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

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is uncertainty of connection. ED.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I have been attending the Swackhamer-Dufford Reunions since I was a
little girl. My mom and dad made a trip to long Valley from Brooklyn where
my brothers, sisters and I grew up. Many are the faces and names I remember
from those years that are long gone: George Dufford, Marjorie Logan, Ben
Wert, Sr. and in recent years Reverend Cecil Swackhamer, Frieda Trebilcock,
Annette Hart, Ben Wert, Jr. and all my brothers and sisters. Now I am presi-
dent of this venerable family society. I am truly honored.

We should all treasure our roots in this nation where we have been so
blessed for over 250 years. In todays troubled world we have a legacy to be
proud of. May all the Swackhamers and Duffords continue to be blessed and
to prosper for many, many years to come.

In Memoriam:

Patsy Russell, Mrs. Victor Albright, C.R. Alfred Day, Nellie Apgar-
Trimmer, Ruth Barkman-Trimmer, Laura Dufford-Gano, Helen Walker-Hoker,
Norman C. Dufford and George Hartman, Jr.

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Highlights from the 44th Annual meeting July 27, 1992:

Russell Dufford opened the meeting with a silent prayer for members no longer with us. Audrey McCaffrey reported there was a sufficient amount in our treasury to cover the cost of mailing 456 Bulletins. (Printing \$ 206.56 and postage \$ 132.54). About 20 were returned for lack of a forwarding address, so please notify our editor when there are address changes.

Donations were made to the Zion Lutheran Church, \$ 30.00 and the Middle Valley Cemetery Association \$ 50.00, to be used toward the cost of repairing recent damage there.

Silver Dollars were awarded to: Clarence Apgar, oldest member present, Kevin Corritori, youngest and to Linne Matteson for traveling the farthest (Antioch, Tenn.).

Twenty seven people attended the meeting. New officers (see first page) were elected.

Donations toward our expenses were received at the meeting. Additional checks may be sent to our treasurer, payable to: The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society.

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Editors note:

Thank you to our contributors for the items in this newsletter.

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Mark your Calendars for the Annual Reunion, Saturday, July 25, 1992. 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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Samuel Schwackhamer Naturalization

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Date: 17 Apr. 1992

1. Naturalization book, 1749-1810, pp. 78, 79, 91.

p. 78 To the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court of
 Judicature for the Province of New Jersey now sitting
 at Burlington
 The Petition of John Hager, Philip Schuiler, Anthony
 Waldorf, John Boon, George Revell, Martin Shrive,
 Samuel Schwackhamer -
 Humbly herewith -

That whereas your honors, petitioners were born in the
 Empire of Germany and of the allegiance of the present
 Majesty George the Second King of Great Britain and
 whereby they are deprived of the privileges and benefits
 of natural born subjects of this said majesty, yet
 conceived from their long residence in this Providence
 they may receive the benefits arising from foreigners
 by virtue of an act of Parliament made in the thirteenth
 year of his present majesty's reign, instituted an act for
 naturalization such foreign Protestants and others
 therein mentioned as are settled or shall settle in any
 of his Majesty's colonies in American. Your Petitioners
 therefore humbly pray your honors would be pleased to
 take their condition in consideration and admit them to
 the benefit of the said act. And your petitioners as in
 duty bound shall ever pray -

Johannes Jegi(sp?)	John Born
Philip Schuiler	Martin Shive
Anthony Welldorff	George Rivbell
Samuel Shwachhamer	

p. 79 By Samuel Nevill, Esq., Second Justice of the
 Supreme Court of the Province of New Jersey

These do certify that at a Supreme Court of Judicature
 held at Burlington in and for the Province of New Jersey
 on the ninth day of May Anno Dom. 1759, John Hage, Philip
 Schuiler, Anthony Waldorf, George Revill, Martin Shive
 and Samuel Schawekhamer foreign Protestants having

2. Supreme Court Minute Book, 1756-1761, Book 9, p. 200

Dom 1759

The King
v.
Elizabeth Smith

sur(?) recognizance to give evidence
defendant being called appeared

The King
v.
Thomas Bishop

sur recognizance to give evidence
defendant being called appeared

The King
v.
Abigail Bunting

sur recognizance
defendant being called made default on
motion of Mr. J. Lawrence ordered that
her appearance be entered

The King
v.
William Stuart

sur recognizance
defendant being called made default on
like motion, like rule.

Court Adjourned till tomorrow morning
Nine O'clock
Wednesday, May 9, 1759, the court met

Present

The honorable Samuel Nevill, Esq.
John Hager, Philip Schuyler, Anthony Waldorf, George
Revill, Martin Shive and Samuel Schwackhiemer, foreign
Protestants, having produced certificates duly attested
of their having received the sacrament of the Lord's
Supper from a Protestant minister of the Gospel
pursuant to [an] act of Parliament and prayed to be
admitted to the benefit of the said act. And having
proved their residence in this province for more than
seven years without being absent out of the colonies
for two months at any one time. They took the oaths
and made and subscribed the declarations as appointed
in and by said act.

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received the sacrament of the Lord's Supper from a Protestant minister of the Gospel - pursuant to the Act of Parliament for naturalizing foreign Protestants prayed to be admitted to the benefit of the said Act. And having proved their residence in His Majesty's colonies above the space of seven years without being absent out of the same for the space of two months at any one time. They took the oaths and made and subscribed the declarations in open court as is appointed in and by the said act.

Given under my hand the day and year abovesaid.

To Charles Read, Esq. and  
Secretary of the Province  
of New Jersey

Samuel Nevill

p. 91A John Hendershot of full age maketh oath on Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he was present and Jan Frederick Shultz, the minister within named administer the sacrament of the Lord's Supper unto Samuel Schwackhaimer on the sixth day of May instant and that he san(?) the said Frederick Shultz signed the within certificate for that purpose and that he's a minister of the Reformed Church at New Germantown in the Province of New Jersey.

Sworn at Burlington, the  
9th day of May A. Dom 1759,  
Before me,

John Henderoshot.

Samuel Nevill

p. 91B

New Germantown, May 6, 1759

These are to certify that Samuel Schwackheimer of Lebanon Township, a sober and honest man, has received the Lord's Supper on the 6th day of May 1759 in the presence of us,

Witness my hand and seal,

his  
Adam A Duffort  
mark  
John Hendershot

Fredrick Shultz, Minister  
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NEW JERSEY COLONIAL DOCUMENTS

CALENDAR OF WILLS—1781-1785

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1785, Sept. 2. Inventory, £164.15.6, made by Uriah Bacon and Jeremiah Bennett, Sr. Lib. 27, p. 40.

1780, Feb. 1. Schwackhammer, Samuel, of Lebanon, Hunterdon Co.; will of. Eldest son, Conrad, 20 shillings. Son, John, 50 shillings. Daughter, Caterine Cerna, 5 shillings. Daughter, Eve Shelor, 5 shillings. Daughter, Ann Leeke, 5 shillings. Daughter, Dolley Terubury, 5 shillings. Daughter, Elizabeth Tufford, 5 shillings. Wife, Elizabeth, 1/2 of moveable estate. Daughter, Caterine, profits of my farm, and, after her death, to be sold, and money given to my children, Barbery, Elizabeth, Hellena, Bolius, Samuel, Andrew, Jacob and Daniel. Executors—son-in-law, Daniel Sims, and brother-in-law, Fredrick Miller. Witnesses—Joseph Snider, Sarah Clymer, Charles Heldebrand. Proved March 8, 1782.

1782, March 4. Inventory, £194.19.0, made by Joseph Little and Andrew Miller. Lib. 23, p. 247.

## Swackhamers (Schwechheimers) Found in Germany, At Last!

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Acting upon a lead from Diane Ptak, as reported in the Summer 1991 issue of the Schwachamer-Duford Genealogical Society Bulletin, my wife, Lillian, and I visited the village of Altlussheim and there found the Germany link to our immigrant ancestor Samuel Swackhamer!

Altlussheim (Spelled Altlußheim in German if you are looking for it on a German map) is a delightful farming community on the East Bank of the Rhine River. Tobacco, sugar beet and strawberry fields dot the landscape. It is just across the Rhine from Speyer, and about 20 miles Southwest of Heidelberg. Altlussheim had a population of 5006 in 1987. In Roman times there was an important river crossing here. Back in 1731 and earlier when Samuel and his ancestors lived there the population was only about 400. The name of the municipality was Lussheim. In January, 1821, the municipality was divided into Alt(old)lussheim and Neu(new)lussheim. Lussheim was located in what has been called the Rineland Palatinate, the Bavarian (Rhenish) Palatinate, Pfalz, and Baden. It is now in the State of Baden-Wurttemberg

The municipality of Altlussheim has two churches, Evangelical (Protestant) and Catholic. The "Evangelischer Kirche" is Lutheran. You will find Schwechheimers quite in evidence. There are about a dozen in the telephone directory, there is a Schwechheimer Shoe Store, a Karl-Heinz Schwechheimer is (or was) the municipal penal officer, and there is even a pew in the Evangelical Church with "Schwechheimer" carved at the center aisle end.

Speyer (or Spires) has a population of about 44,000. It "was one of the great cities of the Holy Roman Empire". The cathedral in Speyer, the Kaiserdom, is "one of the largest medieval churches in Europe," and "certainly the finest Romanesque cathedral in Europe." It took only 30 years to build, between 1030 and 1060.<sup>2</sup> "Of the numerous imperial diets held here, the most important was that of 1529, under Charles V., after which the princes and estates who had expoused the cause of the Reformation received the name of *Protestants*, from their protest against the resolution of the hostile majority."<sup>3</sup> Speyer was

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<sup>1</sup> The Columbia Lippincott Gazetteer of the World, with 1961 Supplement, edited by Leon E. Seltzer. Columbia University Press, p. 54.

<sup>2</sup> Fodor's 91 Germany, Fodor's Travel Publications, Inc. Editors: Thomas Cussans, Larry Peterson, p.298.

<sup>3</sup> The Rhine From Rotterdam to Constance, Handbook for Travelers by K. Baedeker. Twelfth Revised Edition. Leipsic: Karl Baedeker, Publisher 1892, p. 261.

destroyed by the French in 1689 during the invasion of 1687-1697. In 1892, K. Baedeker writes that Speyer "has only recently begun to prosper again."<sup>4</sup> Today, Speyer is a thriving city with the cathedral restored.

We were graciously received in the parsonage of the Rev. Eugen Fuchs and his lovely wife, Gertrud. There, we were presented with the documented genealogy of the Schwechheimers in Altlussheim prepared by Ewald Ballreich, one of the Churches parishioners! Genealogy is a hobby of Mr. Ballreich. What follows is a brief summary of what he found.

Samuel Friedrich Schwechheimer, born 2 Jan 1701, son of Daniel Schwechheimer and Apollonia (unknown), married 18 Feb 1721 to Eva Maria Hoffmann, daughter of Joh. Hoffmann of Hockenheim. Their first child was Johann Konrad, born 27 Feb 1723 (our ancestor). They had three other children who either died in childbirth or within a short time after their birth.

Eva Maria died 1 Jul 1728. Samuel's second marriage was on 25 Jun 1729 to Anna Katharine Kuch, daughter of Bernhard Kuch of Zuzenhausen. They had one child, born in Jan 1731 and died in Apr 1731. There is no further record of the Samuel Friedrich Schwechheimer family in the church records, since he came to America in 1731.

Daniel Schwechheimer, born 15 Jul 1657, died 21 Nov 1719, son of Christopher Schwechheimer and Barbara Theobald, married 29 Sep 1685 to Apollonia (unknown). Daniel had two other wives and a total of 13 children.

Christopher Schwechheimer, born 19 Sep 1624, died after 1657, son of Amandus Schwechheimer and Katharina (Unknown), married 27 Jun 1653 to Barbara Theobald, daughter of Andreas Theobald. They had a daughter, Maria Barbara, in addition to Daniel.

Amandus Schwechheimer, baptized 17 Dec 1597, died 19 Aug 1635 in Speyer, son of Johannes Schwechheimer and Margaretha Mudel, married Katharina (Unknown). Then had four children recorded.

Johannes Schwechheimer, died 3 Mar 1614, son of Jakob Schwechheimer, married in 1588 to Margaretha Mudel, died 15 Mar 1611, daughter of Marcus Mudel of Lussheim. They had nine children. Amandus had three older sisters and four younger brothers. Their last was Apollonia, born in 1607 and died the same day as her mother. Johannes married Margaretha Obermuller, daughter of Johann Obermuller of Asbach, near Schwabisch Hall, and widow of Adam Nold. She died 10 Aug 1612.

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<sup>4</sup> Ibid.



The only record of Jakob Schwechheimer is that he had a son named Johannes, was a citizen of Lussheim, and died before 1588.

Thus, the Schwechheimer lineage in Germany is as follows:

Jakob Schwechheimer (-Before 1588)  
 +(Unknown)  
 Johannes Schwechheimer (circa 1568-1614)  
 +Margaretha Mudel (circa 1568-1611)  
 Amandus Schwechheimer (1597-1635)  
 +Katharina (Unknown)  
 Christopher Schwechheimer (1624-after 1656)  
 +Barbara Theobald  
 Daniel Schwechheimer (1657-1719)  
 +Apollonia (Unknown)  
 Samuel Friedrich Schwechheimer (1701-1782)  
 +Eva Maria Hoffmann (circa 1701-1728)  
 Johann Konrad (1723-1813)

There is a lot more to tell. I am in the process of writing an article for publication later this year, or early next that will cover all I know of Samuel and his ancestors in Germany as well as his life in America. In addition, Nancy Schanes of Delaware has researched the trials and tribulations of the voyage and its aftermath of the ship Love and Unity that landed on Martha's Vineyard in 1731. It's a fascinating story and should be published next year.

This finally ends all the speculation of Samuel Swackhamer's origin in Germany. Previously it was thought that he came from Neuwied, further north on the Rhine, just above Koblenz. Many Palatinates left Neuwied and other Palatinate communities in the 1709-1710 period. The next large emigration didn't occur until the ninetieth century, so Samuel's emigration in 1731 was not part of any major exodus. Another community mentioned as a possibility for the origin of the Swackhamer name was Schwaikheim, located about 10 miles NE of Stuttgart. There is still the possibility that the name originated there.

