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F O R A F U N F I L L E D D A Y

Directions: 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 in private wooded glades that have been reserved plus a covered pavillion if it rains.

P L E A S E J O I N U S

S U M M E R I S S U E

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For the decedents of Samuel Schwachhammer (Swackhamer) who, in 1731, settled in Long Valley, New Jersey and Philip DuFord (Dufford), who also settled there in 1736.

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

ANNUAL REUNION

Last Saturday of July in Long Valley, N.J. See Page 1 for location of the reunion this year. Please join us and bring a relative or friend. The date this year is July 31st, 1982. MARK YOUR CALENDARS. This year at Schooley's Mtn. Park there will be grills for cooking so you don't have to limit yourself to salads and sandwiches. Bring a Cook-Out Meal and plan to stay for the whole afternoon. There will be swimming and softball for kids of all ages. COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN WITH YOUR LONG AND SHORT LOST RELATIVES.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome New Members!

If this is the first bulletin you have received, it is because one of your relatives, knowing of your family lineage, was kind enough to send in your name and address. We trust you will enjoy this and future mailings.

We sincerely hope you will contribute interesting and newsworthy information regarding your family members as well as all the historical facts about your branch for our Dufford and Swackhamer historians who are compiling family trees for distribution to all. ALL MAIL TO ANNETTE HART PLEASE.

SPECIAL RESERVED HOURS!

Virginia Allen of the Historical Society of Washington Township has generously offered to open the museum between 2 and 4 P.M. on the day of our picnic. (The Museum is opposite Long Valley firehouse on Fairview Road) ... Virginia is preparing an exhibit of special interest to our families and will display any family heirlooms you would like to share with others for the day. You may drop your items off on your way to the picnic and retrieve them later in the day. Please tag each piece with pertinent information as well as your name.

A special "Thank you" to all who responded to our questionnaire and made contributions to our treasury, - we try to acknowledge such thoughtfulness personally but now and then we err.

PICNIC DIRECTIONAL SIGNS will mark the short route from the center of Long Valley Village to the picnic area.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Publick House, 111 Main Street, Chester, N.J. 07930 has 19 room available for July 30-31 - Rates \$35-45 and \$55.00 for a 2 room suite - A credit card number or a 50% deposit will confirm reservations.

Contact: Mike Moyer, Mgr.

ON OUR COVER

"Coat of Arms" Upper left - Indian peacepipe - coexistence with Indians. The Head - German symbol. Upper right - Cross stands for the Pilgrim religion - Lutheran doctrine mostly; olive branch peace; American Eagle is the symbol of the colonies; Lower left Wheat - the farmers who were our ancestors; Lower right, the English Crown - before 1776 - King of England.

Coat of Arms (old French) for Duffords-Huguenots

WEDDINGS - Mary Ann Steves, daughter of Elizabeth and Leo Lant of R.R. 1 Hamburg, was married to Jerry W. Dufford, of R.D. 1 Sussex, on Sept. 12, 1981. Mr. Dufford is the son of Irene Dufford of Cozy Lake Road, West Milford. The Rev. Charles Friedley of Lake Neepaulin officiated at the double ring ceremony which was held at the home of the bridegroom, and followed by a reception.

BIRTHS - Ralph Williams (S) writes that their daughter, Mrs. Marilyn (Mawdsley) Boyd, had a son, Feb. 6, 1982. The child's name is Colin Francis William Boyd. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland. This is the second grandson for the Williams' as their son George also has a son, Christopher, born in Jan. of 1970.

DEATHS - Rynear R. Huffman, 71 (D)(son of Mary Dufford) of Sussex Borough died February 9, in Spokane, Wash. after a long illness. Mr. Huffman was born in Washington Township, and lived in Sussex for 47 years. He was a retired tool and die maker for Curtiss Wright Corp. Surviving are two sons, Rynear R. Jr. of Spokane, Wash. and Roy of Boulder, Colo.; one sister Cora Hoffman of Califon; 7 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.

BITS & PIECES - News from our past President, Rev. Larry Brasher - "I am in my third year of Ph.D. work at Duke. I am now in the research stage on my dissertation on the preaching of my grandfather, John Lakin Brascher (1868-1971), which will combine Southern history, religion, and folklore." Larry's wife Louise continues to work in the Duke Art Dept. library. She received her Masters from the Institute of Fine Arts N.Y.U. last February. Rev. Brasher's parents Julius and Lois Watters Brasher celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at their home in Brasher Springs, Attalla, Alabama on December 27th. Larry and his sister Ellen Harris hosted a party for them for about 200 guests. The Brasher's were married in Saint Peter's Episcopal Church in Morristown, N.J. Larry informs us that the Swackhamer line came through his mother, who is the granddaughter of Harriet Skllenger Swackhamer Clark (1864-1955). Sincere congratulations Larry to you and Louise and to your parents on the celebration of 40 years of marriage, is the wish of your Editors and I am sure of the whole combined S-D group.

Francis Swackhamer writes that he celebrated his 76th Birthday on April 8th and he and Violet drove from Jacksonville, FL. south for 100 miles for lunch and dinner and visiting old friends. HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Last year they drove to Missouri and Mich. to see Violet's relatives then east to Long Valley and on to Tenn. and home.

BITS & PIECES (Cont'd)

Dorothy D. Gunther hopes to come to the reunion. Her parents owned a horse farm near where the reunion is being held. She would like to see it again. We would love to see you too, Dorothy.

Gregg Dufford of Iron Mtn. Mi. writes that thru friends he's learned that there are Dufford in Cork County, Ireland. Our first Philip came here on an Irish boat.

From a Dutch friend of Russell Dufford comes the following: The name Dufort is of French origin, meaning of the fort - strength powerful. Phillip means tree hacker, taken after a trade some of the people were doing. Dufford is the Angleized form. The name Boomhouer was Phillip's mother. In the 1700's a Europe was full of professional military men who hired themselves out to the highest bidder, poor economic conditions at home had these people fighting wars wherever they were needed. That large numbers of soldiers came from the province of Hesse and the Black Forest area and from Switzerland. Russell Dufford has written to the Netherlands again on this soldier bit and will keep in touch.

Theresa Hopley (D) says the Kaar-Dufford Group will travel to Lincoln, NE. for their reunion August 7th, 1982. They enjoyed their reunion at Princeton, Ill. last year.

Herb McCaffrey (your Editor's husband) received his MBA last weekend, May 23rd from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Rutherford. Herb's undergraduate degree is Electrical Engineering which he obtained from Manhattan College 30 years ago. So now he is a Marketeer as well as an Engineer. Congratulations Herb!

Wes Moren celebrated his 97th birthday in April. HAPPY BIRTHDAY, WES!!! Wes has been attending our reunions so faithfully for the last 15 years or so. I am sure you all recall he has been winning the silver dollar for being the oldest member present. I understand he is not feeling up to attending this year. If you change your mind Wes, give your Editors a call and we will come and get you.

Many people have written in concerning a book on Heritage by Beatrice Bayley, which was sold for \$19.95 then went to \$27.00. Russell Dufford and Annette Hart both have one. At first notices were sent to the Duffords and now the Swackhamers are receiving notices. According to Annette it is a pretty fake leather bound book with pictures of eras from 1700 on and the names of 200 Dufford in the back or Swackhamers lately. There is nothing in it on our first Philip or Samuel or any of their lines.

From Joan Venable (D) who came to the reunion about 10 years ago). "You mentioned writing to Joe Dufford, I do connect with him. Has he ever been able to connect with Adam Dufford? His ancestor Isaac Dufford and my ancestor Amelia Dufford Greenlee were brother and sister, children of George M. and Martha (Sagassar or Sagiger) Dufford. George died in 1882 and Martha in 1888 (dates not documented) I wrote to Joe once but his wife wrote back saying to write to a cousin which I did, but without much success. In the meantime she has died. I have worked on this many years and have never been able to find this on the census."

"YOUTH IS A GIFT OF NATURE: BUT AGE IS A WORK OF ART"

A visit with Jeanette Dufford Pierson at Crestwood Nursing Home in Whippany on March 31, 1982, where the above quote was seen. Your editor spent about an hour and a half talking with Jeanette who was 86 years old on May 5. Happy Birthday Jeanette! It was a most enjoyable visit as I learned something about my grandparents whom I never met. They died before I was born.

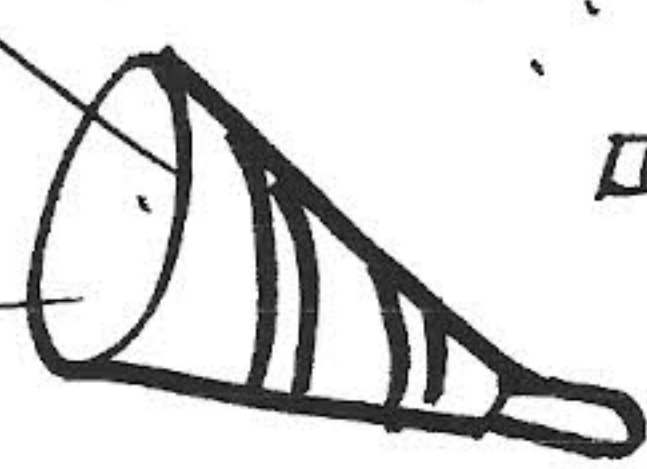
Mrs. Pierson told me she was born 4 months after the death of her father Charles Dufford who was the son of Henry Dufford of Middle Valley. Charles died of typhoid fever. Some time after the death of her father, Jeanette's mother married Philip Swackhamer. Philip was a widower with 3 or 4 children. Jeanette has one sister, Marge, who lives in Clifton. Marge was married to Rufus Rittenhouse and she and her husband have three children (2 daughters and one son). They also have 12 grandchildren.

Jeanette and her sister went to Trenton Normal School where they both were educated to become teachers. She taught for 2 years at Highbridge before marrying Howard Pierson. Howard was a builder and the two homes that the Pierson's lived in, in Morristown, were built by Howard. Both homes are on Early Street.

Mrs. Pierson said she so much enjoyed visiting my grandparent's store in Hackettstown when she was a youngster. Her mother would take her there with her sister Marge. Anne and John Wert had a bakery and according to Mrs. Pierson, my grandmother always had the table set in the rear of the store ready for visitors and family alike. She was always prepared to set out a little repast for travelers. Jeanette speaks very highly of my grandparents and said that everyone really enjoyed them.

Mrs. Pierson has three children. Louise White who lives in Morristown, a daughter living in Ogdensburg, N. Y. and a son who lives in Iowa. Jeanette is a grandmother and a great-grandmother.

**Come One
Come ALL !!**

TVB  **To** 

FAMILY PICNIC

REUNION

**ON
July 31, 1982**

**AT
Schooley's Mtn. Park**