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For the decendants 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 connection is obvious or if there is uncertainty of connection. - Ed.

DEADLINE

Items for the Summer 1980 Issue should be received by the Editors before May 15, 1981. Please keep sending information on family happenings. We need the items to put this Bulletin together.

ANNUAL REUNION

Last Saturday of July at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N. J.
Please join us, and bring a relative or friend. The date this year is July 25th, 1981.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 33ND ANNUAL SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING.

The 33rd annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society reunion was called to order on July 26, 1980 by Herb McCaffrey. Herb agreed to take the place of President R. Logan who did not attend the meeting. Our Vice President J. V. Wert was also absent. A short talk was given by Joseph Decker, President of the Washington Township Historical Society. Mr. Decker informed the members present of the repairs that have been completed on the old Union Church. In regard to the \$3000 grant from HUD, Mr. Decker said 1001 questions had to be answered, and then the Historical Society as applicant had to hire an architect. An 18-page document has to be completed before some work was done to point-up the church and some roof and window repair has been accomplished.

Virginia Allen brought a quilt to our meeting that was made by the women of the Lutheran Church depicting 19 scenes of Long Valley, N. J. It is one of the most beautiful quilts I have ever seen and would sell for about \$600-800.

Sarah Hastings of Somerville advertised the Reunion in a local paper with the date for this year and asked the membership and officers if they would like to have

it advertised again next year in the "Hunterdon Democrat". Approval was granted for her to do so. Another suggestion was to highlight the date of the next reunion on the cover of the summer issue of the Bulletin to perhaps draw more attention to our Reunion date.

Silver dollars were awarded to Wes Moren (95), and Anita Grace Swackhamer who was the youngest member attending. Hedvig Swackhamer won the award for being the person who travelled the farthest distance. (Burlington, VT.)

Fred Swackhamer of Westfield, N. J. suggested that a questionnaire be developed and sent to all members of the Society to perhaps develop more interest among the group. This could be sent out in a self-mailer so it would be readily returned. Motion was made and seconded to adopt Fred's suggestion and he will work on this project over the next few months.

Mr. Wes Moren made a motion to nominate Herb McCaffrey as President of the Society for the coming year. Herb was honored but wished to decline in favor of Fred Swackhamer. However, Fred felt he would like to get his feet wet for another year and so Wes' motion to nominate Herb was made again and seconded. Motion was made and seconded to retain the remaining officers for the following year. Motion was made and seconded to nominate Hedvig Swackhamer as co-historian with Russell Dufford.

Mr. John Hargreaves volunteered to play violin for the group next year as part of our entertainment and Wes Moren volunteered to ask quartets to come and entertain at the meeting.

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey T. McCaffrey
Secretary

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our membership in the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society attests to the great love and respect we hold for our forefathers. Indeed, we are all extremely proud of their love of freedom and we are grateful to God that they found that freedom for themselves and for us, their offspring, in this great country, the United States of America.

Not all of our citizens have their freedom at the writing of this short message. Fifty-two Americans are in captivity, being held hostage by people who have been openly defiant of all law including that of the World Court of Justice. The English philosopher, Herbert Spencer is credited with the remark "No one can be perfectly free until all men are free." It seems that we should at least take one message from this terrible travesty which has been imposed on us - we should cherish and constantly guard the freedom which our forefathers left to us; do not take it lightly; do not take it for granted. Fifty-two Americans lost their freedom suddenly and without warning over 423 days ago. I hope and pray that they may have their freedom by the time this Bulletin is in your hands. If not, may God please grant our leaders the wisdom, courage and fortitude necessary to obtain their freedom; if they have been freed may it be a strong lesson which will remind us of how precious is our gift of freedom; how great has been our inheritance.

May 1981 be a healthy, joyous year for all of you and yours, and may God's countenance shine upon you.

Herbert F. McCaffrey

BITS & PIECES

of Bremen, Indiana
Received a nice note from Peg Johnson/telling us about her trip to England over a year ago and also of her luck in trying to trace down her line of Swackhamers. She said her aunt Jane Saums was a big help by providing her with copies of back issues of the Bulletin. Peg is working now and was unable to attend our last Reunion in 1980 but hopes to be with us in 1981 and also to bring her daughter Becky with her.

Theresa Hopler of Morristown sends copy of newsletter called "Kaar Kapers" which are the minutes of the Kaar family and descendants of Joseph and Elizabeth (Dufford) Kaar. Thanks so much. Always provides interesting reading.

Had a nice long letter from Ginny Logan Jones of Bethesda, MD. She tells of trading houses for a year with a doctor who is on sabbatical in the D. C. area, and she and her husband Phil were living in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Their youngest son Jonathan is with Ginny and Phil and is studying at the University of New Mexico. Daughter Emily graduated from Cornell U. in June.

Ginny enrolled at the University of New Mexico and is studying Spanish.

Covered four semesters in one, and then the class went to Mexico City to find out if we could really communicate in Spanish! (They could).

Upon her return from Mexico City Ginny attended the General Assembly of the Unitarian-Universalist Assoc. as a delegate from her church in Bethesda.

The meeting took place in Albuquerque. She had hoped to see Gladys Swackhamer attend as a delegate from her church in Santa Barbara, but Gladys was unable to attend due to a very painful back.

Nice to hear from you Ginny!

From Rev. T. Cecil Swackhamer, Springfield, MO. we received a very nice letter. He tells us of his trip to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau. He said it was a very strenuous trip but most enjoyable. The play is performed only every 10 years and he thought it best he make this one. Dr. Swackhamer informs us that the Missouri Swackhamers are fine. His brother Robert has two sons in Germany - Robert Lee in the Air Force and Thomas Earl, 1st Lt. in the Army - both are expected home shortly after a 3-year sprint in Germany.

Rev. Swackhamer also hopes the Swackhamers in Missouri can get together with the Swackhamers in Nevada being first cousins. Another project he is hoping to accomplish is to get all family records sorted out. Records that he has been accumulating for over 40 years are a very important family record. Good luck to you in your endeavor, Rev. Cecil and we hope to see you at the Reunion next July.

Congratulations to Francis and Jane May who celebrated ^{their} 60th Wedding Anniversary. They are of the Standing Stone Swackhamers in PA. Celebrated with a trip to Hawaii. A dinner preceded an open house in honor of the couple. The open house was held at 66 Franklin Avenue, Tunkhannock, Pa. Jane is the daughter of the late Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Swackhamer. They were wed on August 18, 1920 in Wilkes Barre, Pa. The Mays have 2 children, Kenneth May of Burdett, N. Y. and Gilda Myers of Springfield, Pa. There are 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. On their trip to Hawaii they stopped over in Los Angeles to visit Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey May (grandson). In Honolulu they visited their grand-daughter and her family CW2 and Mrs. Robert Lee and sons Robert and Christopher. Returning to their home they visited another grandson and family Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Myers and daughter Erin at Vacaville, Calif. Mrs. May says she will long remember the wonderful trip hosted by the family.

GENEALOGY

Russell Dufford is awaiting final translation on his correspondence from France, however, he wrote the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress re the Dufford name. He heard from both. They informed him that there was a village of Duffort in France in the 19th century deep in the village of Gers - bordering on the Pyrennes Mountains in extreme Southern France near the border of Spain. Russell will be sending more translations as they become available.

The following is a note from Dr. Cecil Swackhamer. I am going to include it in its entirety because as our Chaplain and as a Senior Citizen I think his message has a lot to say.

"On June 15 Rev. Swackhamer became a ^{great} grandfather of Sarah Elizabeth Graves, Elizabeth's grandchild. Elizabeth is his deceased wife's daughter by a first marriage. The last part of June and first of July he spent at Oberammergau and other parts of Europe.

On September 21, Rev. Swackhamer celebrated 50 years of ordination at Marshall, Mo. Also celebrated 50th anniversary of Webster Hills Church on September 24th with good friends.

In some ways it has been a brutal summer: The first of the year a plague settled in on me, first called arthritis-now there is a question. In June hot and dry weather took over and continued into September. It was so dry that some of the dairy cows were giving powdered milk. October turned as it should be-- mellow with foliage superb.

In the realm of the mind and the spirit: We all suffered through an election; read a new book on John Wesley; gave five sermons here and there; tried to grow a herb garden but it was damaged by heat and dry weather; played some bridge with friends and enjoyed Public TV.

This is being written on Armistice Day. Well do I remember November 11, 1918. We were at the one room country school. There was no radio or TV to

communicate the news. The announcement came over the telephone-central gave one long ring over all the party lines and announced the end of the war and that we were to assemble at the Village of Urich for a celebration. My mother sent the hired hand to the school to give the message. To town we went for a noisy and happy time. Since then sixty two years have passed. We entered in 1918 a new era that has changed everything. Now we are at the end of that era and the future is not clear but there are signs of a very unsettled period in our history. The rise of the so called "Moral Majority" is one. It is not a good omen either for politics or religion. Always it seems that there is some group around telling us how to think, meaning like they do. This is a denial of freedom of mind and conscience. Just one more observation: Still the motivating factor in the life of the world is to gain financial advantage for ourselves, but there are signs that we need other things if we are to survive as a civilized people; discipline, standards, manners, the arts, play and pride in doing something with our head and hands. the philosophy of the "ME" generation cannot give meaning to life.

Please excuse this mimeographed sheet but it seems that it must be this or nothing. I hope that you will understand. Often in my solitude I send out waves of love to you and shall continue to do so as long as life shall last. While peace seems farther away than it did on Nov. 11, 1918 - we still have hope for Peace on Earth. This is what Christmas is all about."

Thomas Cecil Swackhamer

It has been a good year for your Editor and family. Good health being the key. We are preparing for a wedding in May. Our third child, Eileen is marrying Daniel A. Corritori. Keith, our first LT. in the Army was home for a two week visit in July. So all in all it has been a good year.
May 1981 be a very healthy and happy year for all of you.