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56th Annual Reunion
July 27, 2002

**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.

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**Please send all newsletter submissions by 6/10/03 in ready to print format if possible.
Thanks!**

56th ANNUAL REUNION - Saturday, July 27, 2002 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey. 11AM to 3 PM

Come and celebrate our families' 272 years and 264 years of living in this valley!

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

Dear Family Members and Friends,

6/10/02

I have been reading some old S-D Bulletins – one in particular from Rev. Thomas Cecil Swackhamer, President, dated 1965. In his letter he says, “I can not stress too much the need for you to send in all the family history you know. This will make a permanent record of your history, and will enable others to study your lines for possible connections. Also send your editor news of your family, births and deaths. We are a family interested in one another!”

Our guest speaker in July is Nancy Schanes. In reading our bulletin she made some new discoveries about the Swackhamer-Dufford family. I guess you would call her a historian. Her talk should be of great interest to all.

Hoping to see you all on Saturday, July 27, 2002 at 11 AM to 3 PM. Bring your lunch and a cool drink. Have a wonderful summer, and we hope, a peaceful one. God bless all!

Audrey T. McCaffrey
President

From the Editor

Thanks to Bill Roberts, who sent in a large amount of new information, the Society web page has been updated with a recently revised version of the Dufford / Swackhamer family tree. Our family tree is still far from being complete (especially on the Swackhamer side!), so if you have any information to add to the family tree, 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 mail or email, or bring it to the reunion. Thank you!

Matt Martyniuk
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A Message from our Secretary

We wish our bulletin editor, Matt, a safe and wonderful journey to New Zealand in July! He will be attending the University of Canterbury in Christchurch for a semester of “study abroad” as he begins his junior year. Bon Voyage!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We are greatly saddened to have just learned of the passing of our devoted treasurer and friend, **Dorothy Swackhamer**, on 6/17/02.

Washington Twp- Dorothy Swackhamer of the Long Valley section of Washington Township died Monday at Hackettstown Community Hospital in Hackettstown. She was 81. Born May 30, 1921, in the Mount Fern section of Randolph, she lived in Washington Township for many years. Mrs. Swackhamer was employed by Jersey Central Power and Light in Dover and later by the Long Valley Middle School as

a cafeteria aide. She had also worked at the Taylor's Dairy Store in Chester. She was the 1998 recipient of the Senior Citizen of the Year award and was an active member of the Golden Age Senior Group, the 50-Plus Seniors and the Senior Advisory Council. She enjoyed traveling with these groups immensely. A member of the Long Valley Presbyterian Church in Long Valley, she was very active in church activities, including the "Holy Folders" for over 50 years. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary Long Valley Fire Department, past member of the PTA, Girl Scouts, and 4-H clubs. She was the treasurer of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogical Society, volunteered at the Washington Township Food Bank in Morris County and was a board member of the German Valley Cemetery Association. Her husband, Bert Jr., died in 1993. Survivors include two sons, Bert III of Long Valley and Guy of Hackettstown; two daughters, Linda Coates of Liberty and Sue Delgaizo of Mount Arlington; one brother, Norman Davis of Kerrville, Texas; and seven grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at Long Valley Presbyterian Church, 39 Bartley Road, Long Valley, on Saturday, June 29th at 10 a.m. Interment will be at the German Valley Rural Cemetery. Arrangements are by Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society, New Jersey Division Inc., Warren Unit, Osmun House, 4 Opdyke's Lane, Oxford, N.J. 07863, would be appreciated.

Our Condolences To:

Diane Swackhamer of Acton, Ontario, Canada, and family on the loss of her mother, **Elsie M. Swackhamer** (nee Davies) 6/84, her father, **John C. Swackhamer** 9/95, her oldest brother **James C. Swackhamer** 12/99 (killed in car accident). James was survived by his wife Doris (nee Wheeler), and children Jason, Tammy, and Lisa, as well as by his brother Ross Swackhamer, wife Marian (nee Wheeler), children Kim and Glen.

The family of **Charlene Swackhamer Harris**, who passed away on 10/4/2000 in Avoca, NY

Births: **Elise Nicole Macy**, born on April 4, 2001 to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Macy (S & D) of Ingleside, TX. Also, their son **Cory** was born on Dec. 24, 1998.

Special Occasions and Recognitions:

Marriage – Suzanne Logan (daughter of Richard and Vivian Logan) to **Alan Rodriguez**, on June 8th, 2001.

Anniversary – 2/19/02 marked the 25th wedding anniversary of **Carol (D) and Peter Martyniuk**. A brunch for immediate family and friends was held in their honor.

Recognitions– Christie Ann Martyniuk (D) was inducted into the National Honor Society at Vernon Twp. High School, NJ, on 3/26/02. Christie will be a senior in September.

Kathleen and Erin Corritori (D) of Long Valley, NJ both recently received their Girl Scout Silver Awards. They are both now working towards earning the Gold Award.

Kevin Corritori(D) is a member of the Long Valley Stars travelling baseball team this summer (12 yr. Age group)

Erin Corritori is a member of the very successful Long Valley Lasers Softball Team (age 16 and under) They've had a winning season so far, and have qualified to attend "Nationals" in Orlando, Fla. in July.

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

Minutes from the 55th Annual Meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society

July 28, 2001

Our president, Audrey McCaffrey (D) opened the meeting at 12:50 PM with a moment of silence for deceased members and friends.

The minutes from the 54th Annual Meeting were read.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Thanks to the wonderful response from our membership to our call for financial help in the Summer 2001 Bulletin, our treasury is now solvent, and we will be able to send another bulletin next year. We may wait before sending more contributions to our usual beneficiaries. We must have the money to produce the annual bulletin up-front. Dorothy Swackhamer, our treasurer, has graciously been sending Thank you notes to each contributor for the bulletin.

A motion was made to still send \$50. To the Middle Valley Cemetery Association after our treasurer speaks to them to see if the cemetery is being maintained.

The motion also included sending \$30 to the Washington Township Historical Society.

OLD BUSINESS: A vote of thanks was extended by the attendees to Matt Martyniuk (D) for editing and producing the bulletin, and to Jane Saums (S) our publicity chairperson for advertising our gathering in some local newspapers, and to Jim Swackhamer for producing the many labels for the bulletin on his computer!!

NEW BUSINESS: We will not have to worry about the financial situation this year. A reminder note will be placed in each year's bulletin for each member to send a contribution to support the annual mailing.

Silver dollars were then presented to the following members:

Youngest attendee – Matt Martyniuk (D) (age 19).

Eldest attendee - Frank Dufford (86 years young!)

Attendee traveling the farthest – Carson Meyer (D) from Georgia

Our historian, Russell Dufford, from Virginia asked for information about a family name "Brailes" from Butler, PA who married into the Dufford family at some point. This family is seeking the connection and some information. If anyone reading this can help them, please contact Russell Dufford.

There was some discussion of what type of "program" everyone would like to have at our next meeting. Our president, Audrey, mentioned some interesting historical programs she has recently attended in the Forked River area called "Porch Chats". She gave a summary of interesting facts that she learned from these programs. The membership seemed to express an interest in having some type of interesting historical program. Our Vice President and program chairman, John Dufford, will look into trying to schedule something like this for next year.

Some very interesting articles were passed around which were sent to us by Diane Swackhamer from Ontario, Canada. These had some great information on the branch of the Swackhamers who went to Canada in the 1800's. We will try to post some of this soon.

Member Dorothy Glover (S/D) expressed interest in finding some way to connect the many members who are unable to attend the meeting/ reunion any longer due to distance, illness, etc. She mentioned that with all the new technologies available, perhaps we could find some way for them to still be a part of the reunion in some way – perhaps by videotaping next year’s reunion/program. This was discussed as a possibility. The tapes could be offered in the bulletin (pre-ordered) for anyone who might be interested.

Member Herb McCaffrey mentioned that even senior citizens could access a computer and internet connection at their local public library for a live “reunion chat room”, and the librarians would probably be happy to help them with it, or help them to view the S-D Web page.

Videos may be offered of next year’s meeting/reunion.

It was mentioned that we should find a way also to get some oral histories of childhood memories of this area from some of our senior members (tape, or video) to save for posterity! (Coincidentally, see the Sun. 7/29/01 Star Ledger article on front of “New Jersey” section. The Tewksbury Historical Society has just received a grant to do just this!! The article title was: “Jersey’s Long Line Growing Ever Shorter, for some old families, only street signs remain.”)

Our president, Audrey, then read aloud some very interesting material which Dorothy Glover graciously brought to share with all of us. A remembrance of a family reunion of the Cregar Family written in 1875, and a delightful invitation to a Dufford Family Reunion (by George Dufford) from 1931.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM

There were seventeen members in attendance. We greatly missed all of you who were unable to join us! We certainly hope to be able to see many more of you at the reunion next year (the last Saturday in July)!! We hope to have a great program lined up for you. A picture was taken and is posted in the “photo album” section on our web site.

After the meeting, a few members went across the street to visit the Washington Township Historical Society Museum together. A great big Thank you to them for opening their doors to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Martyniuk (D)

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-(Minutes and any pictures from the 2002 reunion will be posted here shortly after the meeting).

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

<http://www.ancestry.com>

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

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

Terriberry (Durrenburger) Family Website- <http://www.aloha.net/~esinger/terryber.htm>

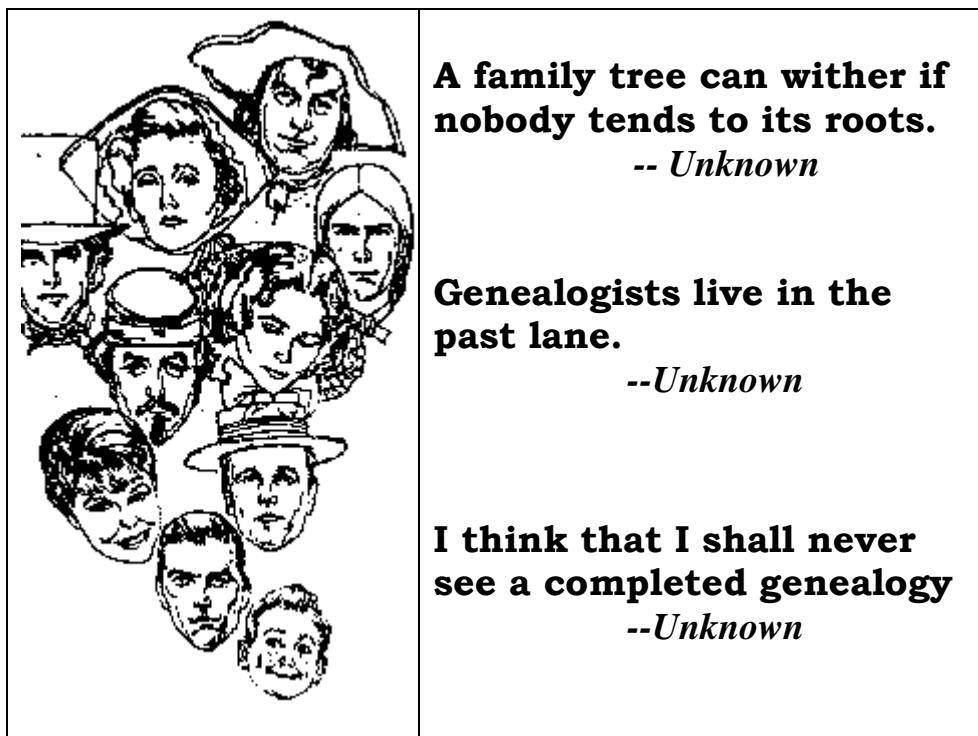
(Thanks to Mike Apgar for this web address)

Contributions

Mike Apgar (maapgar@home.com) has been struggling to find the ancestry of his maternal gggrandmother, Mary J. Terriberly (1855 – 1945), especially who her parents were. He mentions that the above web address was of some help, and our society could easily be the S –D – Terriberly (Durrenburger) Society! If anyone has any clues for Mike, he'd be very appreciative of the help.

Donald W. Dufford of Sullivan, IL, sent an update last year of a “twig” of the Jacob limb of the Phillip Dufford tree. He has over 1700 individuals on Family Tree Maker software. He is willing to share, swap, etc. with other relatives of Phillip Dufford. Contact him at mdufford@cu-online.com or at 1216West Edwards St., Sullivan, IL 61951. Donald is a descendant of William Levering Dufford who moved with his parents, William L. Dufford and Delia Hiller Dufford from Long Valley, NJ to Minneola Kansas in 1909. (This updated “twig” will be on display at the reunion again this year.)

From Bill Roberts (D) of Moody, AL – Bill has been working on his family tree for ten years, and has produced a beautiful booklet on his computer complete with color photos, table of contents, etc. He graciously sent us a copy to display at the reunion. The title is “Early History and Genealogy of the Dufford Family” (prepared for the Dufford Families). Bill has given us permission to copy his booklet, so there will be a few available at the reunion also (for the cost of the copying.) If you cannot attend the reunion, but would like to have a copy, you can contact Bill by mail at 1016 St. Clair Rd., Moody, AL 35004, or email at roberts.jw@worldnet.att.net You will probably need to send him the cost of postage and some copying costs. He mentions that his complete family tree report covers other family names including, Pickel, Apgar, Crater, Wintermute, Roberts, Thurston, and more.



**A Belated Genealogical Tribute
By James W. Swackhamer**

In late August of 1994 I received a letter from Mrs. Lawrence Harris of Avoca NY giving me the details of what she knew of her family. At the time I was fighting arterial sclerosiss and eventual by-pass surgery while my wife was suffering with terminal ovarian cancer, so I set her letter aside. I just recently found the letter and called her to see if I could include her information in our Bulletin. I was sad to find that she had passed on, but her husband was gracious in allowing me to publish her information. Charlene (Swackhammer) Harris died 4 October 2000. What follows is from her letter and attachments, subject to some interpretation on my part.

Daniel Swackhammer born 10 Feb. 1845, buried in Montrose PA Cemetery.

Married Delilah Davis, born 9 April 1855; died Dec. 1924, buried in Montrose PA Cemetery.

Children:

Frank Swackhammer, born 8 Sept. 1875, died 24 November 1924.

Morris L. Swackhammer, born 15 April 1877 in Auburn, PA, died 16 Sept. 1953, (note conflict below), married Lottie Jones 20 March 1901. Lottie Jones died 10 Sept. 1960.

Llewellyn Swackhammer, born 28 March 1879, died 1945, married Rachel Jones, born 1881, died 1957.

Iva Swackhammer. Born 26 Feb. 1884, married (?) Sterling.

Mabel Swackhammer, born 13 Sept 1889, married (?) Shoemaker (an undesignated date of 5 April 1918 follows "Shoemaker").

Fay Swackhammer, born 14 May 1892

Morris L. Swackhammer, born 15 April 1877 in Auburn Township, PA, died 16 Feb. 1953 in Bath, NY, buried 20 Feb 1953 in Montrose, PA Cemetery; married Charlotte (Lottie) Jones 20 Mar 1901 in Montrose, PA. Charlotte Jones, the daughter of Nathan Jones (1840-1914) and Henritta Stockholm (1853-1906) was born 10 Dec 1879 in Neath, PA. She died 10 Sept 1960 in Bath, NY and buried 14 Sept 1960 in Montrose PA Cemetery. Both of her parents were buried in Neath, PA. They had one child, Roy L. Swackhamer

Roy L. Swackhammer, born 16 Jan 1903 in Montrose, PA, died 16 Mar 1971 in Hornell, NY, buried 20 Mar 1971 in Bath NY, Nondaga Cemetery, married Virginia L. Burelson 24 Jun 1924 in Savona, NY. Virginia Burelson was born 30 Sept 1902 in Eldred PA, the daughter of Frank G. Burelson and Roxie Douglas. She died 12 Feb, 1991 in Bath, NY and buried 16 Feb 1991 in Bath, NY Nondaga Cemetery.

Children:

Frank B. Swackhammer, born 16 March 1925 in Afton, Chenango County, NY, died 14 July 1991, married Kathleen Clancy in 1945.

Charlene V. Swackhammer, born 12 Oct 1932 in Afton, Chenango County, NY, died 4 Oct. 2000,. married 30 April 1952 to Lawrence Harris.

In her letter, Charlene Harris wrote that she did not know where Daniel and his wife were born or any other information about them. If anyone can add to the information outlined above, please send it to me and I will see that her husband and others receive all updates.

From Diane Swackhamer – Ontario, Canada

We are descendants of Christopher Swackhamer and his wife Elizabeth who resided in Grimsby. Christopher emigrated from Long Valley, NJ in the late 1700s, and during the War of 1812 he declared as a conscientious objector and his son Jacob undertook his service and acted as an orderly for General Brock. Jacob took up a land grant in the township of Esquesing in the 1820s and moved to Ontario with several of his brothers and sisters and their families.

Diane kindly sent a photocopy of an article from her local paper that featured the genealogy of local families. This was shared at last year's reunion. We hope to soon include this on the SD web site.

Reunion/Meeting Speaker 7/27/02

Nancy Schanes will be our guest speaker. Nancy spent ten years researching the Swackhamer family, especially their journey on the ship, the *Love and Unity*, and the troubles and court cases after that. She has a completed booklet and will bring it to show us also. If anyone is interested, she will have a few copies to sell for \$9. This promises to be a fascinating talk! If you cannot get to the reunion and would like to contact her about her book, her address is 3311 So. Rockfield Dr., Wilmington, DE 19810. Her email is neschanes@aol.com.

From Russell Dufford – Russell has been continuing his diligent search this year for the birthplace and birth records of our original ancestor Phillip Dufford, and his son, Jacob. He mentions an excellent book which has helped him, **Emigrants from the Northern Alsace**, by Annette Burgert. He also sent a list, provided by a helpful librarian, of some Dufford names and addresses from Germany. He is starting to contact some of these people to see if they might be able to help in this search. The librarian thought that would be the best place to start, but also thinks that we were originally Swiss and fled into the Palatinate, possibly being from the same area of Switzerland (Canton Basel) as the Durrenberger (Terriberry), and Marty families. The Weise (Weiss) family was from there also and we married into all these families before coming to this country. We came on the same ship together and have married the same over generations. This librarian gave Russell some Swiss sources to check also. He will be bringing the list of possible German relations, and a form titled, "Letter to a possible relative", written in German (we just fill-in the blank names/addresses in English), to the reunion. If anyone would like to see these, or any of the other wealth of information that Russell has acquired on Dufford family history, please contact him. (address above)

Dear Friends,

I believe that our late treasurer, Dorothy Swackhamer, thanked each of you personally for your generous response to our call for financial help last year. Thanks to your collective tremendous support, we will be able to continue to produce and mail our annual bulletin. In order to keep our society running in the black, we will still need annual donations of whatever amount you feel appropriate. I know that Dorothy was deeply gratified by the wonderful support that was received last year. Thank you so much, one and all!!

Latest Note- Because of the loss of our treasurer so close to our bulletin time, we are only able to send the bulletin right now to those who have contributed in some way. As soon as the access to our account is straightened out, we will be sending the rest of them along. If you know of someone who is waiting for their copy, perhaps you could let them know about this, and that this bulletin will be posted on our website. We apologize for the delay.

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Audrey McCaffrey, (Temporary) Treasurer
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I am a descendant of: Samuel Swackhamer Philip Dufford Both Friend