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For the descendants of Samuel Schwachamer (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 WINTER 1981 ISSUE: Items should be received by November 15, 1981.

As Co-Editor of the Bulletin, I would like to emphasize the importance of the material (or the lack of material) received for the Bulletin. If Annette Hart or I do not receive relevant items there can be no Bulletin, so please keep on sending.

REUNION - SATURDAY, July 25, 1981  
12 Noon - Bring a picnic lunch.  
Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Praise the Lord! Since the Winter Issue of the Bulletin the 52 hostages have been freed - our prayers indeed were answered. America moves ahead, quite proudly - Columbia was launched and orbited and returned safely to earth with its two-man crew - a ship as large as a 747 glided to a smooth and perfect landing. We also have a new vibrant, and forward-looking president loved by democrats, republicans, liberals, independents (most - if not all) who has survived an assassin's attack, and who is attempting to stop inflation and misguided government spending. I personally wish the President well in his endeavors. "You cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they could and should do for themselves"-Abraham Lincoln. "They" can be individuals, special interest groups, or any of the states or cities.

The world has many problems which threaten our inner sense of peace. The Mid-East conflicts, the terrible events in northern Ireland, the stresses occurring in Poland - common among all of this unrest is man struggling to be free from the impositions of others' upon his own human rights. In the months ahead let us ask God to ease these situations remembering, "Let there be peace on earth, but let it begin with me."

"What light is to the eyes - What air is to the lungs - What love is to the heart - Liberty is to the soul of man." R. G. Ingersoll



Have a wonderful summer and hope to see a great many of you together at the reunion in Long Valley on Saturday, July 25, 1981.

H. F. McCaffrey

WEDDINGS: Augusta Conover (D) writes that their youngest son Jerry married his girl, Jeanne, in Oldwick Lutheran Church at a candlelight ceremony on March 14, 1981. Mrs. Conover informs us that their oldest son Jeffrey is married and has 4 children who are the light of their lives.

Eileen Terese McCaffrey (your Editor's daughter) married Daniel A. Corritori on May 23, 1981 at St. Vincent the Martyr Church in Madison, New Jersey. The day was outstanding (weatherwise and all ways) and a reception was held for 175 friends and relatives at Flanders Valley Farms in Flanders, New Jersey. Flanders is near Chester which is not too far from where our Reunion is held. After a honeymoon in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, they are settling in at their apartment in Union. Eileen is a nurse at Overlook Hospital in Summit, and Dan is a salesman for Stouffer's Food Company.

#### DEATHS

Elsie Cochran passed away in March, 1981. You may remember the article on Elsie which was in our Bulletin a year or so ago. She was our world traveler who went to China in 1978 at age 86. Elsie was born in New York State, she lived in Washington and Orlando, Florida before alternating between York and Telford, Pa. during the last year. Surviving are two sons, Richard F. of Charlotte, N.C. and Robert W. of Los Gatos, Calif.; two daughters, Marion Weisel of Telford with whom she lived part of the year and Jean Stevens of York, with whom she also lived; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Interment was in Washington Cemetery.

Roy W. Swackhamer, 70, died on January 14, 1981, after a brief illness. Mr. Swackhamer, was born December 1st, 1910, in Long Valley, N.J. and had lived in Jacksonville since September of 1979. He was employed by American Air Lines for 18 years. Survivors included his brother, Francis T. Swackhamer, of Mandarin; a sister-in-law Ella B. Richmond, of Newman, GA., and a niece, Mrs. John G. Wilkinson Jr., of Hanahan, S.C. Interment was in Lower Valley Union Cemetery, in Califon, N.J.

The above Obit was sent in by Francis Swackhamer who was the first president of the Swackhamer group. Francis recently had a new house built in Jacksonville, Florida, lost his wife, remarried, and now has lost his brother. He hopes to come up to the reunion in July. Hope to see you there Frank.

Andrew Dufford, age 83, died on June 15 after a brief illness. He resided in Long Valley and is survived by three sisters, Laura Gano, Esther Nobman, and Ruth Lyman of Point Pleasant. Andrew was the son of Andrew P. Dufford and his mother was a Philhower who lived passed 100 years of age.



### Bits & Pieces

Letter from George Ramsey (D) from Boca Raton, Florida, stating that he had not received his Winter Issue of the Bulletin. (We sent you one after we received your note). Also mentioned that his sister Alice was visiting him from near Hershey, PA. Said they had a bad winter in Florida, but bridge and golfing with friends helped overcome the weather. George also states he has the Harold Gunther geneological chart which is our family tree and indicates that in 1767 Jacob Dufford married Elizabeth, a Leni Lenape Indian. (Our Indian Heritage keeps popping up). George also relates that he spent Thanksgiving of 1980 in San Francisco with close friends. Nice to hear from you George.

Letter from Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer who visited friends in Tuscon, Ariz. He lists his line, 6 generations in Missouri. Greatgrandfather George 1824-1909, grandfather, Jacob 1849-1914, father Thomas, 1879-1963. His brother Robert, his son, Robert Lee, and his son, Brian. There are cousines of Dr. T. C. Swackhamer in Nevada, among them William Swackhamer, who is Secretary of State of Nevada.

Harry and Martha Sammond (D) spent 2 weeks in Bermuda in March and April. Harry doing much better with his neuropathy.

A long letter from Rev. & Mrs. Carol Hyde, R. R. 5, Rockwood, Ont. Canada NOB 2K0. She listed much information on the Swackhamer's Canadian line which I will include under geneology in this Bulletin. The Hyde's hope to come to Reunion in July.

### INQUIRIES

(Mrs.) Marjorie A. Misters, Albert College, 160 Dundas St. W., Belleville, Ontario, Canada, K8P 1A6, would like to hear from anyone who has any information re ANN, a daughter of Samuel Swackhamer, the progenitor, who married a Leeke, Luck, Lick.

Barbara Bates, R.D. 1, Box 124, Little Meadows, Pa., 18830, who thinks she is connected to Daniel & Rebecca Swackhamer of the Standing Stone group but wonders if there is any information on the other 11 or 13 issue of the first SAM?

### GENEOLOGY

Russell Dufford sent a 30-page letter to Annette Hart, plus maps. From a list of 125 Dufford names taken from a "History of the Dufford Family" by Beatrice Bayley, Russell has written to some and received a reply from Duffords in Newberry, S. C. They are very interested in our group and wish to find their connection to us. These Duffords can trace their line back to Frederick Dufford (1795-1846), Butler Co, Pa. Many kin on our mailing list can trace their line back to the late 1700s or early 1800s to Pa. but can't connect to our Philip. Philip's son Adam went near Easton, Pa. and had 3 sons, George Henry, George Ernest & Philip; their birthdates are 13 Jan. 1768, 16 May 1772 and 4 April 1776 respectively. This is on record from some of the first settlers of "The Forks of the Delaware and their descendants", Rev. Henry Martyn Keiffer, DD. First Reformed Church of Easton, Pa. 1760-1852. Adam Dufford was unable to write.



The name Dufford as we know it today has become changed over the past 300 years. DU is French and means "OF THE", ford is English, they came on an Irish Boat, so perhaps the "d" was attached then. Fort is German and since Philip was a Major in the Prussian Army the "t" was added. The original name was DU FOUR. Four means oven or furnace in French. In those times, 1700's, there was a community oven where local folks brought their bread, cakes, etc. to the community oven to be baked. So our forefather tended the oven or watched the bread that it wouldn't burn.

The following is from Mrs. Hyde of Rockwood, Ont. Canada. Christopher is the grandson of the first Samuel Swackhamer that settled in the Valley in 1730 and helped the Duffords to get started as they came in 1738. Mrs. Hyde also lists many of the following generations and we will see if any inquiries come in to us.

Christopher Schwackhammer b. 1767 July 8, Long Valley, N. J.  
d. 1840 April 28 Burial: St. Andrew's Anglican  
Cemetery, Grimsby, Ont.

married Kate (Elizabeth) Terryberry  
b. 1772 April 14  
d. 1858 June 7 Burial: St. Andrew's, Grimsby, Ont.

Children:

William b. 1799 May 29 d. ? married Sarah Walker on May 1, 1823  
born 1804, Sept. 23

John b. 1799 ? died 1883 or 1888	married Hannah Hanes b. 1803 d. 1879
Jacob b. 1794 died 1874 Feb. 10	m. Mary Maria Thompson b. 1799 d. 1890
David b. 1811	M. Phoebe b. 1807 d. 1883
Isaac	m. Catherine
Robert	
Cathy	m. Peter Masales b. 1798 d. 1886
Ellen	m. Frank Matthews

NOTES: believed to have come to Canada in 1805  
settled at Grimsby, Ont.  
Christopher is listed as belonging to Captain Philip House's  
Company during the War of 1812.

Jacob Swackhammer b. 1794 died 1874 Jan. 10 Burial: Churchill Cemetery  
married Mary Maria Thompson b. 1799 d. 1890 June 15 Burial: Churchill Cemetery

Children:

1. Hannah b. 1824/25 d. 1913, Nov. 28 m. Geo. Martin b. 1830 d. 1889 Feb. 16
2. Ellen (Elenor) m. Frances Dempsey
3. Emeline Drusilla b. 1831 d. 1904 Nov. 27 m. David Smith b. 1831 d. 1901
4. Susan M. m. Benjamin Tuck
5. Sarah Matilda b. 1835 d. 1869 m. Samuel Warden
6. Anna Eliza
7. Catharine m. Wm. Warden
8. Phoebe b. 1845 d. 1916 m. David Ryder b. 1831 d. 1926

- 9. Caroline b. 1845 d. 1883 m. John Ryder
- 10. Nancy Ann b. 1818 d. 1908 m. John Gibbons
- 11. Martha b. 1842 m. Darius Wardell
- 12. Elizabeth (Betsy) b. 1817 d. 1891 m. Frank Y. Terryberry b. 1822 d. 1905
- 13. Mary Priscilla m. James Ryder
- 14. Hiram b. 1837 m. Catherine Fischer b. 1839
- 15. Christopher b. 1824 d. 1914 m. 1. Elizabeth Denny 2. Esther Zimmerman
- 16. Amanda Marilla b. 1834 d. 1849

\*\*\*\*\* Christopher Swackhammer b. 1824 Nov. 14 d. 1914 July 23,  
 Burial: Churchill Cemetery  
 m. 1. Elizabeth Denny b. 1828 Aug. 17 in England d. 1876  
 2. Esther Zimmerman b. 1842 Dec. 25 d. 1926 May m. on Dec. 25, 1882

NOTES ON JACOB

Served in the 1st Flank Company of the 4th Lincoln Militia  
 believed to have been aide d'camp to General Brock during the War of 1812  
 (unvalidated)  
 petitioned for and received a grant of 100 acres at Lot 32 Concession 4  
 county of Halton in the district of Gore - order in council is dated  
 June 2, 1819, full deed granted 7/29/1839.

Thank you so much Mrs. Hyde for taking the time and sharing the above  
 wealth of information with us.

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I apologize for the lateness of this Bulletin but after our daughter's  
 wedding on May 23, I became ill with a bacterial infection called  
 tracheitis which knocked me out for about a week. However, hopefully  
 because it will be received in July shortly before the Reunion, many  
 more people will be reminded and attend on July 25th.