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55<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion  
July 28, 2001

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**SWACKHAMMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY  
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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.

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**Please send all newsletter submissions by 6/10/02 in ready to print format if possible. Thanks!**

**55<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL REUNION - Saturday, July 28, 2001 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey. 11AM to 3 PM**

There may be an opportunity after the meeting to visit the Washington Township Historical Society Museum together for those who wish to participate.

**A Message From Our President**

Congratulations to us all on attaining another year in our passage on Earth. Herb and I celebrated 50 years of marriage on Feb. 3, 2001. That is quite an accomplishment in today's world. We also celebrated and welcomed our 13th grandchild - Leigh Christine - daughter of Ken and Noreen McCaffrey, of Chatham, NJ. We are so happy and take great pride in all our grandchildren from the oldest, Matthew, who publishes this newsletter, to our littlest one, Leigh.

We hope and pray you are all well and that as many of you who can, will attend our 55th Reunion on July 28, 2001 at 11 A.M. at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley. Bring a "brown bag" lunch.

Our heritage in this beautiful Valley, settled by our ancestors over 2 1/2 centuries ago, is sacred. We owe it to the memory of our forefathers, and to the generations to come, to preserve it.

Have a safe and healthy summer.

Audrey T. McCaffrey  
President

### From the Editor

The Society web page has been updated with the new newsletter and a revised version of the Dufford / Swackhamer family tree. To view this tree, you need to have Family Tree Maker or a similar computer program. This family tree is far from being complete, so please send any additions or corrections to me at [dinoguy2@yahoo.com](mailto:dinoguy2@yahoo.com). The web page can be viewed at <http://www.geocities.com/swackduff>.

If you would like your family information included in the computer database for posterity, please send a sketch of your family tree (names and dates if you have them!) and your connection to Philip DuFord or Samuel Schwachammer to me either via email or snail mail. Thanks!

--Matt Martyniuk  
Editor

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### Births:

-Leigh Christine McCaffrey, born on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2001 to Kenneth Alden (D) and Noreen (Hallisey) McCaffrey. Leigh joins her siblings Kara and Neil.

#### Our condolences to the families of:

-Richard Logan of Stockton, NJ, husband of Vivian, brother of Mary V. Logan-Jones, father of Amanda and Suzanne, passed away November 4<sup>th</sup> 2000.

-Frances T. Swackhamer, age 94, passed away in June, 2000, in Jacksonville Florida. First son of Charles Ming and Emily Mae Swackhamer. (Descendant of Samuel Swackhamer).

-Violet Swackhamer, wife of Frances T. Swackhamer, passed away December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2000.

-John S. Dufford of Dallas, TX, passed away on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000.

-Myrtle Watts (friend) of Brick, NJ, passed away in 1998.

#### Special Occasions:

-Our treasurer, Dorothy Swackhamer, just celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Congratulations Dorothy!

-Our president, Audrey McCaffrey, and her husband Herb just celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2001. Congratulations Grandma and Grandpa!

*Please send all announcements of births, weddings, deaths, to your newsletter editor.*

## EXCERPTS FROM 54<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, July 2000

Our President, Audrey McCaffrey opened the meeting with a moment of silence for deceased members and friends.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given. Donations were made to:

Zion Lutheran Church  
Washington Township Museum  
Middle Valley Cemetery  
Speaker - '00 meeting

Matt Martyniuk was reimbursed for '00 newsletter.

New Business:

We are going to need to generate more funds in order to continue producing the annual bulletin, and to continue to lend support to our usual beneficiaries.

Silver dollars were given to the youngest and eldest members present, and to the member who traveled the furthest to be at the meeting.

Youngest: Matt Martyniuk, age 18

Eldest: Byron Swackhamer, age 88

Furthest Traveled: Carson Meyer, Fort Pierce, Fla.

John Dufford again volunteered to get a speaker for the '01 meeting, however it was noted that the funds were too low.

John Dufford, our Vice President and Program Chairman arranged a special program for the '00 reunion. MaryAnn Paterniti, professional storyteller and teacher, gave a very interesting presentation. This was enjoyed by all!

There were 20 people in attendance at this meeting.

### **GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET:**

For those members with access to the Internet, here are some useful addresses to genealogical sites:

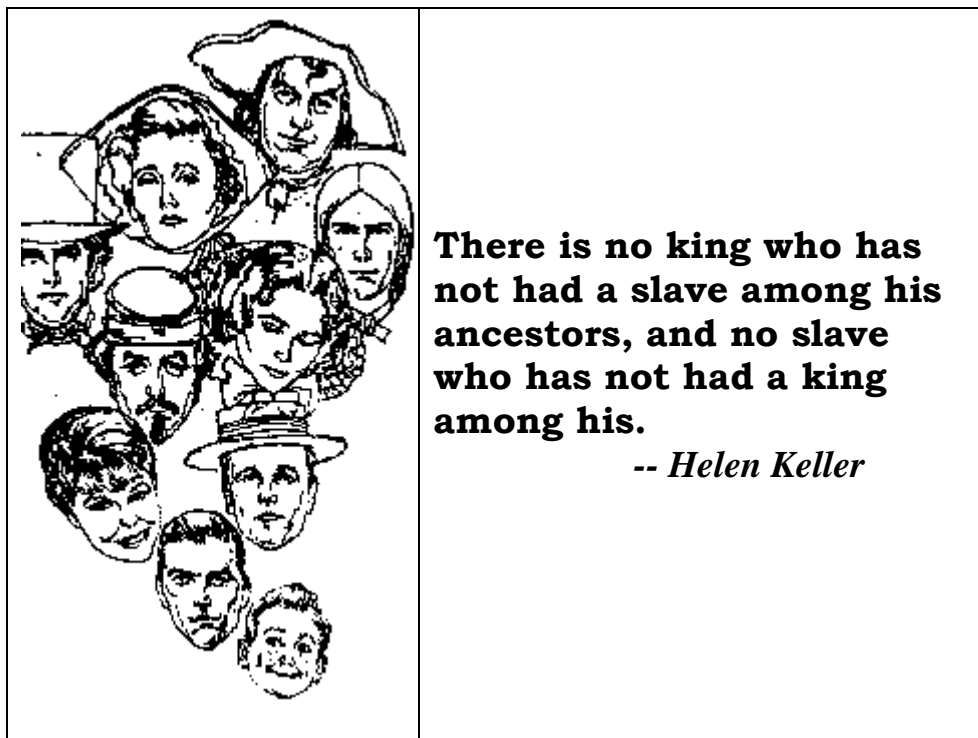
**The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Web Page-**

<http://www.geocities.com/swackduff/index.html>

<http://www.ancestry.com>

<http://jimi.warren.cc.nj.us/~millerwe/gene/index.html> (updated address)

Beginner's Guide to Family History Research- <http://biz.ipa.net/arkresearch/guide.html>



The following was submitted by James W. Swackhamer of Wheaton, Illinois, a descendant of Samuel Friederick Schwechheimer. (1701-1782):

Since many bulletin recipients are new or have just started on their ancestral journey, it seems appropriate to look back at previous bulletins and to reissue items that might be of interest. The following article appeared in the 1968 Summer Issue (we had two bulletins a year back then). The editor was Miss Eleanor Romaine, now deceased and a close friend of Fred Sisser III, a professional genealogist friend of mine and author of most of what follows. I presume that Eleanor Romaine authored the rest.

Here is the article as it originally appeared, typographical errors and all:

G E N E A L O G Y

UNDER THREE FLAGS - by Fred Sisser III of Somerville, New Jersey

The founder of the Swackhamer family, Samuel Swachheimer, was, during his life, under allegiance to three different nations. He was born a German, spent most of his life as a subject of the British in the conly of New Jersey, and at the time of his death, was a citizen of the United States of America.

The recent discovery of Samuel's naturalization papers, contained in a large volume entitled, "Petitions for Naturalizations, 1749 - 1810" on file in the Archives and History Department of the New Jersey State Library, Trenton, consists of four different sheets, all clearly tracing his application, certificate of having received "the Lords Supper", and acceptance as a subject of "His Majesty George the Second King of Great Britain". These papers proved that Samuel was of German heritage, and that he also assumed the status of a "Natural Born subject" in his adopted land of America.

On an undated paper, but most certainly drawn up in 1759, John Hager, Philip Schuiler, Anthony Waldorf, John Boon, Martin Shive, George Revell, and Samuel Schwachhiemer, all petitioned to become naturalized residents of America. The seven men, described as having been "Born in the Empire of Germany", were the founding fathers of prominent German families of Hunterdon County, New Jersey, and ail were no doubt neighbors and good friends. In their petition, they stated that "Whereby they are deprived of the Priviledges and Benefits of Natural Born subjects . . . Yet Concieve from their long Residence in this Province (New Jersey) they may Receive the Benefits Arising to Forreigners by Virtue of an Act of Parliament... Entituled an Act of Naturalizing such Forreign Protestants and Others therein Mentioned as are settled or shall settle in any of His Majestys Colonies in America". The petition, which was addressed "TO the Honourable Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature for the Province of New Jersey Now sitting at Burlington", was boldly signed by each of the seven men: "Johannes Hagi, Philip Schuiler, Antonno Walldorff John Boon, martin Shive, georgy riebelle (and) Samuel Swachheimer".

According to the Act of Naturalization, one would not be naturalized until he had received the "Lords Supper", and a certificate to this affect had been submitted by a minister. On May 6, 1759, Frederick Shultz, minister of the "Reformed Church at New Germantown (now Oldwick) in the Province of New Jersey", administered the "Sacrament of the Lords Supper unto Samuel Schwachheimer". The certificate, submitted by the minister, read as follows:

New=Germantown May 6th, 1759  
These are to certify, that Samuel Schwachheimer of

Libanon Township, a Sober and honest man, has received the  
Lords Supper on the 6th day of May 1759 in the  
Presence of us

his  
Adam A Duffort  
mark

Witness my hand & seal

Fredrick Shultz  
Minister

John Hendershat

These certificates having been submitted, the men, on  
May 9, 1759 "prayed to be admitted to the Benefit of the  
said Act (of Naturalization)". After having "Proved their  
residence in His Majestys 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 appeared "at a Supreme  
Court of Judicature held at Burlington in and for the  
Province of New Jersey", and there were naturalized upon  
taking the prescribed oaths "and made and subscribed the  
Declaration in open Court as is appointed in and the said  
Act".

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SPECIAL THANKS is expressed to the author of the  
foregoing Article which your editor took the liberty of  
titling "Under Three Flags".

Mr. Fred Sisser III, a descendant of Samuel  
Swackhamer, is a recognized Student of Dutch Colonial  
History and Genealogy. His "Life and Times of Jacob Jansen  
Stol: I" and "Life and Times of Jacob Jansen Stol: IV"  
recently appeared in de Halve-Haen, a quarterly Magazine  
published by The Holland Society of New York. Mr. Sisser  
was born in 1940 at Somerville, N.J. He is a graduate of  
Assumption College, Worcester, Mass. He is a member of a  
number of Genealogical and Historical Societies and has  
been steadily gaining respect for his ability and  
contributions in these fields. We are, indeed privileged to  
enjoy the benefits of his endeavors.

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#### DUFFORD AND SWACKHAMER LOYALISTS

Our families were no exception. Few New Jersey  
families can boast that all their ancestors were devoted to  
the cause for independence. Genealogies omit lineage of  
Loyalist branches either by intent or because records are  
obscure. Frequently, the only mention of those who refused  
to take the oath or to support a break with England is the



simple notation "removed to Canada". More often, published family histories make no reference to these persons.

A request for a search of records containing these family names was sent to Public Archives of Canada at Ottawa. The extent of research of indexes and logical sources accomplished by that staff is remarkable and very much appreciated. From the muster rolls of the New Jersey Volunteers for the-years 1777-1783 (in ten volumes), the following list of Loyalists was developed:

Conrad Dufford - name appears on a return of Loyalists and disbanded troops settled in the district of Niagara west from Mill Creek dated 17 Sept. 1787. Dufford's family consisted of himself, his wife and one girl; their names are not indicated.

George Tufford - name of Private appears on muster rolls of Capt. John Voughts Company in the 6th Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers commanded by Lt. Col. Isaac Allen from 19 Nov. 1777 to 25 Feb. 1783.

Jacob Tufford - name of Private appears on muster rolls of Capt. Bartholomew Thatcher's Company, 3rd Battalion, New Jersey Volunteers commanded by Lt. Co. Allen from 1778 to 2 March 1783.

William Tufford - name of Private appears on muster rolls of Lt. Col. Allen's Company in the 3rd Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers from 25 April to 24 Dec. 1781.

Philip Tufford - name of Private appears on muster rolls of Capt. John Hutton's Company in the 6th Battalion of New Jersey Volunteers commanded by Lt. Col. Isaac Allen from 8 Sept. 1777 to 7 March 1778.

Although no Swackhamer's name appeared on the muster rolls of this period they are found in service records of the War of 1812. The listings of that period will be in a subsequent issue of the bulletin and will involve petitions for land grants, marriage records and other data of genealogical interest. Other Canadian research being undertaken and compiled will reveal early settlement by both families.

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MAYORS OF DUNELLEN, N.J.

An item clipped from the Plainfield "Courier-News" and sent in by Mr. Fred Sisser III is entitled Dunellen's Mayors

from 1896 to 1968. There are pictures of Ruliff J. Swackhamer 1899-1903 and Harry J. Swackhamer 1908-1910.

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