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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 & 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 1982 Issue should be received by the Editors before May 15, 1982. Please keep sending information on family happenings, for without them we cannot put this Belletin together.

ANNUAL REUNION

Last Saturday of July in Long Valley, N. J. More on the location of the reunion. **See President's Message.** Please join us and bring a relative or friend. The date this year is July 31st, 1982. MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW.

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 34th ANNUAL SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BUSINESS MEETING.

The 34th annual meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society reunion was called to order on July 25, 1981 at 1:00 p.m. by President Herb McCaffrey. Herb asked Rev. Robert Hyde to open the meeting with an invocation prayer. We had a short talk from Virginia Allen of the Washington Township Historical Society. Virginia announced that the Museum Building would be opened on September 20, 1981 and she would like to see a good number of Dufford-Swackhamers in attendance. She also asked for any historical memoranda any members may have for the Museum, such as papers, or tapes or

anything of an historical value regarding the early settlers of Washington Township.

The group were entertained by John Hargreaves on his violin. He played some lively music which was much appreciated and was asked to bring his violin again next year.

Correspondence read by the Secretary included a letter of resignation from our Vice President, James V. Wert with a request from him not to be considered for any other office. Also read into the record was a thank you from the Washington Township Historical Society for our donation to them.

Under New Business, Wes Moren said he would try to get the Sweet Adelines or another group to entertain next year.

Herb McCaffrey, our outgoing president announced the slate of officers proposed for the coming year. They are: President, Fred Swackhamer, Vice President, Ruth Hartmann, Secretary, Audrey McCaffrey, Treasurer, Annette Hart, Co-Editors of the Bulletin, Annette Hart and Audrey McCaffrey, Co-Historians, Russell Dufford and Hedvig Swackhamer. Motion was made by Freda Trebilcock and seconded by George Wert that the slate of officers be accepted with one vote cast by the Secretary.

Fred Swackhamer then assumed the chair as President and informed the membership that he had formulated a letter that will be sent out to all Duffords and Swackhamers to be filled out and returned to him. It will be very complete and will bring the families completely up-to-date. Mr. Swackhamer said we are all getting older and this work is for future generations that we may all prosper eternally.

From open discussion from the floor it is gleaned that perhaps we should advertise the "Reunion" more as a family picnic and get-together to attract more of our young members. Softball could be played, fishing rods could be brought along from home as well as frisbees. Any of our young members who play guitar or other musical instruments that could be brought along would also be encouraged to do so.

Awards of Silver Dollars were awarded to Wes Moren (96) oldest member present, and Patty Glover (15) was awarded a silver dollar for being the youngest member present. Patty's mother received a silver dollar for coming from the farthest away (Cape Girardeau, Missouri.) A silver dollar was also awarded to Sarah Hastings on the happy news of her marriage to Stuart Callburn.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion carried and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Audrey T. McCaffrey

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together." VESTA KELLY

We are in hopes that all the Duffords and Swackhamers will stick together in the coming years, for if we do, we can do a great many fine things... complete our family histories... erect permanent markers at the old homesteads and other historic sites in Long Valley and keep our far flung members better informed with more and bigger bulletins.

It saddens us to tell you that only 20% of our members took the time to respond to, or acknowledge, the mailing they received two months ago. Eight out of ten have put it off... If you be one of the "silent" majority please mail an answer even though you have no names to add to your society membership. We'll be most grateful.

Your historians will appreciate it if you will send any and all genealogical information directly to them in the future... for Dufford's write to:

Russell T. Dufford  
528 Hayes Drive  
Lynchburg, VA. 24502

For Swackhamers write to:

Hedvig M. Swackhamer  
45 South Street  
Westborough, MA. 01581

ABOUT THIS YEAR'S PICNIC-REUNION: NEW LOCATION

WHERE: Schooley's Mountain Park... about one mile up the mountain from the Lutheran Church and the center of Long Valley village... large signs reading "S & D PICNIC" will show the way... It is a perfect picnic spot... swimming, all sorts of game areas... grills... electric outlets...all in private wooded glades that have been reserved plus a covered pavillion in case it rains. Also, Marie Wert has generously consented to take charge of all the small children for the day so bring the kids! Try to be there at eleven thirty - and stay as long as you like, but pack your own lunch and beverages.

TRAVEL: If you are coming from afar and would like room reservations nearby, drop me a note stating your needs and for how long. I'll make reservations and confirm them by return mail.

Last, but far from least, if you have any suggestions as to how we can make the S.D.G.S. better and more meaningful to all the members and those descendants who should be with us but have not joined, please jot them down and drop them in the mail to any one of this years officers. A belated Happy New Year to all.

Fred Q. Swackhamer, President

## BITS & PIECES

A note from Gladys Swackhamer saying she was in New York the end of May last year to attend her college reunion. She always misses the reunion. In August she was moving to a very pleasant retirement home, Valle Verde Retirement Home in Santa Barbara, so she has been very busy selling her house and planning for the future. If any members of the family are in the Santa Barbara area she would be more than happy to have them visit with her.

Had a nice note from Francis Swackhamer. He and his new bride took a trip from Florida to Minnesota to see her brother and family, then back to Long Valley to revisit old friends and places, down to Tennessee to see his daughter and children, then home to rest up for another trip.

We heard from Norman Dufford who was recuperating in the hospital (pancreas). He said his secretary brought in a brochure on Bob Dufford, a priest (Jesuit). "A faithful follower of the musical traditions laid down by St. Ignatius Loyola (who understood well the power of music over the human spirit), Father Bob Dufford has been writing songs for approximately ten years. He gained most of his background in music from his father who sang in a quartet that entertained in the midwest. While in High School in the late 1950's at Creighton Prep in Omaha, Bob sang in both choir and solo performances. He entered the Society of Jesus first studying at St. Boniface in Minneapolis, and later at Fusz Memorial and St. Louis University in St. Louis. He taught school in Omaha before returning to Fusz to study theology. While in Omaha, he experimented significantly with liturgical guitar music. Back at Fusz, he met John Foley, completed his education, and was ordained into the priesthood in 1973. Now 34 years old, Bob Dufford has been active in liturgy, simultaneous to his teaching computer science and mathematics at Omaha Creighton Prep." Bob is the son of Jacob H. Dufford; he knows little else of his line.

Our sympathy to Gene Swackhamer of Maryland whose older brother James passed away in the spring of '81. Also said that his son Jeff S. was to be married. "Sorry to miss the reunion due to business."

A note from Clayton Stone who was also sorry to miss the reunion due to his wife's illness.

Esther Brown (Tufford), Hurricane, Utah, says her ancestor was Philip Tufford of New Jersey. Her nephew Phillip Moore is planning a trip east and hopes to see the log cabin (2 story) that Philip (D) built in Long Valley. It is on the West Mill Road, across the road from Joseph Decker who owns and rents it. It is in good condition but has been covered with white stucco.

Our Chaplain Rev. Cecil Swackhamer writes to advise that all Missouri Swackhamers are on their feet - all past 60 years of age. On Memorial Day the sixth generation in MO. went to the cemeteries. He feels that the early Swackhamer history was made around Oldwick, New Jersey rather than Long Valley. Cecil sends his regards to all and hopes to attend the reunion next summer.

Bits & Pieces (Con't.)

Mary E. Williams sent us a nice note enclosing a clipping regarding her son George H. Williams and Union College. The college was awarded a \$72,000 grant by Sperry Univac, a major manufacturer of computer hardware and software, for the development, testing and implementation of a training program for computer programmers who work in programming teams. The project's principal investigators will be Rudy Nydegger, and George Williams associate professor of electrical engineering and computer science. George is the great grandson of Sarah Swackhamer. George's father Ralph Williams, grandson of Sarah Swackhamer is retired from G.E. Co. and is now serving as treasurer of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, New Hartford, N. Y. We hope to see Mary and Ralph Williams at one of our future reunions.

From Theresa Hopler we received some very interesting old clippings from a Dunellen, N. J. newspaper dated 11/7/07, wherein a Mr. Swackhamer, a Democrat was elected Mayor. "As soon as it was announced from the election room that Swackhamer was surely elected a crowd of enthusiastic people secured an old outbuilding and a lot of barrels and boxes which they dragged to the corner of Prospect and North avenues, and for over an hour people on the street were treated to one of the best bonfires seen in the borough for some time, the cracking of the flames being accompanied by frequent cheers for the successful candidate."

"After the final announcement, a parade was formed with a snare drum, bells and tin horns for music, and a large crowd marched through the streets to Mr. Swackhamer's home where they gave him a serenade and forced him to make a speech --- and it was well along toward morning before the noise finally ceased and quiet reigned."

The above, quoted from clipping was 1907 and Katzenbach was elected Governor of the State of N. J. for those who are too young to remember.

Mrs. Hopler also sent us minutes of the reunion for the decedents of Daniel and Rebecca Swackhamer which was held on August 9th at the home of Peter and Judith Swackhamer Victory with 36 members present. Joe and Dorothy Schultz gave a report on their visit to the Swackhamer-Dufford reunion on July 25th at Long Valley. Theresa says that perhaps next year more of their group can attend our reunion.

Thanks Theresa for sharing with us.

75 YEARS AGO

J. D. Flock is building a 25x36 brick extension to his storehouse.

The new Dufford house on Grand avenue has been wired for electricity.

—June 26, 1891

75 YEARS AGO

Nelson Dufford, of Newburg, invites the return of his old patrons, as his mill dam is now repaired and he is ready for business. 10 APR 1896 . H.G

The bids for the James Dufford new house on Grand avenue, were opened last night and the contract awarded to John Marlatt, the lowest bidder.

—February 27, 1891

75 YEARS AGO

The Andersontown hotel property was sold last week at public sale to Marshall Burd, of Washington, for \$2,180. The late J. S. Dufford paid John Hann \$4,000 for the same property two years ago.

—February 26, 1892

Deceased:

Mabel E. Swackhamer, widow of Jesse E. Swackhamer passed away October 11, 1980 at the age of 92.

Ruth Dufford Lyman died on November 9, 1981 after a long illness. Her brother Andrew S. Dufford died June 15, 1981. Two sisters Laura D. Gano of Middle Valley and Esther D. Nobman remain. Ruth's mother Gussie Philhour lived to be over 100. Ruther was married to Homer Lyman who prececeased her.

Harold Gunther, at age 81 died on November 14, 1981 at the Andover Intermediate Care Center in Andover Township. Mr. Gunther was born in Paterson but was a resident of Wanaque for many years before moving to Sparta in 1964. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati and held a degree in civil engineering. He had also studied hydraulics, sanitation and design engineering at the University of California. Mr. Gunther received many honors for his work in engineering and held a life membership in the American Waterworks Assoc. and was appointed man of the year in 1971. He was also awarded the Fuller Award, the water industry's highest national honor.

Mr. Gunther is survived by his wife, Dorothy Dufford, one daughter, Helen Anderson of Galilee, Pa., one brother, Raymond Gunther of Haverton, Pa., 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons. "Harold married a Dufford and made up a Dufford Family Tree. Those who are fortunate enough to have one should cherish it."

Births:

Matthew Peter Martyniuk, born September 25, 1981 to Carol McCaffrey (D) Martyniuk, and Peter Martyniuk. Matthew is the first grandchild of your editor and so there is much pride and joy in the above announcement, and in celebration of life.

Joseph Douglas Roenbeck, born July 24, 1981 to Deborah and Douglas Roenbeck (D). Joseph is the grandson of Martha Degenhardt (D) and the first great grandson of Martha Wert Sammond (D).



## Genealogy

In answer to our new President, Fred Swackhamer's request for material of genealogical interest, I received a book from Leona Haslam Moyer of Basking Ridge. Title, "Continuing the Line of Doty - Lawrence Family as found in Doty - Doten Family." by Ethan Allen Doty. The material in this book was compiled by Ethel V. Lawrence in 1940. The Index contains many names of the Swackhamer family, Neighbor Family and Trimmer families. It is a most interesting work and it will be at the next reunion for anyone interested to peruse. Ed.

Russell Dufford Jr. has been writing to other Duffords as listed in the Bernice Baley book. Some have written back to him. Mr. Milton Dufford of Cayce, S.C. was quite interested, had their own reunion and said they came from Butler, PA. and were of German background. Their forefathers were buried in a Lutheran cemetery. Russell said we were French so he hasn't pursued the line.

Many Duffords in the past years from the Mid-West could trace their line back to George, born or lived in Pa. in the early 1800's. In the Forks of the Delaware written by a Dr. Kieffer, First Reformed Church, Easton, Pa. in German listing Adam Dufford having 3 sons baptized - George Henry b. 1768, George Ernest born 1772 and Philip born 1776. Then some pages later is \*George b. Jan. 1800 son of George and Elizabeth died 1848 or 50? This could be Adam's grandson which the mid-west Dufford's were looking for.

\*This name George was in the long list of Dufford's that Russell Dufford sent in. The heirs of Adam do not have Indian blood as it was Jacob that supposedly married the Indian maid.

All of the above from The Forks of the Delaware by Dr. Kieffer as well as the following:

At the Centennial, 1876 bells were donated to the church. The bell "G", 1,550 lbs in memory of Rev. Kieffer was presented by the congregation, the bell "A", 1,000 lbs. presented by the citizens of Easton to the church.

Names found in church records.

1768. Feb. 28. A boy was brought to Holy Baptism and the name given him was George Henry born Jan. 13. Parents, Adam Tuffart and his wife Susanna. Sponsors, George Heimrich and Mrs. Joanna Weygandt. (Her husband issues the CALL in Long Valley).

Jan. 14. (perhaps 1772) in a different handwriting) a boy was baptized named George Ernst. Parents, Adam Siffart and his wife Susanna. Sponsors, George Ernst Becker (elder) and his wife Margaret.

Adam Duffart and wife Susanna brought a son Philip, born 4 Apr. 1776, baptised 25 Aug. Philip Achenback & wife Margaret, godparents.

There is a variance in spelling since some Duffords were illiterate and the spelling depended on the pastor who wrote it or it was from a daughter church, as Greenwich, Phillipsburg, N.J.

In winding down this issue of the SD Bulletin, I would like to thank my co-editor Annette Hart for all her help in feeding the Genealogy parts of this bulletin to me. I would also like to thank Fred Swackhamer for all the time and work in getting out the letters to update our mailing list and the turning up of more members and new (recently born) members.

For three weeks this past summer my husband Herb and I toured Europe and visited with our son Keith (by the time this Bulletin reaches you, he will be Capt. Keith McCaffrey) in Germany. At the end of our tour Keith rejoined us in Luzern, Switzerland and we traveled by car with him to Interlaken and Grindewald. I do not believe there is any place on this earth that compares with the beauty of that area of the world. The Swiss Alps will always be for me the "ultimate of beauty". We also spent a few days in Rome, Florence and Venice. In Germany, we visited Frankfurt, Munich, Garmish and Heidelberg. It was a very exciting and busy trip and one that was very much looked forward to on both sides of the Atlantic as Keith was very anxious to show us his part of the world and where he works and plays. He loves skiing and travels 4 hours to Vengen and Grindewald on many winter weekends when he is free of his Army duties.

On May 23rd our third child Eileen made a beautiful bride when she married Dan Coritorri and the day was as beautiful as the bride.

Returning to our trip, we arrived back on September 3rd, and on Sept. 25th our daughter Carol had our latest addition to our personal family tree, tiny Matthew Peter. 1981 has been a good year for the McCaffrey's and hopefully 1982 will be also. My husband Herb is retiring from AT&T with 35 years service on January 8, 1982. He has been rehired by Harris Corp. He starts his new assignment in late January. Herb also recently attained his M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford, N. J. Starting a new career at this time of life is very exciting and we are both looking forward to it.

Our son Ken McCaffrey was nominated to Eta Kappa Nu Honor Fraternity at Rutgers University in November and our youngest son Herb was nominated by Millicent Fenwick as her appointee for West Point. We thank the Lord for all of our blessings in 1981 and ask that He continue to bless each and every member of the S-D family with good health and happiness in 1982.