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FOR THE DESCENDENTS OF SAMUEL SCHWACHAMMER (SWACKHAMER) WHO
IN 1730 SETTLED IN LONG VALLEY, NEW JERSEY AND PHILIP DUFFORD
(DUFOURD) WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

Well, another year has passed all too swiftly. I guess that is good because time does not hang heavy on our hands. Herb and I had a good year healthwise, and that is all that matters. We have added another little branch on our family tree, making 8 grand-children, and all of them are healthy, thank God. We will be moving out to Montauk, N.Y. as Herb is finally retiring from his consultant's job.

Speaking of time passing, my 10 year old grand-daughter, Christy, said to me this past year that she will have to live another whole lifetime, till she is 20!!!! When you are young time passes too slowly.

I hope that all of our members of this Association have had a good year, and that the end of '95, and beginning of '96, are good times for all of you, healthy and happy.

Audrey T. McCaffrey

ANNUAL REUNION - Saturday, July 29, 1995, at the Zion Lutheran
Church, Long Valley, New Jersey.

The church is reserved for us from 11:00am - 3:00pm, so bring your lunch with you and any "family" data you would like to share.

Notes from '94 meeting (48th):

Attendance included several members from N.J. and other states. Oldest member - Ben White, youngest - Caitlyn White. Traveled longest distance - Russell Dufford.

Disbursements from Treasury: Zion Lutheran Church \$ 30.00

Middle Valley Cemetery \$ 50.00

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(Printing \$ 217.64, stamps \$ 132.76 for 475 copies), Treasury balance \$ 167.97. After meeting members attended special historical displays at the "Washington Twp. Museum" and a walking tour of Long Valley.

Dorothy Swackhamer has been corresponding with Ewald Baldrich, from Neulubheim, Germany (Samuel Swackhamer's birth place). Ewald and family, recently visited Long Valley. Dot took them all on a guided tour of the area, and old cemeteries, to gather data for a book Ewald is writing about the Swackhamer family. He mentions S. Swackhamer had 3 wives and 26 children; more information to come.

Thank You from our treasurer, Dorothy Swackhamer, to all who contributed to the Dufford-Swackhamer Society. Your donations pay the cost of printing and mailing this Bulletin once a year to all on our mailing list, provides a donation to the Zion Lutheran Church for the use of their meeting room, and aid in the up keep of the Middle Valley Cemetery. We all appreciate your support.

A Bit of Bulletin History

The first Bulletin was sent out January 1953, winter, and again in July 1953, summer. The Bulletin was sent out twice a year until 1984. Then, only the summer issue was sent every year.

News from the Past

George Dufford, back in 1926, organized the Dufford reunion which continued to meet through the years. In 1941 he organized the Swackhamer reunion.

On August 16, 1941, the first meeting of the Swackhamer descendants was held. Plans were made to raise funds to erect a tombstone in the Middle Valley Cemetery over the grave of Samuel Swackhamer, their pioneer ancestor. This was done before the next meeting a year later. Meetings of the group, which called itself the Swackhamer Historical Association, continued until 1951. It was proposed that the association unite with the Dufford reunion, since so many members belonged to both groups, due to intermarriages. This information was taken from the winter issue of 1953, and submitted by Dorothy Swackhamer.

Museum Special Exhibit

Mary Sliker and her daughter, Pam Miller, have done a lot of work and research on the Dufford line, and now have completed 127 pages with references. The papers are now on file at the "Washington Township Historical Museum", 6 Fairview Avenue, Long Valley, New Jersey 07853. (If there are any additions or corrections to these papers, Mary Sliker would welcome them.)

The museum is regularly open only on Sunday, from 2-4pm, but will be open Saturday, July 29th (Reunion Day) as a courtesy to reunion members. Also on display is a special collection featuring the Schooley's Mountain Area. For information call (908) 876-9696.

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DONALD W. DUFFORD

Editor Note: Keep me advised of address changes so all bulletins can reach their destinations.
If you have material to be included in future issues, please send it to me in May, so I can aim
for a middle of June mailing. Thanks, Ruth Hartman!

Jacob M. 1767
Phillip Dufford (Duford-Tofort) M.
Catherine

Elizabeth (Len: Lenape Indian) 1741 1817/1/23
George M. Stephen 1743 1826/1/5
Ann Mary Trimmer

1832
Stephen Jacob M. 1793/1/22
Mary Welse 7/1774 1852/10/29

1/28/1803 1882/12/4
William M.
Margaret Marilda Wise - Dau. of Andrew | widow of Andrew Trimmer
11/20/1807 1895/1/29

12/26/1852 1936/12/18
William M.
Della Miller - Dau. of Reverend Alfred
6/6/1858 1946/10/10

1881 1888 1881 1897 6/12/1890 1935/10/29 7/18/1896 1986/11/14
Armin A. Arthur B. Henrietta
William L. M. 1930/10/29
Grace M. Wright 8/25/1902 1985/8/27

10/3/1931
Patricia A. M. 1954/8/22
Richard W. Klipper
3/21/1924

11/29/1956 4/29/1959 10/5/1962
Susan G. Stephen F. Anne M. M.

11/13/1933
Donald W. M. 1957/9/1
Marilyn R. Moyer
3/28/1936

9/4/1958 8/26/1960 9/12/1962
David W. Douglas R. Daniel L. M.

5/31/1935
James W. M. 1958/11/1
Leta M. Lawson
5/24/1936

1/1/1960 9/22/1961 5/22/1963
Sharon M. Suleta J. Michael J. M.

9/13/1937
Marilyn J. M. 1969/1/19
Charles H. Hodson
12/6/1929

The Society extends its sincere condolences to the families and friends of:
Fred Swackhammer - Lucille Dufford - Janette B. Farley - Walter C. Farley - Wesley Moren.

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Old Spring House

Residents and such famous families as the Vanderbilts and Astors frequented this spring house on Schooley's Mountain in Washington Township during the heyday of one of the nation's first health resorts. The spring house was demolished and the spring rerouted underground when the resorts died and modern-day Schooley's Mountain Road was built.

Mountain's name predates its opulent era as resort

By **DEBRA BALDINI**
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WASHINGTON TWP. — Area motorists know the "long and winding road" over Schooley's Mountain must be driven with caution but imagine the concentration it took to negotiate a stagecoach over the mountain in the 18th century.

Many of the nation's toniest residents braved the bumpy ride up the dirt road, now also known as Route 24, to a healing mineral spring and

The first Schooley was Quaker

one of the nation's first health resorts.

A book called "The Roads of Home" notes that even George Washington, who braved the winter at Valley Forge, "grumbled" about the road's condition on his way to the spring.

That glorious era has been well publicized but less known is the history that precedes it.

It can't be proven but some historians call Schooley's Mountain the first American mountain named for an individual.

The Schooley after which it was named is the subject of debate but most researchers agree it was Thomas, the first Schooley to land in the New World.

Unlike Native Americans, who tended to name a place for its characteristics, Europeans named places for people — like Washington (Please see *Mountain's* on page 24.)

Mountain's name predates

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Township, named for the first president. Early settlers adopted many of the Native American names but gradually renamed many locations. The Native American name for Schooley's Mountain could not be documented.

Plantation Owner

Thomas Schooley was not a noted hero or leader but he owned a 350-acre plantation on the mountain called Nottingham House. Several of his descendants settled here but there is no evidence that Thomas ever did, according to historians.

The mountain was probably named for Thomas in 1730. He was a Quaker who lived in Sheffield, England, before coming to America in 1677.

The mountain overlooks Long Valley, formerly German Valley, to the south and the Musconetcong Valley to the north. The valley was settled later in about 1707 by Protestants from Saxón, Germany.

In the early days, Schooley's Mountain Road was simply known as "the road to Hackettstown" — the only real town in the area until the 20th century.

The mountain is part of a range between the Hudson and Delaware rivers and stands 1,100 feet above sea level. It spans Morris and Hunterdon water per hour down the west side of the mountain until it was blasted to make way for modern-day Schooley's Mountain Road. Its "healing" powers were credited to its makeup of iron, magnesium carbonates, silicic acid and sodium chloride.

Until the extension of the railroad brought tourists to Lake Hopatcong, the Poconos and the Delaware Water Gap, the mountain's hotel and tourism business boomed. In the very early days, the mountain could be reached only by coach.

Presidents Ulyses S. Grant and Benjamin Harrison spent summers with their families at the Belmont Hotel, which was later renamed the Dorincourt. Even General George Washington visited the mountain one winter, probably while living in Morristown. Grand balls attended by the Vanderbilts, Astors, Roosevelts, Breckenridges and Goulds were held once a week.

The three-story Dorincourt could accommodate 300 guests and was said to be situated on the "highest and most pleasant part of the mountain." Later, during World War One, it was used as an Army hospital. It was razed around 1937 for non-payment of taxes.

The Heath House was a less glamorous hotel but accommodated as

counties.

The Lenni Lenape camped on the mountain and brought their sick to drink of its mineral spring before European settlers discovered it. In the 1750s, the mountain was home to the nation's first health resort, the Belmont Hotel, attracting the wealthy of New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

The first homes in Washington Township were small frame cottages built along Schooley's Mountain and Pleasant Grove roads. Today, several of the houses are still standing and are listed on the state Register of Historic Places.

It is believed that Schooley came to America to join a colony of the Society of Friends, or Quakers, about to be established along the Delaware River near Trenton.

One year later, Robert Schooley, probably his brother, and later his father and a younger brother, John, settled in the area.

Today there are Schooleys from California to New Jersey and as far off as Hawaii. Their families are chronicled in a geneology and history, copies of which are stored in the Washington Township Museum on Fairview Avenue and the library on Springtown Road.

Thomas came to America as the many guests as the Dorincourt. It started as a boarding house for 30 to 40 guests and expanded into a larger hotel, complete with a billiards room and a livery.

By 1830, the stage lines ran directly to the mountain from Philadelphia, New York, Trenton and New Brunswick. The Drake line of stages stopped at 18 Pleasant Grove Road, where the horses were changed and passengers boarded. When the Morris Turnpike was built in 1810, the mountain was within a day's journey of New York City.

According to a paper written by township historian Virginia W. Allen, wealthy Cubans patronized the Dorincourt during the Spanish American War in 1898. According to Allen's paper, it is possible that the Cubans were part of the Cuban Junta or the Cuban Libre in New York, an organization that raised funds for the Cuban revolution.

Toward the end of the 19th century the spring's popularity declined, partly because medicine was generating cures for such maladies as malaria and cholera better than the treatment provided by the spring. The decline is also attributed to improved transportation that took people to other amusements.

Between the time of the Great Depression and the booming 1980s, very

head of his family on the fly-boat, Martha, and is documented as the first Schooley in America. He was one of 114 passengers who settled the Yorkshire Tenth. In England, he was a "master cutler" — a maker of cutlery. In New Jersey, he became a clothmaker and planter, as did many Quakers.

Thomas and Robert bought 200 acres each on the Delaware on Nov. 13, 1680. In 1714, Thomas bought 350 acres from Thomas Stevenson, including land on the mountain.

Robert and his wife, Sarah, had six children on the mountain and after moving about the country, settled on the mountain in 1730.

Samuel and William Schooley both owned land on the mountain and also could be the source of the Schooley's Mountain name, according to historians.

William sold his land on the mountain and moved to Randolph Township, where he built the Millbrook Gristmill.

Thomas willed his land to his children, who lived there and bore at least six more Schooleys on "their" mountain.

The Spring

The spring at the top of the mountain discharged about 25 gallons of little was built on the mountain.

The source of the spring was located on the property of William Drake until he sold the land in 1838. In 1845, the title ended up in the hands of William Gibbons, a New York lawyer, who later moved to Madison.

Dowser In Hand

Since the spring rerouted and took refuge completely underground, it has largely been forgotten. The spot from where it once flowed is undocumented, but one township resident thinks he has found it.

With a dowser in hand, Mervyn Hanes has climbed a steep part of the mountainside to find the spring. Using the technique of stepping in cadence, Hanes said he believes he has found the spot when the dowser, a two-pronged stick used to find water, rotates between his clenched fists.

Other than a few homes, about the only concrete reminder of those early days is the Schooley's Mountain General Store and Post Office, built in 1820. It has changed hands a few times since then but is still in operation.

Far from the days when stagecoaches climbed the mountain, Schooley's Mountain Road is a major thoroughfare for out-of-town commuters and residents alike. Morris County officials are currently working on plans for a bypass of Route 24.

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Langensoultzbach Church Records, microfilm # 717,146:

Hans Philipp Duffort and his wife Eva nee Anthoni first appear in this record in 1718, with the baptism of their son Johann Georg; it should be noted that the surname appears as Dufforth in this first entry, but later entries give the surname as Duffort, and in one instance as Duffordt. The baptismal entries were each checked and the sponsors at the baptisms were obtained, with the hope that they would indicate a possible earlier village of residence for the family. The following sponsors were obtained:

Johann Georg bp. 28 Oct. 1718 at Sultzbach (Langensoultzbach)
sponsors were: Hans Georg Wagner, Hoffmann (tenant farmer);
Susanna Catharina, wife of Hans Georg Weymer, the younger;
Hans Barthel, son of Hans Müller, the miller;
Anna Margaretha, daughter of Philipps Ensminger.

Johann Philipp bp. 9 July 1721 at Sultzbach (Langensoultzbach)
sponsors: Philipps Schuh, *untermüller* (miller) at Sultzbach;
Margaretha, wife of Hans Jacob ?Mercker from Wurth;
Hans Jacob Höltzel, citizen in Sultzbach (Langensoultzbach);
Maria Elisabetha, wife of Hans Georg Müller.

On 1 Jan. 1719, Eva, wife of Hans Philipps Duffort. *hintersass* (resident or inhabitant, but not citizen) here, was a sponsor for a child of Hans Georg Wagner, *Herrschafflichen Hoffmann*, and his wife Anna Elisabetha.

Died 4 Apr. 1723: Hans Georg Dufforth, age 4 years & 5 months, and Hans Philipps Dufforth, age 1 year & 9 months, sons of Philipps Dufforth and his wife Anna Eva Anthoni.

Johann Georg bp. 2 Feb. 1724
Sponsors: Hans Georg Müller, *Schuldheiss* (like our mayor) in Sultzbach;
Anna Eva, wife of Hans Jacob Holtzel?;
Hans Georg Weymer; and Agnes, wife of Philipps Schuh.

Johann Adam (Hans Adam) bp. _ Nov. 1726 at Sultzbach (in this record, the father Philippus Duffort is listed for the first time as *Burger* (citizen)
Sponsors: Hans Georg Miller, *Schultheiss* at Sultzbach;
Dorothea, wife of _____ Berlin?, deacon;
Jacob Höltzel, citizen at Sultzbach; and Anna Maria ?, wife of the pastor at Sultzbach.

Anna Catharina bp. 19 Feb. 1729 (in this record, the father Philippus Duffort is listed as *Burger* (citizen) at Sultzbach (Langensoultzbach)
Sponsors: Anna Barbara, wife of Jacob Holtzel; Hans Georg Weymer;
Anna Maria, daughter of Hans Georg Wagner. *Hoffmann*;
Joh. Daniel, son of Hans Jacob Bender the elder.

The last Duffort entry in the Langensoultzbach church record was a burial record for the second child of the second marriage. This entry appears on page 59 of the burial record, microfilm # 717,147 (copy of the actual entry enclosed with this report). This entry is important since it contains a remark about the family's emigration:

d. 3 Feb. (1738) died in Sultzbach and buried there, a daughter named Maria Catharina Duffordtin, legitimate daughter of Philipp Duffordt, former citizen and farmer (*ackersmann*) in langen Sultzbach, and his wife Anna Maria Duffordtin (who in the month of April are going to the new land); the daughter's age 1 year, 2 months, 6 days.

Since none of the above collected data was helpful in determining the earlier village of residence of Philipp Dufford(t), I then concentrated on his first wife Anna Eva Anthoni, since it was evident that they had married before moving to Langensultzbach. The burial record at Langensultzbach revealed some interesting Anthoni data:

Died 10 May 1732: Hans Adam Anthoni, *hintersass* (inhabitant, but not citizen) in Sultzbach, age 72 years, 3 months.

Died 24 Apr. 1738 at Sultzbach: Anna Catharina Anthoni, widow of the deceased Joh. Adam Anthoni from *BETHWEILLER*. Her age 77 years, 1 month

This was the needed clue; note that Philip Duffort's second wife was Anna Maria, daughter of Christian Martini, citizen at Bettweiler, in the Lützelstein jurisdiction. It now appeared that his first wife Anna Eva Anthoni, might also have been from Bettweiler {today Bettwiller, located about 30 or 40 miles west of Langensultzbach--zip code F-67320 Drulingen}. The church book for Bettwiller starts in 1788, but I learned that the earlier records for persons residing there were recorded in the **Durstel church book, microfilm # 729,715:**

The records at Durstel start in 1695. The records there were checked for both the names Anthoni and Martini as well as Duffort. The following data was located:

ANTHONI

Anna Catharina, wife of Hans Adam Anthoni, citizen at Bettweyler, was a baptismal sponsor in 1698 for a child of Johann Philipp Weiss. [note that your records indicate a connection of the Duffords with Weise in New Jersey; see my volume, *The Northern Alsace*, page 531-532, for the immigrant Johann Philipp Weiss from Bettweiler. He is evidently the one who settled in New Jersey and appears in the Chambers volume.]

Hans Adam Anthoni of Bettweiler and wife Anna Catharina had children who appear in the Durstel record starting in 1700 (there may have been others since this record only starts in 1695):

Margaretha bp. 9 May 1700; a cross by this baptism indicates this child died.

Hans Adam bp. 18 July 1702; a cross by this baptism, also.

Hans Adam bp. 15 July 1706.

There are many other Anthoni entries in this church book, but none further for this couple; this indicates that they may have moved to Langensultzbach just after 1706.

One other Anthoni entry is of interest:

Johann Fredrich Anthoni and wife Johanneta from Bettweiler had a son:

Johann Peter bp. 16 Apr. 1705

Sponsor: Johann Daniel Dufort, church *ensor* at Durstel.

DUFORT AT DURSTEL

Married 13 Feb. 1699 at Durstel, Johann Daniel Dufort, citizen at Lohr, and Anna Maria, widow of Johann Martin Dietrich, former church *ensor* and *gerichtsschöffen* at Durstel. [This was evidently the second marriage

for both, and parentage therefore not given for either one.]

{This looked promising and I searched the baptismal records, hoping to find children for this couple; however, none were found, and when I located their burial records, I learned that they had no children.}

Buried 3 Mar. 1728 at Durstel: Daniel Duffort, *ensor*, son of Michael Duffort, inhabitant (*inwohner*) at Lohr and his wife Anna Maria nee Decker. Daniel Duffort married (1) the widow of Andreas Gangloff of Lohr; he married (2) Maria, nee Eberhard, widow of the deceased J. Martin Dieterich at Durstel. He had no children. He died 2 Mar. 1728, aged 66 years.

Buried 10 Oct. 1730: Anna Maria Duffort, nee Eberhard, daughter of the deceased Reinhard Eberhard. She married (1) J. Mart. Dieterich and had 2 sons and 6 daughters, of whom 4 daughters are living; ? grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Her first husband died in 1697 [NOTE: 1797 recorded in error in church book]. She married (2) J. Daniel Dufort; no children to this marriage. He died in 1728; she died 8 Oct. 1730, aged about 80 years.

Other nearby records were then checked to try to find additional data on Duffort; the following record was located in the Diemeringen Lutheran Church record, microfilm # 742,365:

Married 1 July 1706 at Diemeringen, Hans Philips Eberhardt from Durstel and Anna Catharina Duffortin, daughter of the deceased Niclas Duffort.

[Niclas Duffort also appears in the Diemeringen records as Claus Duffort. His known children are;

1. Susanna b. 27 Jan. 1667
2. Hans Peter b. 8 Apr. 1669
3. a son b. 19 Sept. 1671, died 13 Nov. 1671
4. Anna Elisabetha b. 20 Oct. 1672
5. Maria Catharina b. 24 June 1678, m. 23 Nov. 1700 Johann Conrad Greiner.
6. Catharina b. 22 Aug. 1681; she may be the Anna Catharina who married 1706 Hans Philipp Eberhardt.
7. Anna Ottilia, bp. not located, sponsor in 1680.

{see enclosed abstract from the Diemeringen records, compiled by Dr. Gerhard Hein, from microfilm # 1,761,444.}

MARTIN (MARTY, MARTINI) from Bettwiller

A Jacob Martin lived at the Steinbacher Hoff (a farm in the area); he had a 2-year-old daughter Anna Catharina who died in 1711.

A Christian Marty, mentioned in the records as a Swiss from Canton Bern, lived in Bettweiler and had some children who appear in the confirmation records at Durstel, microfilm # 729,715:

Confirmed 1727: Johannes Marty

Confirmed 1728: An. Elisabeth Marty, b. Feb. 1710

" : Albrecht Marty, b. 1707

" : An. Margreth Marty, b. Aug. 1711. [She m. 1735 Joh. Philipps Weiss who also emigrated to America and settled in NJ; surname spelled Weise in Chambers.]

It seems likely that the Anna Maria Martin, second wife of Philip Duffort, was a member of this family; the Johannes Marty who was confirmed in 1727 might be the immigrant Hans Martin who arrived on the same ship with the Dufforts and the Dürrenbergers. (S-H, I: 212,214,216.)

Other records in the area were searched: the Lohr churchbook starts in 1749, too late to help with this family; earlier records for Lohr are recorded in the Lützelstein church book, film # 777,195; there is also a 1662 tax register available for the Lützelstein jurisdiction. These were checked, but nothing further found on the Dufford family of interest. Microfilm # 1,761,444 contains the Hein transcript of several churchbooks in the area before 1700. I enclose several copies of pages from those records. It would appear that the Dufford family appears in the Bockenheim records as early as 1596; the surname was recorded with a variety of spellings, including Dufour, Thifort, Duffort, Dufort, Duffort. It appears in the following places:

Bockenheim [today Sarre-Union], Mackwiller, Ottwiller, Durstel, Diemeringen, Lohr, and Lützelstein [today la Petit-Pierre].