

SUMMER 1991

Annual reunion July 28, 1991

SWACKHAMMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN
SUMMER - 1991

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

OFFICERS OF THE COMBINED SOCIETIES:

PRESIDENT - Russell Dufford - 228 Hayes Drive, Lynchburg, VA.

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(D) Dufford (S) Swackhamer (B) Both D and S (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

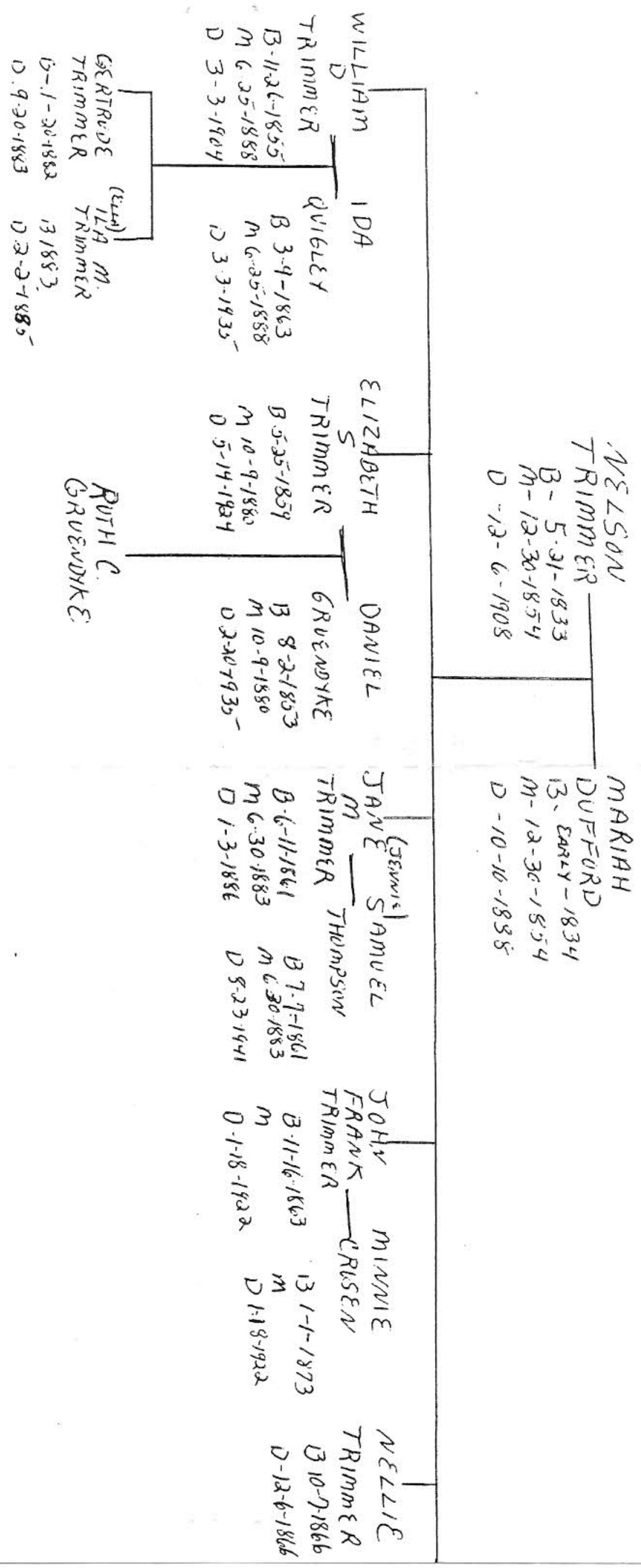
"Hopefully all who receive the Dufford-Swackhamer Bulletin or who by
other means are aware of our annual meeting, the last Saturday of each July-
this year July 27th at Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, N.J., approximate-
ly 11:00 A.M., will make plans to attend. Likewise, please commit yourself
to informing and inviting family members. Our meeting is our best means by
which we can strengthen and preserve our family heritage. On behalf of the
Dufford-Swackhamer Genealogical society I extend a most welcome invitation
to all."

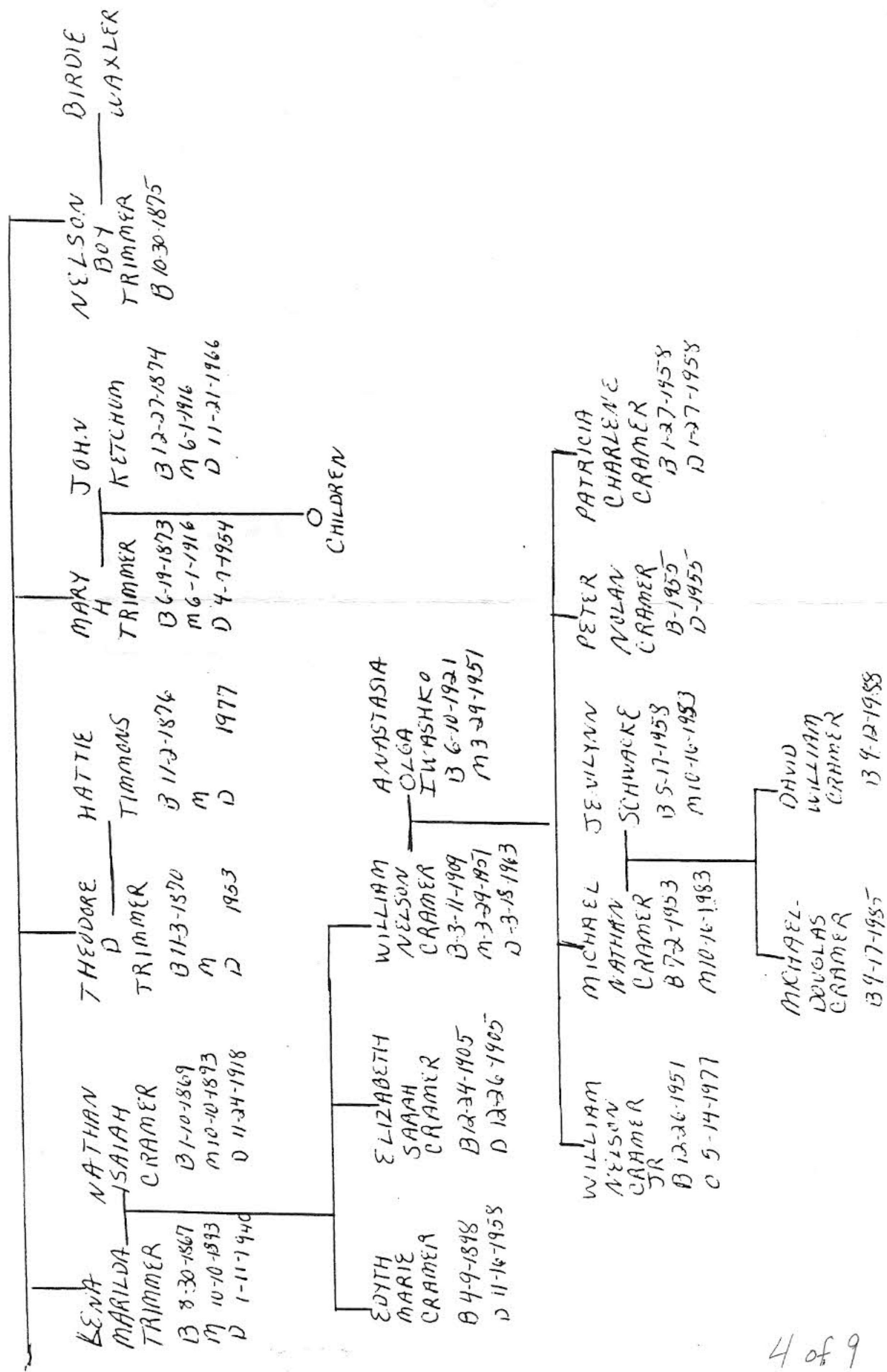
This issue of the Bulletin is dedicated to Annette Wert-Hart, who
passed away last October. Annette was a long-time society treasurer and
friend who contributed so much genealogical and historical information
during her active role in our group. Each of us should strive to carry on
her good work.

We have been notified of the death of the following members:
Ethel W. Swackhamer, John Dufford-Logan, Karn Dunkin-Shireman and Richard V.
Swackhamer.

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FAMILY OF MARIAN (DUFFORD) TRIMMER





Will & Testament

in Doffort

In the name of God Amen I Adam Doffort of
with township in the county of Northampton & State of Penn-
sylvania Weaver being Weak & Infirm of Body, but in Perfect min-
d memory, & Understanding thanks be to God for the same, do make
Plain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following
First Resign my Soul into the hands of God that gave it, and my Body
to be Buried as my Executors & my Executor herein named shall think
it And as to my Worldly Estate, First it is my Will, that my just debts
& funeral Expences be duly Paid And after it is my Will that my Real
& Personal Estate so long my Wife shall Live & Remain my Widow,
shall Be & Remain in her hand & Management, for the trust & use
in bringing up & provide for my four youngest children, to wit George
Susannah, Frederick & Philip But if she Dies or Intermarries before
each of the said four children arrive to the age of twenty one years it is
then my Will that my other Executor shall bind out them to some hon-
est People And Dispose of the Rest of the Estate Which in what case
I Give Bequeath & then Dispose of in manner following to wit I Give

and Bequeath to my Son Jacob & my Daughters Eve & Mary each
 & in case my Wife Marries she shall then have One Third ^{Supp} then
 Eighths or Double Share more than the Other Six who shall
 Rest Share alike between them Equally divided, I do hereby
 stitute, & Appoint my dear Wife & Jacob Wigant to be Exe
 Executor of this my last Will & Testament hereby Revok
 Others — in Witness whereof I have hereto put my hand & ^{Signature}
 The day of December One thousand seven hundred & Seventy Eight
 Dofford ^{is} Signed Sealed Published Pronounced & Declared by the
 & for his last Will in the presence of us & at his Request Subscri
 names as witnesses hereto Jacob Christ William Edmonds ^{August 6}
 plon County ss On the 10th day of April 1779 Before me John
 Register for the Probate of Wills & for said County personally
 William Edmonds & Jacob Christ two of the Witnesses to the
 Last will & Testament of Adam Dofford Deceased and upon
 our Affirmation according to Law did respectively Affirm
 that they were present & did see the said Adam Dofford the Testa
 seal publish & declare the same as & for his last Will &.
 that at the doing thereof he the said Testator was of sound
 Memory & understanding to the best of their Knowledge &
 also that August Schlessor together with them these Aff
 subscribed their names thereto, Witnesses in the presence & a
 of the said Testator and in the presence of one another

John Arnold Reg^r



VEREIN FÜR FAMILIEN- UND WAPPENKUNDE
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Dear Madam,

thank you for your letter of April 13th, 1990 and the
US\$ 6.00 you enclosed.

A search in our archive material showed that the birthplace
of Samuel Schwechheimer was Altlussheim (postal code D-6822)
near Schwaigern and not Schwaikheim.

From the register of all church records of the former grand-
duchy of BADEN we take the statement that for the period
from 1633 to 1650 and from 1689 to 1698 there is a gap,
which will make a research at site rather difficult.

Still there might be possibilities and if you intend to go
further we can name you a genealogist whom you could employ.

Frau Rut Bosler

Nuernberger Str. 64

D-7100 Heilbronn a.N.

Please contact her directly and come to an understanding
with her about price, extent and duration of a research.

We remain with kind regards

Hans J. Paul

Census Records

- 1 Be sure to copy county, township, page numbers, also census visit no
- 2 Be alert to all spelling variants, frequently phonetical spellings were used when recording names. Census takers often were not well educated, and many people didn't know how to spell their own names.
- 3 Off - year state census records were occasionally made by state governments, generally about half - way between federal census
- 4 The first census record for New Jersey still existing is that of 1830, which is incomplete. The N.J. State library at Trenton houses bound volumes of N.J census records for the decennial years 1855 - 1915
- 5 Various counties, or parts of, are completely missing from at least some of the states for every census
- 6 1820 census is known as the "tricky" one because an extra column headed males 16 - 18, with the next column males 16 - 26. Not a mistake, but an attempt to estimate how many males would be in military age group. Also has a column headed aliens
- 7 1830 census has a space in which deaf, dumb and blind were listed
- 8 1840 census gives names and exact ages of war pensioners living in a household, also published in book form, under the title "A Census of Pensioners for Revolutionary or Military Services" 1840 census also includes the number of white persons over the age of 20 who could neither read or write
- 9 1850 census is noted for ERRORS, both as to ages and place of birth. One important new information given is the state, territory or country of birth for each person, also whether a person was married during the year, and the value of real estate owned. When real estate or personal property value is large, it is almost always a sure indication that a will is on file. Keep in mind that back then \$1.000 was very large
- 10 1870 census states whether the parents were of foreign birth
- 11 1880 census gives street and house number of each person, postal address, relationship to head of family, occupation and place of birth of parents of each member of the household. Covers June 1, 1879 to May 31, 1880
12. The designation "Junior" didn't necessarily indicate a relationship of son, only that a younger man of the same name lived in the vicinity
13. Mortality Schedules, taken with the census of 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880, gave names and other information on any household member who had died the preceding 12 months. These schedules may be found in many state libraries and historical societies, with some being at the DAR Library in Washington, D.C. These can be very helpful, since they were made before many states Required records be kept. Deaths were as of June 1 of census year. Recorded was name, cause of death, length of illness, age at death, date of death, and state or country of birth.

Excerpts from the 44th - Annual Meeting - July 28, 1990.

Audrey McCaffrey, treasurer, reported a balance of \$98.42. The Annual Bulletin cost \$393.42 - 470 mailed, 20 returned undeliverable. (Please notify Audrey about address changes). \$30.00 was donated to the Zion Lutheran Church for use of its meeting room. Again a \$5.00 donation is requested from each person receiving the Bulletin to defray the cost of printing and mailing.

Acts of vandalism have been reported at the Middle Valley Cemetery, donations maybe sent to: Middle Valley Cemetery
c/o Wilbur Allen
West Mill Road
Long Valley, N.J. 07852

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Russell Dufford and Sally Glasser-Dufford have reasonably established the connection between the Duffords of Butler County, Pennsylvania and the original group that settled in Long Valley, N.J., through Frederick Dufford, Son of Adam and grand-son of the original Philip Dufford.

MEMORANDUM
A BUSHMAN

Russell submitted the following stories. There are probably other versions too. If so, contact Russell.

Jerry Dufford, descendant of William G. Dufford recalls this story told by his great-uncle Rinear Hoffman:

A Dufford baby was taken during a raid by the Delaware Tribe, raised with the tribe and later married a Delaware Indian Maiden.
Another version; another source:

Two or three Dufford families lived at Three Bridges, down the Raritan toward the Delaware River. During a raid on these families, a Delaware Indian woman saved a Dufford baby from harm and raised him as a Delaware.

Included in this issue:

- Copy of the will of Adam Dufford from Russell Dufford.
- Family chart, Mariah Dufford and Nelson-Trimmer from William Cramer.
- Explanation of census records.
- Research done by Diane Ptak.

Mark your Calendars for the Annual Reunion, Saturday, July 27, 1991. We gather at 11:00 am, brown bag lunch at 12:00 and have a business meeting at 1:00 pm. Please bring any collected family data with you (pictures, stories, charts) because, there are always society members from near and far seeking information.

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