. J. in May. She majored in Sociology.

Hope to see all of these good people and more at the REUNION on July 26, at 12 noon.

RUSSELL DUFFORD writes that he has been writing to France, Netherlands and Germany and is awaiting replies.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

If anyone can contact Douglas Romaine who lives in Morris County, or if he reads this issue of the Bulletin, I do wish he would contact me as I would like to know if he has any papers that his Aunt Eleanor Romaine, past Editor, may have left in his charge regarding the genealogical and Bulletin material. Thanks. Editor

FROM YOUR EDITOR:

The McCaffrey family keeps rolling along. Our third child Eileen graduated from ~~Morris~~ Morris County College on Saturday, June 7, and received her R.N. pin on Sunday, June 8. Needless to say we are all very happy for her. I said to her Dad, three down and two to go. We are now the proud parents of a teacher, a soldier, and a nurse. Keep wondering what paths the next two will follow. Eileen is working at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J. - not that she is looking for business but if anyone has to be there, look her up.

On a less happy note Harry Sammond, my brother-in-law, has been hospitalized with a mystery illness, terrific pain in the leg and inability to walk too well. Doctors are trying to figure out the cause.

Brother George Wert had a few bouts with the hospital this past winter, but is out and up and around doing fine.

Our son Keith (2nd Lt. McCaffrey) is due home from Germany on or about July 10 for a two-week visit. We are all very anxious to see him and look forward to a nice reunion. (He has been in Germany since April, 1979).

Looking forward to seeing a good turnout on July 26, 1980 at Long Valley. Ed.