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For the descendants of Samuel Schwachhammer (Swackhamer) who, in 1730 settled in Long Valley, New Jersey and Philip DuFord (Dufford) who settled there in 1738.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED TO DESIGNATE FAMILY CONNECTION

(D) Duffort (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.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

A special note of thanks to those members who contribute above and beyond the expected amounts for the continuation of the publishing of "The Bulletin". Actually it is their efforts that have kept us going. Can't some of us who take "The Bulletin" for granted help a little? Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you all on July 30th.

James V. Wert

REUNION - 1983 - will be held at the home grounds of Bert Swackhamer - 17 Fairmount Road, Long Valley, N.J. Bert's home is right down the street from the Lutheran Zion Church where we have always held the reunions. In case of rain we will hold the reunion in the church as always but pray for a nice day and we can have all the facilities of Bert's property. Bring a few folding chairs if possible. Bert has also suggested that everyone who can bring a favorite baked dish - dessert - and we will set up a sharing table where all can sample your favorite goodie, and at the same time meet and reminisce with family members and friends.

Directions: When you get to the corner where you would turn right to go to the church, you will instead turn left to Bert's home. His house is the 3rd on the left hand side of the street from the corner. The left turn is made at the corner of Rt. 24 and Route 517. If it rains make a right turn and go to the church.

DEADLINE - Items for the Winter 1984 bulletin should be received by the Editors before November 15, 1983. Please keep sending news on family happenings. Your continued support in this endeavor enables us to put this Bulletin together.

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July 30th, 1983 LAST SATURDAY OF JULY.

PLACE: Bert Swackhamer's Property on Fairmount Road, Long Valley, N.J. Please join us and bring a relative with you.

THANK YOU - Your editors would like to express their appreciation for the fine response to our request for contributions for the bulletin to pay for the publishing and mailing of this bi-yearly family news bulletin. If everyone who received the bulletin would send a little something at least once a year, we would remain in fine shape financially. Again, thank you to the people who did respond.

Birth: Caitlin Joan Bakum, born Dec. 14, 1980 daughter of Joan Swackhamer Bakum, Montclair, N.J.

Deaths: Mrs. Byron Swackhamer, (Margaret T.) died Feb. 13, 1983. Margaret was the wife of Byron and sister-in-law of James Swackhamer. Mrs. Swackhamer lived in Haddon Heights and had taught in area schools for many years, and was the daughter of the late Derwood J. Tew. Mr. Tew was principal of the Cooper and Grant schools in Camden and had become the superintendent of the city's junior and senior high schools before retiring in 1943. Margaret followed her father's footsteps in education and taught elementary school in Barrington retiring in 1964. Mrs. Swackhamer lived in Haddon Heights for 45 years and was active in community affairs and also in Haddonfield. She was a co-founder of the Haddon Heights Suburban Women's Club, the Band Wagon and Draper Dancing Class. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Haddon Heights, the Tavistock Country Club and the West Jersey Hospital Auxiliary. Mrs. Swackhamer is survived by her husband, Byron F, a son Richard D, of Cranford and a daughter Joan S. Bakum of Montclair. She is also survived by a brother, two sisters and four grandchildren.

Etta Dufford(Pettinger) wife of Elijah born 1883 died 1983. She is the last of that generation, mother of Doris Hargreaves and grandmother of Jack, who came the farthest to the last Reunion from Tulsa, OKLA.

BITS & PIECES

Continued good health to Ruth Hartman (our Vice Pres.) Ruth was hospitalized in January for heart surgery (by-pass). She has made a remarkable recovery. Her mother Freida Treblecock came to visit for a week as Ruth came home and then went to St. Thomas to recuperate for a month.

Dr. Roy Dufford Ribble sends greetings. Says he has seen horse and buggy days, to outer space, silicon chip communication. He is over 90 and going strong. (As my children would say "Right On") Ed.

From Peg Swackhamer: I was certainly surprised when this Bulletin arrived. I did not realize that there were other Swackhamers around & would appreciate it if you would put me in touch with someone who has a genealogy chart. I have a few pieces but being on the west coast (Oregon) I'm out of touch. Your editor Annette Hart referred Lou Dunkin to Peg. He lives in Washington State.

Dear Swackhamer relatives: We continue to be so grateful to all of you who maintain the lifeline among us. We took a "roots" trip east last year, and traced all we knew of every line. One of our happiest stops was in German Valley and how nice it was to see the land of our fathers. The cemeteries, Old Union Church, Schooley's Mtn. -- all had been just maps before. One stop was in Ontario, Canada to search the Karn line. (Catherine Swackhamer married Christopher Karn July 3, 1750). Here we heard of the difficult trek to Ontario, with the old folks dying along the way. Is there somewhere, a book or short story, a history of this incident? Also I'm wondering if anyone in the family association has any information on Sarah Dawes, who married Christopher Karn, on March 13, 1785? He was the son of Catherine Swackhamer. Her grandson Jacob, son of Christopher married Catherine Lampman and we got that family story while in Ontario. Are all the known descendants being collected in one place or are there too many? (Christopher Karn & Catherine Swackhamer are buried at Old Union - Ed.)

From Margaret Johnson - 4 Ironwood Rd. Rt. 3, Bremen Ind. 46506, saying she was recently accepted into the Schuyler-Colfax chapter of the DAR. She went thru Conrad Swackhamer grandson of Samuel #1. She'd be happy to help anyone of this line to prepare their application if they wish. She's also going to the Salt Lake Library to continue a course in genealogy. She's been in touch with people that will guide her there. Now she's asking does anyone have any information on the Swackhamers before they came here, 1730? Some of our kin have written and visited Germany but no answers. There's an E. W. Swackhamer that directed some of the early M*A*S*H programs, Has anyone connected him to us?

From Elma Tufford saying that Muriel Tufford (they're friends but never connected) had retired from teaching and moved to RR#2, Beamsville, Ont. LOR IBO. She was able to connect Dale Tufford, Okla. to Esther Brown, Utah, recently. They are 2nd cousins. Norman Tufford also had information that helped them.

From Dr. T. Cecil Swackhamer. Our Chaplain has been in the hospital for months of November and December with a bad heart. It's in the right place but doesn't perform right even after hospitalization. His brother had a severe operation on a tumor on the left inner ear that was going into the brain. The surgery was a success and after a year, about cleared up. Prior to that he had gall stone and kidney stone operation. Everything fine now. His sister had a new knee replacement and fine now at 70 years. A new great granddaughter, Amy Graves joins Sarah Elizabeth, her sister 2½ years. They are the grand-children of Elizabeth (his late wife). I've been teaching a class of senior citizens once a month in St. Paul Methodist Church. It is the best scrubbed, groomed and caring group you can ever hope to find.

Late News Arrivals - The death of Harry H. Marsales at age 100 in Gulfport, FL. is reported by his wife Emilie. Mr. Marsales died Jan. 10, 1982. He was born in Woodstock, Ont. and came to Buffalo in 1906. He was a past director of the Transportation Section of the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce and a past pres. of the Transportation Club of Club of Buffalo. A talented artist Mr. Marsales also was an active genealogist and a member of the English Speaking Union and an associate member of the United Empire Loyalists Assoc. He is also survived by a daughter Hildegard Scheib of Madison, Wis. 9 grand-children and 7 great-grandchildren.

From Laura Augusta Conover (Mrs. Geo.) She is named for her grandmother Aunt Gussie who lived to be 100. "We just returned from a lovely 2 weeks in Hawaii and went over to check on Aunt Laura (90 years old, lives alone and is blind) her health is fine. My two married sons live close by and checked in on her in our absence. We're lucky to have them living near, one in Chester and the other in Hunterdon County. My mother Esther Dufford Nobman, was 89 on Feb. 5th and pretty good, she's had a pacemaker for 3 years. My unmarried sister, Ruth, a retired school teacher lives with and watches her."

Travelers: James Wert (Pres.) and his late wife (Peg) had been around the world twice but missed going thru the Straits of Magellan, so early in May James flew to Buenos Aires, took a boat thru the Straits to Santiago, Chile & flew home. The captain of the boat was a Kings Point Maritime graduate and the Engineers were from Fort Schuyler, so they were friendly. Bill Wert (James' son) graduated from Fort Schuyler. Bill has returned from Taiwan and Venezuela on business trips. James' granddaughter, Heather-Ann 14, hopes to go to England and tour the continent this summer with friends.

Martha Sammond (sister of your editor) and her husband Harry spent 2 months on the west coast this winter visiting relatives and friends in California and Arizona. On the eve of their return Martha was stricken with a heart attack in Los Angeles. Spent 3 weeks recuperating in hospital there and is now at home taking it easy. Each day she feels a little stronger. Keep up the good work Martha.

AN INVITATION John Bolles invites us to come to the Hardford Fair, August 22, thru the week. Take exit #65 off #81, Pa and ask for John. You'll love the Fair.

From Marcie Hale - Daughter of Wilma Dufford and Henry Meyer and granddaughter of Edwin Dufford and Matilda Creagar. Marcie tells us her oldest son, Jim Hale is now stationed back in Kun-san AFB, Korea with his wife, Pu Hong ("Sue") and their two children Christina, age 5, and Jeffrey, age 2. After being stationed in California for 4 years, they chose to return to Sue's homeland for a tour so that the children can get to know their Korean grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, etc. In October, Marcie says her mother Wilma ("Billie") Dufford Meyer, my nephew Michael Meyer (son of brother Carson Meyer) and his wife Chong Ge, and son Peter Carson Meyer all plan to go to Seoul, Korea to vist. Michael met his wife Chong Ge while he was stationed there with the Air Force, and they now live in Ft. Pierce, FL. with their son. It should be a happy reunion for several families, and another step in bonding the ties between ethnic groups. (What a happy story and as Marcie says a bonding in the Family of Man-Ed.)

Also had a nice note from Wilma Dufford Meyer (sister to Frieda Trebelcock and Geo. Ramsey, FL.) confirming her trip to Korea. We wish you all Bon Voyage and a most happy reunion.

From Theresa Hopler- her niece Grace Hopler Stidworthy died in Arizona no details except leaves a husband and daughter Mary. She's of the Kaar-Eliz. Dufford line. The Kaar's are having their 10th reunion August 6th in Succasuna.

Geneology

A Bob Ford sent a 3-column obituary from 1909 on the passing of Wm. G. Dufford who was born in 1824. Mr. Dufford was the brother of your editors grandmother Martha E. Dufford (Annie) Wert. "Mr. Dufford was a good farmer, a good financier and a good citizen. By two marriages he had 9 children, one by his first wife who died within 5 years of their marriage and 8 children by his second marriage. Mr. Dufford was one of 13 children born on Fox Hill Morris County, and the family moved to Middle Valley when William was 12. He grew to manhood here and married Caroline Welch, daughter of Jacob Welch. She died on Feb. 19, 1851 leaving one daughter who in 1909 was the wife of Daniel Spangenberg. When Mr. Dufford died he had five surviving children Misses Mary and Caroline at home; Mrs. C. R. Ford and Mrs. D. W. Ribble, also of town and Mrs. J. M. Foss, of Jersey City. Two girls and a boy had predeceased Mr. Dufford. He had two sisters surviving, Mrs. J. C. Wert (our grandmother) and Mrs. Jesse Smith of Hackettstown. Surviving brothers were George Dufford of Pawnee Rock, Kansas, and Andrew Dufford of Middle Valley.

Mr. Dufford was president of the Washington Water Company, president of the Mansfield Vigilant Society, and a director of the First National Bank of Washington. He was an active worker in the ranks of the Prohibitionists for 20 years and when that party carried the borough election years ago he was one of the men elected to the Common Council. He was also very active in the Presbyterian church for many years until he withdrew and united with the Methodist church. He was a musician who was a member of the first brass band every organized in Washington. Mr. Dufford also sang and took part in many Sunday school entertainments of the long ago."

Ed. note: Thought the above of interest because many can draw their lines from so many of the names mentioned in the article.

Late Arrival - Nancy J. Lake writes to say her aunt Sadie Swackhamer Appleman passed away on Nov. 6, 1982. Nancy did not hear about it until a few months later. She lived in Easton, PA. Nancy also says she enjoyed the reunion last year as did her friends. If all goes well she will be there this year at Bert Swackhamers.

GENEALOGY from the late Bob Brown's papers

Adam Duffort (Dufford) (Doffert) "Weaver" - took oath of allegiance, May 16, 1778, Northampton Co. Pa. died Dec. 7, 1778 & Apr. 10, 1779 at Forks Twsp. Northampton, PA. Philip Dufford of German Valley, Morris Co., probably his father.

Susannah, his wife, (she survived him) probably a 2nd wife.

Children (uncertain of order)

Jacob b. after 1754-5, became a communicant Greenwich Lutheran Church, N.J. Aug. 16, 1770.

Eve b. prior to Dec. 7, 1757 became a communicant to above church Aug. 16, 1770.

John born prior to Dec. 7, 1757, probably in N.J. M. Catharina

George Henry prob. bapt. Feb. 23, 1768 German Ref. Church of Easton, PA. M. Eliz. Hanshie, daughter of John & Catherine.

Susannah Catharina born Oct 20, 1773, baptized March 7, 1774, at above church, Northampton, Pa.

Frederick born 1775-80 married Salome Hanshie (sister of above)

Philip born April 4, 1776, baptized Aug. 25, 1776 at German Reformed Church of Easton Pa.

Sources of information, Adam's will, records of German Reformed Church of Easton, PA., and German Evangelical Lutheran Church, Easton, PA.

The late Bob Brown's papers were turned over to Rutgers's Library, Russell Dufford was able to obtain copies of them and made copies for me. It was a lifetime of work for Bob and a little late to acknowledge it. All the details are unbelievable as one goes through them. (Ed.)

Summing up this issue with a personal note. We have our 4th son graduating from Rutgers Univ. this month (May of '83) with a degree in Electrical Engineering. 4 down and one to go. He has had many job offers so I guess engineering is the field to pursue in today's economy. Congratulations Ken!!

Our son Keith will be home from Germany in Sept. finishing up a 4 year tour of duty. It will be good to have him back in the U.S.A. for a few years.

Grandson Matthew Peter Martyniuk is almost two and starting to talk a blue streak (mostly NO), but is such a joy.

Your editors look forward to seeing as many of you as can make the REUNION on July 30 in Long Valley and wish you all a very happy and restful vacation season.