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SUMMER 1990

Annual reunion July 28, 1990

SWACKHAMMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN
Summer - 1990

FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SCHWACHHAMMER (SWACKHAMER) WHO IN 1730
SETTLED IN LONG VALLEY, N.J. AND PHILIP DUFFORD (DUFFORD) WHO SETTLED
THERE IN 1738.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

On behalf of the Dufford-Swackhamer Genealogical Society, I wish to extend to all a cordial invitation to attend our annual meeting, on Saturday the 28th of July, 1990, approximately 11:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church. For those who attend regularly please continue to do so. For those who attend occasionally please come again and renew acquaintances. For those who have never attended, from near or afar, please make a special effort to come. Our heritage in this beautiful Valley-settled by our ancestors over two and a half centuries ago- is sacred. We owe it to the memory of our forefathers, and to the generations to come to preserve it.

The DEADLINE for items for the 1991 Bulletin will be May 15th. Remember that it is only through each one's efforts that we put this Bulletin together.

DEATHS - It saddens me to inform our membership of the passing of two of our most faithful members. Our last President James V. Wert died on Nov. 27, 1989. James (Ben) was 80 years young. And Freida Trebilcock of Hackettstown, NJ (Mother of our Editor Ruth Hartman) passed away on April 23, 1990. Both Ben and Freida were always in attendance at our reunions and were always willing to share their knowledge of our past history and heritage with the Membership. They will be sorely missed.

Richard T. Swackhamer of Battle Mt., N.Y.

Melvin Suydam of Brookville, Fl.

Dan Swackhamer of Bradford, Pa.

Joseph C. Farley, of Bartow, Fl.

C. Robert Brown of Morristown, NJ

Dorothy Gunther (wife of G. Gunther who put together the Dufford Genealogy Book)

CORRESPONDENCE:

Had a nice note from Francis T. Swackhamer who has celebrated his 83rd Birthday. He requested Annette Hart's address and so here it is for anyone who might like to remember her and send a card her way:

**Annette Hart
Sunnyside Nursing Home
Lakewood Road and Ramshorn Dr.
Manasquan, N.J. 08736**

Also had a nice note from D. K. Thorne of Cherry Hill, N.J. Hope to see him at one of our reunions. A note from Mrs. Mildred Brown of Morristown, NJ has put her back on our mailing list.

Rev. William Cramer, Jr. has sent us some genealogical information which is included in this issue of the Bulletin. Hope it helps to answer some questions for that branch of the family.

We had a note from Merry Lou Oxford of Orange Park, Fl. She too looks forward to attending a reunion in the near future. She tells us that her Mom, Albertine (Swackhammer) Kretschmer passed her 100th birthday last year and continues well.

We are also including in this Bulletin some material from past Bulletins on the Swackhamer family. I think you will find them very interesting.

I am just fillin in for Ruth Hartman, our Editor until she has settled her mother's affairs. We will be hearing from Ruth for your next Edition '91. If you have any news please send it on to Ruth. News from the McCaffrey family. Son Major Keith C. McCaffrey is heading back to Germany for another 3 or 4 years with his new bride Jeanette. Also news, I am retiring from AT&T as of 6/29/90. In August my husband Herb and I are planning to go to Europe for 6 weeks. We will go to Oberammagau, Germany, then on to Geneva, Vienna, Paris, Munich and home. We plan to tour the French wine country while in France.

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EXTRA EXTRA - In July our granddaughters Katie and Erin Corritori will become big sisters. Praise God - Another grandchild. (Eileen & Dan are the parents).

Audrey T. McCaffrey - Acting Editor 6/10/90

At our last reunion we voted to ask each member for a \$5.00 contribution to the Bulletin each year. If there is a real hardship then we would ask that you contribute whatever you can. But postage and printing keep increasing and so we must ask the membership to help support this function. Thanks so much. ED. :

OBITUARIES

Rev. Clair O. Dufford; Pastor For 39 Years

The Rev. Clair O. Dufford, D.D., 91, 3408 Glenside Ave., long-time pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Erie, died Saturday at Hamot Medical Center.



DUFFORD

He was born in Butler, Pa., on Dec. 18, 1898, a son of the late Herbert and Jane Birch Dufford. He enlisted in the U.S. Army immediately af-

ter high school and then enrolled at Thiel College, where he received a degree in 1924.

While at Thiel, he was president of his fraternity and of the Inter-Fraternity Council, which he helped to organize. He earned 10 varsity letters: in football, basketball and baseball. As a senior, he won the Tri-State Conference Award, given to the athlete who maintained the highest academic average. He was recommended for a Rhodes Scholarship.

He entered Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia and, at the same time, attended graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania.

He was ordained a Lutheran Pastor on June 19, 1927, at Grace Lutheran Church, Rochester, Pa. After ordination, he served his first pastorate at Sharon, Pa., at what is now Mount Calvary Lutheran Church. In June 1932, he was called to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sewickley, Pa., where he served for 11 years.

He was drafted as a candidate for the Sewickley School Board and became instrumental there in obtaining released time for religious education, a new concept at the time. Sewickley became one of only two communities in the nation to conduct a successful experiment on released time.

Pastor Dufford was co-founder of the Sewickley Community Center, a new venture in the field of inter-racial relations and it is still functioning.

In 1943, he was called to St. John's Lutheran Church in Erie and has always been deeply involved in community efforts. He was almost immediately elected to the board of the Good Samaritan Society. He had also served on the boards of the Crippled Children's Society, the Erie County Tuberculosis Society and

for many years, with the Erie Unit of the American Cancer Society. For over 20 years, he served as Protestant chaplain of the Erie Fire Department.

He was an early supporter of the ecumenical movement and was described by a late confrere in the Catholic priesthood as "one who was devoted to the ecumenical movement long before it became a fad," and by another as "Mr. Ecumenical," a title he cherished even more than his academic and honorary degrees.

Beyond his parish, he served his church as president of his conference, as a member of the executive committee of his Synod, with three terms as a member and two terms as president of the Synod's Examining Committee. He was a member of the board of the Bethesda Home for children for 27 years and its president for five. He served for 25 years on the board of the Lutheran Home for the Aged.

He was pastor of St. John's for 39 years and averaged 105 adult accessions for every year. His baptisms, marriages and funerals number in the thousands. This and a constant round of calling represented the major task to which he dedicated his life.

During Founder's Day on Feb. 5, 1965, Thiel College awarded Pastor Dufford the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa. During his ministry at St. John's, the Benze Memorial Parish Center was built, the exterior brickwork of the church was restored, and the educational building completely renovated to provide adequate classrooms, offices, and meeting rooms.

An apartment complex for the elderly adjacent to St. John's Church bears the name Dufford Terrace in his honor and he was acclaimed Pastor Emeritus upon his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, June Woods Dufford; three daughters, Mrs. Noble (Jane) Zuschlag of Wexford, Pa., Ann Dufford Kruger of Erie, and Becky Dufford of Pittsburgh; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph (Mariam) Rickard of Lancaster, Pa., and Mrs. Lena Souser of Lititz, Pa.; two brothers, Lester Dufford of Florida, and Mervin Dufford of ~~California~~ Reno, Nevada; three granddaughters, Mrs. Allan (Margaret) Berger of Oxford, Ohio, and Mrs. Thomas (Debra) Ceranic and Mindy Zuschlag, both of Wexford; three grandsons, Robert Zuschlag of Falls Church, Va., Mathew

Kruger at Thiel College in Greenville, Pa.; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret Bost Dufford, and by three brothers, Carl, Russell, and Howard Dufford.

Friends may call at the Scott Funeral Home, 21st and Myrtle Streets, this evening from 7 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. A service will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street, Tuesday at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. John M. Mann and the Rev. David R. Schweingruber, officiating.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Burial will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

JAN 21, 1989

my DAD

Reno, Nevada

Among those with Swackhammer blood in their veins, it will no doubt please descendants to know that some of the early Swackhammers were patriots; however there was one who was not. Most were not involved in the War of Independence at all, and were generally unaffected by the conflict, remaining in the comparative safety of their homes

The patriarch of the Swackhammer family, old Samuel (1700-1782) was well into his 70's when the war was declared and too old to be actively involved. He no doubt spent the duration of the War in the comfort of his "plantation" located among the 162 acres he owned in Lebanon Township, in Northern Hunterdon County. He was taxed in May, 1778, the fairly large sum of L4 on his "land with improvements." As this tax was collected by the newly established "State of New Jersey", of which Samuel was now a citizen, it would be safe to assume that some of the assessment went towards the War effort, thus making Samuel an indirect contributor to the Conflict, and as a result, a Patriot of the Revolutionary War.

Of Samuel's older sons, who were the proper age to be involved in the war activities, we have more data. Conrad, presumed to be the eldest, may have been the one who devoted some efforts to the Revolution by rendering service to the Quartermaster General's Office. On February 17, 1780 "Conrad Swackhammer" received from Sidney Berry, Quartermaster at Somerset County, New Jersey, certificate no. 45, entitling him to be paid \$560. Whether this Conrad is the son of Samuel, who was born in 1720 and died 1813, or his son, also Conrad (1753 - 1831) is uncertain. Each of these Conrads resided near the Somerset County border in Hunterdon County. Conrad, the elder, had a 100 acre farm in Lebanon Township during the War, and the younger Conrad had married just before the War (1774) and resided near his father.

John, another son of Samuel, was in possession of a 448 acre farm in Lebanon Township, owned by William Alexander, the Earl of Stirling, in 1779. Presumably he resided during the tenure of the war on his land. There is no indication that John Swackhammer was involved in the war.

At least one Swackhammer was known to be loyal to the crown, at least in the beginning of the War. On July 16, 1777, The New Jersey Committee of Safety issued a warrant for one Samuel Swackhammer, an inhabitant of Morris County, N.J.; ordering him to appear before the Governor and Council to take an oath of Allegiance to the State of New Jersey. NO records show that this Samuel did so, and by November of the same year, a Samuel Swackhammer, no doubt the same as above, was fined L 15 for not going out in the militia. Subsequently, one Samuel Swackhammer did serve in the militia, which may account for the reduction of the L 15 fine in the Hunterdon County Sessions Court in February 1778. It is not certain as to which Samuel this may have been. Old Samuel's sons, Conrad and John, each named a son for their father. It is probable that the reluctant Samuel was the son of Conrad, who would have been of the right age.

Jacob Swackhammer 1794 - 1874

son of Christopher, son of John, son of Samuel

Jacob died Jan 10, 1874, aged 80 years He was born in Pennsylvania and removed to Canada with his parents when he was about 12 years old He served in the War of 1812 In 1821 he removed with his wife and three children to the place where he died, which at the time was dense forest. He was one of the first settlers.

In 1838 a church was formed, and Jacob was chosen deacon, which office he held until his death. As a deacon he filled the office until his health failed him, as a good servant of the church. As a Christian he was upright in all his business transactions, his word being regarded by all as perfectly reliable. He was humble as a child, devout in spirit, and had great reverence for sacred things. He was punctual and regular in his attendance upon the sanctuary.

He was very generous to both friends and strangers. Nine years before his death he was laid aside by an affliction of a paralytic and dropsical character. His sufferings during that period were beyond description. Often he had said to this writer " No one knows what I suffer", yet he never uttered a word of complaint or reflected on the wisdom of God's providence in so dealing with him.

His family of 16 children have all professed faith in Jesus. Three have died for the Lord, and the remaining 13, all now married, were with him during his last years upon this earth. His devoted widow with them sorrows, yet rejoices in hope of meeting again beyond the river.

written by Reverend Joseph Unsworth

Georgetown, Jan 23, 1874

obituary for "The Canadian Independent"

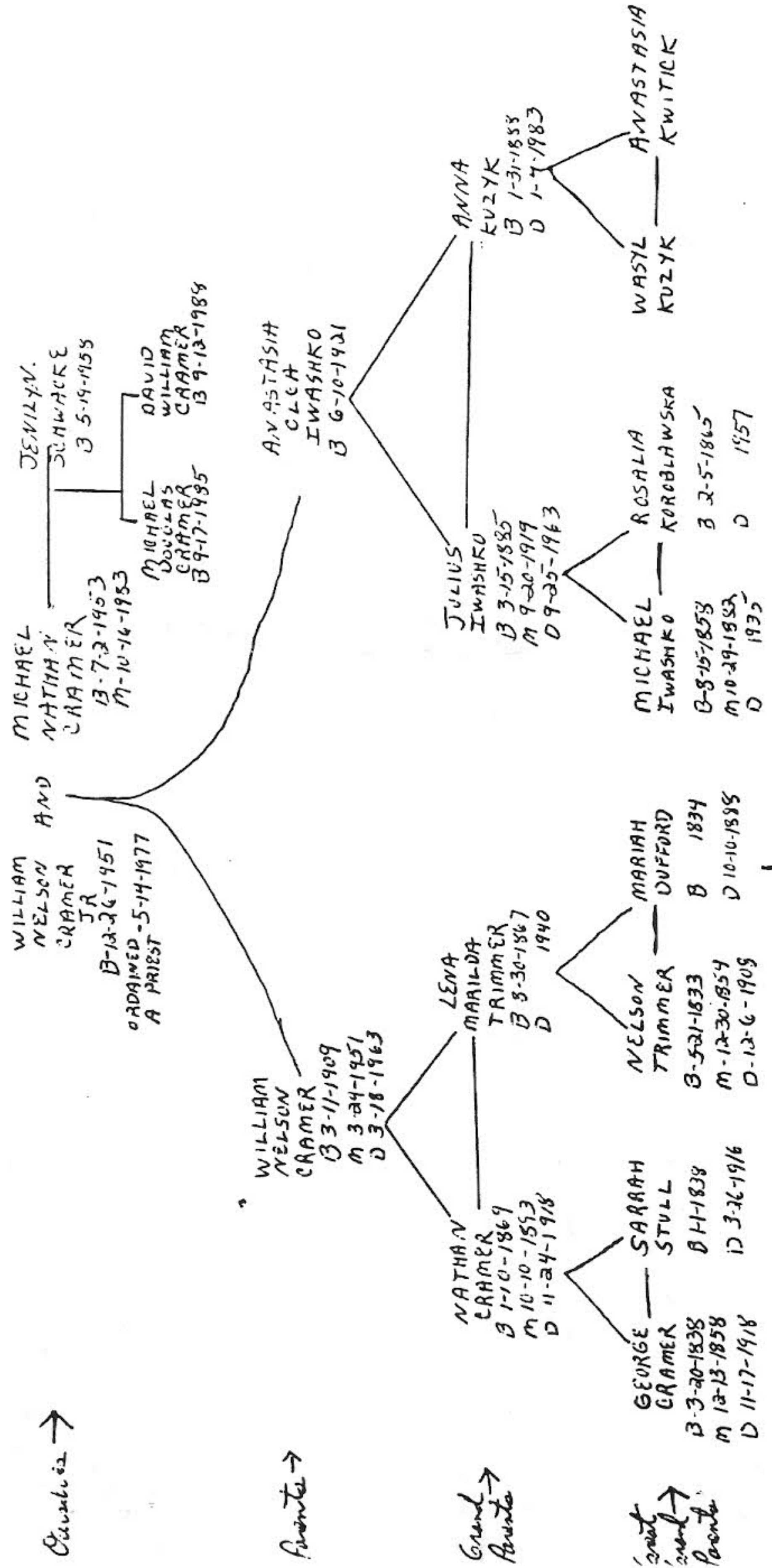
Jacob lived Esquesing, belonged to Churchill Congregational Church

GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION FOR

WILLIAM NELSON CRAMER JR. AND MICHAEL NATHAN CRAMER
 Great, Great, Great, Great, Great, Great Grandsons of Philip and Catrina Dufford

I recently completed a 17 year project - a 60 page genealogy of our family. I used Chambers' Early Germans of New Jersey, the U.S. Census from 1840 to 1910 and the vital statistics from 1818 to the present found in the New Jersey Archives in Trenton. The entire tree is outlined on Page 1 which is on the reverse side of this sheet. The birth, marriage and death dates and places are detailed in the remaining 59 pages. For your convenience, the last 4 generations are detailed below.

Rev. William N. Cramer Jr.



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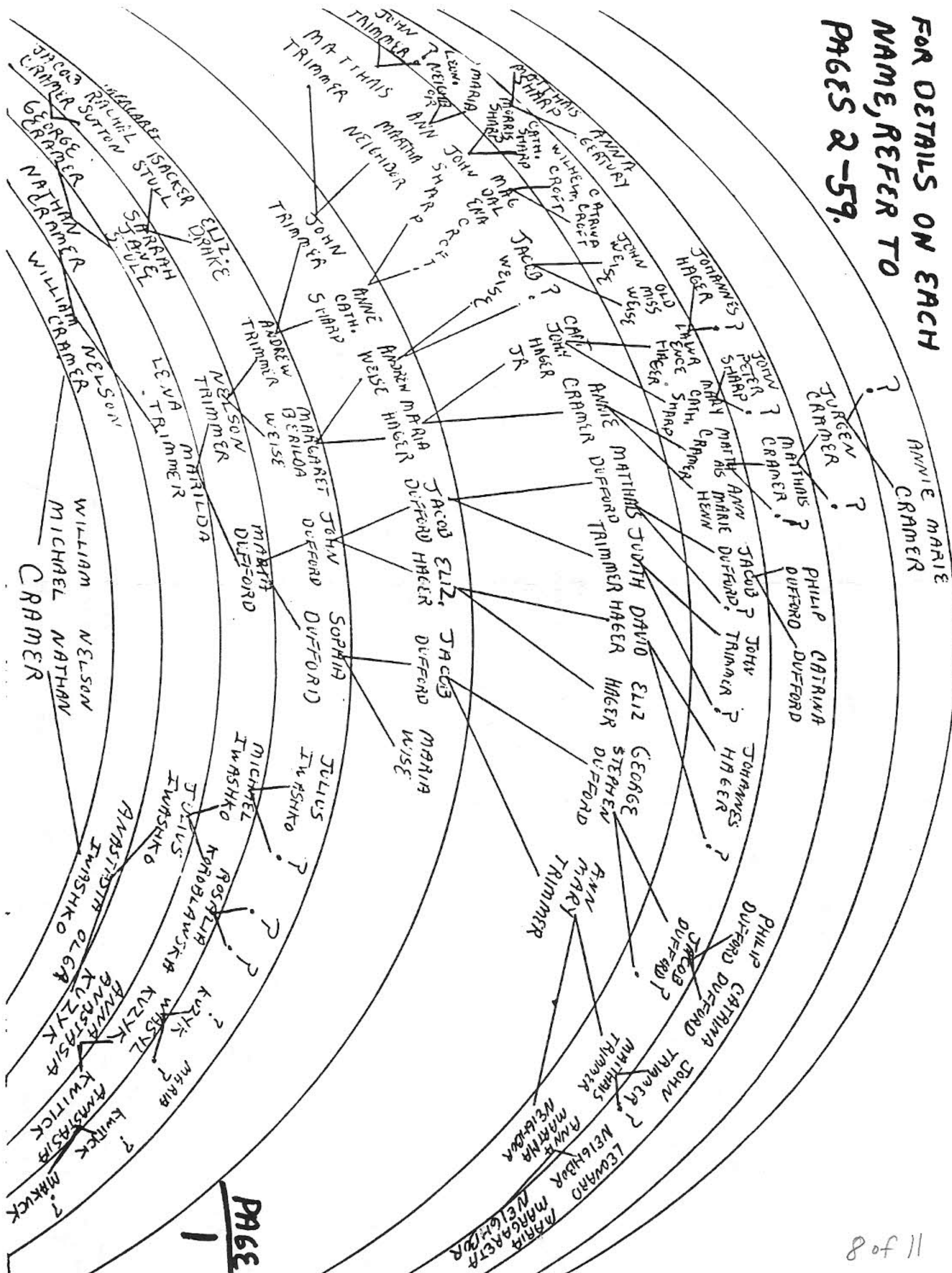
Grand Parents →

Great Grand Parents →

GREAT, GREAT, GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER OF PHILIP DUFFORD

FAMILY TREE

FOR DETAILS ON EACH
NAME, REFER TO
PAGES 2-59.



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The account of Samuel Swackhamer's funeral from the original church book:

"Sunday, February 3, 1782 - Our Lord decided to end the long life and six weeks of illness of our oldest member and father, Samuel Swackhamer, we hope graciously. He came in the year 1731 into this American wilderness, and made the bitter experience of the truth of the saying: In the sweat of thy face you shall earn your bread from the soil that lays under the uncertainty, for the Lord has blessed him unusually with a numerous family. Three times he entered into matrimony, and fathered 25 children, of whom in turn were born 73 grandchildren, and in turn from them 25 great - grand children whom he has seen all. The total amount of those that descend from his blood were 123, 18 of which passed on into eternity before him, thus there were those surviving him in the amount of 105. He surrendered in his 82nd year of a hardship loaded life his soul into the hands of our heavenly father, who will judge him in the graciousness of Jesus Christ. I preached in his home in the valley before a very great assembly and his body was escorted by a very large number to New Germantown and placed to rest in our cemetery of the Zion Church."

The above is taken from the 1965 Summer Bulletin of the Swackhamer - Duffords.

Over the years there has been much debate where Samuel Swackhamer was actually buried. His daughter Catherine who married a Kern is buried at "Old Union". Her marker still stands. After our group started, since there was no marker for Samuel Swackhamer, we purchased a nice marker and put it on a high spot in Middle Valley Cemetery. This is a tribute to him and not his actual burial site.

During World War I, the name German Valley was changed to Long Valley, the name New Germantown was changed to Oldwick. According to the late Eleanor Romaine, the D.A.R. made a list in 1909 of all the graves in these old cemeteries and should be able to locate the exact site of Samuel Swackhamer, the first.

Information of Samuel Swackhamer:

"He came in the year 1731 to this American wilderness, and in his life has experienced the truth of the word "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground", so wrote the Reverend Wilhelm Graff, pastor of the Zion Church of New Germantown (Oldwick, New Jersey), when recording the death of Samuel Swackhamer in February 1782. The founder of the Swackhamer family, as were the majority of the early settlers of New Jersey, was an agriculturist. Rearing a very large family, and the owner of a sizable farm, necessitated his daily toiling in the field.

Samuel O. Swackhammer son of Conrad, son of Samuel ?

Among the well-to-do and respected citizens of Union who has well performed his part in developing this great state is S.O. Swackhammer. He owns 800 acres of farming and pasture land and 50 or 60 acres inside the corporate limits of the city. He was born in Warren County, New Jersey, July 25, 1837; a son of Conrad Swackhammer, a native of the same state. The grandfather, Samuel Swackhammer, also of New Jersey, was of German birth. The father, Conrad, and his family removed to Pennsylvania when S.O. Swackhammer was about 5 years old, and his father was again married, his second wife dying in 1879.

Samuel O. Swackhammer pursued his education in schools of Pennsylvania and Illinois, and in 1860 migrated to Colorado, where he engaged in the freighting business, operating between Denver and the Missouri River. This he continued for about 18 months, and after his marriage he returned to Denver where he spent the winter of 1862-1863. On the 14th day of the following May he started for Oregon with a wagon and arrived at LaGrande on the 5th of August. He was one of the three wagons starting from Denver, but the little train was joined at various points by other wagons journeying toward the far west. He was taken sick with the typhoid fever at Burnt River and was brought to LaGrande where he was attended by Dr. Peyton. After his recovery he began freighting from the Dalles to the Grande Ronde River, residing in the Dalles during the winter in which his wife's people were also making their home. He then returned to the Grande Ronde Valley where he continued freighting and also acquired a homestead. He is now the owner of 800 acres on Catherine Creek, five miles from Union, and has 50 or 60 acres within the city limits, a considerable portion of which he cultivates. A race track and fair grounds were also located on a portion of his land and his home occupies an entire city block in the residential section adjoining the business district.

On Oct 9, 1862 at Omaha, Nebraska, Mr. Swackhammer was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Dodge, of Montpelier, Vermont; a daughter of Hiram P. Dodge, who was at one time engaged in the sash and door business in Vermont. His plant was destroyed by fire, and he then located in Omaha, continuing in the same business. In 1859, he joined a party going to Pike's Peak for the purpose of gold mining, but on reaching that point, Mr. Dodge concluded that the gold fields were not what they had been represented to be and he continued with his party to Oregon, settling in the vicinity of the Dalles, where with a partner he operated a sawmill on 15 - Mile Creek.)

To Mr. & Mrs. Swackhammer have been born 9 children.
(Mrs.) Clara Nevada (Smith)
Mary, Alice, Luther, Alta, Elizabeth, Maude (these six all died
in the spring of 1879)

Walter

Arthur, who died of pneumonia in 1884

Chester

Walter and Chester are both graduated from the high school in Union. Walter attended business college in Portland, and then entered the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Chicago. He will graduate from that institution in 1914. He was married to Miss E. Odell. Chester Swackhammer took a 2 year course at the University

of Illinois at Urbana and later graduated from the University of Chicago, and is now a student at Rush Medical College and will graduate soon.

The mother of these children passed away in 1908, and Mr. Swackhammer remarried Miss Ellen Finløy of San Diego, Calif. whose parents were old time friends of the Swackhammer family.

Politically, Mr. Swackhammer is a Republican and has a political career worthy of mention. In 1876, he was elected Sheriff of Union County and served two terms. During ~~his~~ tenure of office occurred the Indian outbreak, when the settlers threw up rifle pits in various locations and the courthouse of Union was barricaded. While in office he handled many desperate characters, always using the greatest caution and fortunately he met with no serious mishaps. In 1885 through the recommendation of Congressman George and Senator Dolph, he was appointed register of the land Office by President Arthur. This office he held for eight months, owing to the election of President Cleveland. In 1898 he was appointed receiver of the United States Land Office by President McKinley, through the influence of Senator George McBride and W.R. Ellis of Pendleton; and he served acceptably in that capacity for about five years. He has also served in the city council of Union and has been one of its leading citizens.

Mr. Swackhammer is a splendid citizen and has an extremely large number of close friends who hold him in the highest esteem. He has a wide acquaintance throughout Union County, his activities having brought him in touch with a very large number of citizens and he is highly respected by the people of the entire community.

From The Centennial History of Genealogy
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