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Annual Reunion
July 25, 1998

SWACKHAMMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN
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FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SCHWACHAMMER (SWACKHAMER) WHO IN 1730 SETTLED IN LONG VALLEY, NEW JERSEY AND PHILIP DUFFORD (DUFORD) WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738.

OFFICERS OF THE COMBINED SOCIETIES:

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BULLETIN EDITOR: VOLUNTEER NEEDED - CONTACT AUDREY MCCAFFREY OR JOHN DUFFORD.

There is a change in each mailing label which Jim provides. At the right of your last name is a character surrounded by "()". The letters are an abbreviation for your "family code" as follows:

- (D) You are related to the Dufford surname.
- (S) You are related to the Swackhamer surname.
- (B) You are related to both.
- (F) You are an interested friend.
- (O) An interested organization.
- (?) You are unsure of your relationship.

Please advise Jim Swackhamer or Carol Martyniuk if you are incorrectly labeled.

ANNUAL REUNION - Saturday, July 25, 1998, at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey.

GUEST SPEAKER: Chuck Paul Vicari, Archeologist.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings to All of our Dufford and Swackhammer Relatives and Friends,

Our 52nd Family Reunion is coming up on July 25, 1998 at the Zion Lutheran Church of Long Valley. We hope the weather will cooperate and that a good number will turn out for this family affair. Bring a picnic lunch and something to drink. We will arrive at 11:00 am and finish at 3:00 pm.

I certainly hope you have all had a very healthy year since last we met and will continue to be well. We certainly enjoyed a beautiful Spring! Cannot remember a more beautiful one with all the blossoms so bright and the grass and trees so green. EL NINO **has not** been unkind to New Jersey.

Herb and I have been blessed with a new granddaughter and grandson. We now have eleven grandchildren. (See family additions).

Well folks, that is about it for now. Drive safely and we hope to see you all on July 25, 1998.

Audrey T. McCaffrey

FAMILY ADDITIONS

BIRTHS:

Ashley Morgan Swackhamer, b. October 24, 1997
(grandmother Dorothy Swackhamer)

Alexandra Elizabeth Fife, b. January 21, 1997
(Great - Grandparents George and Merry Lou Oxford)

Ryan Alden McCaffrey, b. March 26, 1998
(Parents Keith and Jeanette McCaffrey)

Kara Rose McCaffrey, b. March 20, 1998
(Parents Ken and Noreen McCaffrey)

WEDDING:

Bridget KEEFER (Daughter of Anthony and Gail Keefer) wed John Glenshaw, August, 1996.

CONDOLENCES TO The families and Friends of :

Leslie Swackhamer
Theresa Hopler
Ruth M. Dufford
Virginia Mount Swackhamer
Jane Swackhamer

MISCELLANEOUS:

NAOMI SWACKHAMER HUFF celebrated her 85th birthday with more than two hundred relatives, friends, former students and their parents who were students taught by NAOMI during the past fifty years.

DOROTHY SWACKHAMER was chosen SENIOR CITIZEN of the year by the Knights of Columbus Chapter of Washington Twp., Tewksbury Twp. and Hackettstown.

The Washington Twp. museum will be open to Reunion members Saturday afternoon.

“The History of Middle Valley, New Jersey” by Steven Firtko will again be available at our meeting.

Thanks from Treasurer Dorothy Swackhamer for the many donations she has received. Though “no dues are required, all donations are appreciated and personally acknowledged.” (See ‘97’s meeting notes in this issue for financial expenditures.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED

CONTACT AUDREY MCCAFFREY OR JOHN DUFFORD.

Thanks from RUTH HARTMAN for your letters and news contributions during these past eleven years.

EXCERPTS FROM July 26, 1997 Meeting

Audrey McCaffrey opened meeting with a moment of silence for deceased members and friends.

Minutes of last meeting approved.

Treasurer reported balance of \$230.92 after donations made to:

Zion Lutheran Church	\$ 40.00
Washington Township Museum	30.00
Middle Valley Cemetery	100.00
Speaker - '97 meeting	100.00

Ruth Hartman reimbursed for '97 newsletter:

\$184.10 printing, \$126.32 stamps, totaling \$320.42
430 copies (19 returned, undeliverable due to address changes)

New Business:

Meeting attendance 21

Silver dollars to: youngest - Cole Swackhamer, Eldest - Brian Swackhamer -
Traveled the furthest - Ginny Jones, (Maryland)

John Dufford volunteered - Program

Jane Saums - Publicity.

Carol Martyniuk arranged '97 Program. Guest Speaker - Robert Longcor, cemetery historian. Discussed methods used to read old tombstones - baking soda, spraying with water, mirror reflection, tracing. Large display of resources, books and pictures.

John Dufford, our Vice President and Program Chairman has arranged a special Program for this reunion, '98.

Chuck Paul Vicari will speak about Leni Lenape Indians - "They Walk This Land".

Mr. Vicari is an avid Archeologist, Lecturer, and Teacher, who has been honored by Senator Bill Bradley for teaching adults and children about Leni Lenapi Indians (who have named him "The Keeper"). On display will be selections from Mr. Vicari's vast collection of 10,000 artifacts.

This is a meeting not to be missed!

Jacob, the Disinherited
By George S. Dufford, Family Historian
30 January 1935

Excerpts from a paper written in 1935 by Gerge S. Dufford and presented at the Dufford Reunion at their regular meeting. The paper covered among other things the marriage of Jacob Dufford to the Indian maiden known as Elizabeth (Leni Lenape).

“In the very beginning of our family history, Philip Dufford, Jr. drops out of the family group as does his son George Stephen. But in Philip, Sr.’s will, dated Feb. 16th, 1767 and probated Feb. 1st 1769, he names as heirs - Catherine his wife, Adam and George, sons, a daughter Mary Magdalena and Grandson George Stephen, son of Jacob. Jacob, disinherited and not even mentioned. The reason for Jacob’s disinheritance, which had been a family tradition for years, was verified in 1890, while your histoian was living at Nolan’s Point, Lake Hopatcong. Rudolph Schaffer, then 90 years old, told me the following story, when found my name was Dufford. He asked if I belonged to the family of Duffords in Dutch Valley. When I replied in the affirmative, he said - “My father often told me of seeing a man by that name fishing with the Delaware Indians in the lake, who had married a Delaware Indian maiden and had been cut off in his father’s will because of this fact.”

When we recall that the present Sperry’s Springs on the Sussex County side of the lake, was the Tribal Headquarters for the Delaware Nation, we can perhaps visualize the visits of Jacob and his wife to the scene of a tribal dance or feast.

Perhaps at this time, it might be interesting to record when and how marriage into the Delaware Nation was conducted; an account of which I found in an old document among many such, stored away in the old Surveyor General’s office in Perth Amboy, N.J. established during the reign of William Franklin, the first Colonial Governor of East Jersey, and still maintained by the descendants of the Land Propriators of that day.

Their courtship needs no description. When the age-old story had been poured into listening ears and they had pledged each other to marry on the full of the moon chosen, the bride, coming from one direction and the groom from the other, would meet in front of the Chief’s wigwam, the groom carrying a bone, signifying he was to furnish the meat; the bride carrying an ear of corn, signifying she was to furnish that. After the exchange of these symbols, they clasped right hands and stood for a moment in the moonlit silence, after which came ‘Bless You My Children’ from the Tribal Chief. They then departed for the home of the groom. While their ceremony was pagan to Philip, Sr. and incurred his life long enmity, Jacob Dufford and his Indian bride were faithful to their vows until the end of life’s journey, and today sleep in unmarked graves probably placed in the sitting position, by their brothers of the red, rather than the white.”

Note: *This is the story of Jacob, the Disinherited, and his Indian Bride, from whom we all descended.*

Appendix

Historian Russell Dufford has been busy working on family genealogy. He was contacted by Michael Logan who saw Russell's name in their local telephone book. Michael is the Grandson of Dr. Roy Dufford, deceased former professor at Evansville University. Michael is a computer expert who came across some interesting family connections on the Internet including:

Katherine Dufford, born 1500 in Westmill Hertford County, England, married Thomas Richardson, one child, Elizabeth.

(Donn Dufford, Pasadena, CA, a correspondent of Michael's reported Dufford evidence in England as early as 600).

Andrew Burdett, Geneseo, NY is connected to Duffords through Mahlon Gray, whose wife Mary was the daughter of Elenor Lena Dufford, born 1796 in Oldwick Hunterdon County.

Judy Crain, Aurora, CO is connected by way of Philip Dufford, born 1776 in North Hampton County, PA, who was the son of Adam and Susanna, and grandson of the original Philip.

Russell has also been corresponding with James (Bill) Roberts, Moody AL who plans to attend the reunion again this year. (Bill Roberts supplied the article written by George S. Dufford, "Jacob the Disinherited", which is included in this newsletter).