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SWACKHAMMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN SUMMER, 2003

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 6/10/04 in ready to print format if possible.
Thanks!

57th ANNUAL REUNION - Saturday, July 26, 2003 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey. 11AM to 3 PM

Come and celebrate our families' 273 and 265 years of living in this valley!

A Message from Our President - 6/20/03

Dear Dufford-Swackhamer Member, Prospective Member, or Friend:

It is with deep regret that we report the death of Frank Dufford. Frank was one of our most faithful attendees and has been our oldest member in attendance at the reunion for the last few years. He will be greatly missed.

Herb and I have recently bought a home in Florida which will be our permanent residence. We are selling our home in Forked River and moving on to a lot more sunshine – less rain and snow! Our new address will be:

8124 Summersong Ct.
Spring Hill, Fla 34606

I must now submit my resignation as President of our association, and trust that at our reunion on July 26th, the membership will be ready to nominate a new officer. Of course my heart will always be with you all and if we happen to be up here in future years in July, you can be sure that Herb and I will attend the annual meetings.

Hope you all have a great Summer and stay healthy.

Very sincerely yours,

Audrey T. McCaffrey
President

From the Editor

I have been receiving a great wealth of information that will contribute to the fleshing out of the Swackhamer side of our family tree (found on the S/D website – <http://www.geocities.com/swackduff>). However, I am still missing several critical families that can tie together the Swackhamer and Dufford lineages. In other words, the more Swackhamer genealogical information I can get, the better! Please send along any information you can regarding Swackhamer genealogy, especially the families and ancestors of those Swackhamers who married into the Dufford family. Thanks for all your contributions!

Matt Martyniuk
Editor

A Message from our Secretary

I am happy to report that our bulletin editor, Matt, returned safely from his adventure in New Zealand on 11/20/02. He had a wonderful experience and traveled extensively around the South Island. We are very happy to have him back safely!

Our Condolences To:

The family of Frank W. Dufford. Frank died Wednesday, June 4th, 2003 at Heath Village, Washington Twp., where he had been a guest for 1 week. He was 88. Born in the Middle Valley section of Washington Township, he lived most of his life in Middle Valley. He was a personnel manager with Allstate Insurance Company in Murray Hill. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Long Valley, and an active member of the Middle Valley Hall Association. His brother Harold died previously. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Kirsten "Peg" Gehrs; a son, Frank W. Jr. of Little Falls, NY; three grandchildren, Jessica and Frank Payson and Jacob J.

Dufford; and two great-grandchildren. A graveside service was held on June 7th at Middle Valley Cemetery.

The family of Russel K. Apgar, 87, of Whiting, Manchester, NJ. Died Feb. 8 2003 at home. Surviving are his wife of 60 years, Eleanor Cobb Apgar; two sons and daughters in law, Robert K. and Janice Apgar of Sussex, and Randall D. and Ellen Apgar of Green Village; a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara A. and Ralph Scala of Morris Plains; a brother, John N. Apgar; a sister, Joyce Williams, and four grandchildren, Michael Apgar, Kristen Tallamy, Jeremy Apgar, and Victoria Scala. He was buried in Ocean County, NJ.

The family of Marsignia "Marcie" Meyer Hale (D) of Port St. Lucie, Fla. She died in January after a long illness. She was the daughter of Wilma and Henry Meyer. Her brother Carson Meyer has faithfully been attending our S/D reunions. She is also the cousin of Ruth Hartman.

The family of Helen F. Swackhamer, July 20th 1907 – November 6th 2002 of Tunkhannock, PA. Six generations of Helen's family had gathered shortly before her death in PA. (See article below for more.) Helen was born in Hop Bottom, PA in 1907. Services were held at the Elk Lake Community Church, interment is in Tyler Hill Cemetery, Montrose, PA.

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

Minutes from the 56th Annual Meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society

July 27, 2002

Meeting was called to order at 12:35PM by President Audrey McCaffrey (D). A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dorothy Swackhamer and for all deceased members.

Each member introduced themselves to the group, telling their family affiliation, town, and other interesting information.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Herb McCaffrey and were approved as read.

CORRESPONDENCE: An email from Lawrence Brasher was read. Mr. Brasher requested to be placed back on the mailing list to receive the bulletin. A letter was also read from Russell Dufford concerning the "Duffords of Germany".

OLD BUSINESS: Frank Dufford reported that the Middle Valley Cemetery is being well cared for and recommended that a \$50 donation be sent to the caretaker. A motion was seconded and approved for this donation. A motion was carried to send \$30 to the Washington Township Historical Society.

NEW BUSINESS: President Audrey McCaffrey asked for nominations from the floor for a new treasurer to replace Dorothy Swackhamer. There being none, Audrey proposed her daughter, Eileen Corritori (D), who happens to live in Long Valley and who had indicated a willingness to do this job. Frank Dufford made a motion, seconded by Jack Dufford, to nominate and elect Eileen as treasurer for the next three years. Eileen was elected unanimously.

Silver dollars were then presented to the following members:

Youngest attendee – Leigh McCaffrey (D) 18 months old.

Eldest attendee - Frank Dufford, 87 years old.

Attendee traveling the farthest – Mr. and Mrs. Gordon (D) from Daytona, Fla.

Mrs. Ruth Alpaugh from High Bridge, NJ, gave a very interesting account of the last will and testament of her Great-Great-Grandfather George Dufford, made July 1st, 1864 who died in 1884. A synopsis of this story follows:

His wife, Elizabeth Neighbor Dufford, received the interest yearly on \$6,000, the house, and furniture, one cow of her choice, and one ox. His son George received the farm (Fox Hill), and the wood-lot. At the death of his mother, he would receive the annual interest on the 6,000. William received \$10,000. Lawrence (Ruth Alpaugh's Great-Grandfather) received the farm and part of the wood-lot. Elijah received the farm. Henry and his sister (Martha Ann Dufford Wert) each shared a dwelling, a store, a garden, the grist mill, and a lot across the river. Andrew received the farm and after the death of Martha Ann, he would receive her share. Leonard – Grandson Gibson at age 21, would receive \$1,000.

Ruth also recently sent a portion of her family tree, which we will shortly update on the S/D web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Martyniuk

Carol Martyniuk (D)

Reunion/Meeting 7/27/03

As of 7/1/03, we are still looking into an historical speaker for our meeting. Whether or not we have a speaker attend, we have several other activities planned. At last year's meeting, some members expressed an interest in visiting some old cemeteries together. There will be an opportunity to do this after our meeting, for those who are interested. We also plan to have "Historic Tours" of Long Valley on audio tapes, which you can listen to in your car as we tour the area, or use on your own time.

On Display at the 7/03 Meeting:

Copies of The Biographical and Genealogical History of Morris County, New Jersey – Illustrated, volumes one and two (1899), on loan to the editor from Agnes Nostrand.

Updated Genealogies, possibly the S/D Family Tree computer files, interesting genealogical newspaper articles, Diane Swackhamer's genealogical information from Ontario, genealogical correspondence from the last year, and an Apgar family genealogy, among other things. Hope you can join us!

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 2003 reunion will be posted here shortly after the meeting.)

Official S/D Site: <http://www.geocities.com/swackduff/index.html>

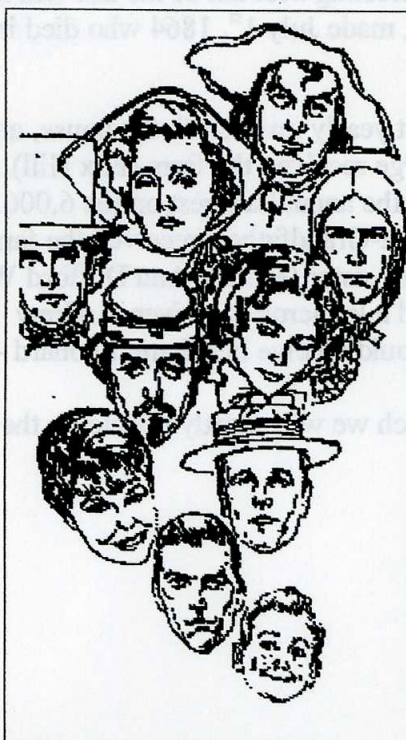
Terryberry (Durrenburger) family website <http://www.aloha.net/~esinger/terryber.htm>

Morris County Historical Society: <http://www.acornhall.org>

Warren County Cultural & Heritage Commission: <http://www.wcchc.org>

Hunterdon Country Historical Society: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~njhunter/hchs.htm> (see last page for info to order Hunterdon Gazette CD).

<http://www.ancestry.com>



"He that wishes to be counted among the benefactors of posterity, must add by his own toil to the acquisitions of his ancestors."

-- Rambler

Genealogy: A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.

--Unknown

Genealogy: Where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.

--Unknown

The Mystery of Georg Dieterich and Maria Magdalena Schwechheimer

By James W. Swackhamer

In the book "Voyage of the Love and Unity" by Nancy E. Schanes, the author lists the following among the "KNOWN PASSENGERS ON THE LOVE & UNITY":

- John Schwachammer
- George Schwachammer
- Samuel Schwachammer (wife Catherine and son Conrad)
- Magdalena (wife of George) Shwchhammer/Schwchammer

Among the "KNOWN SURVIVORS OF THE LOVE & UNITY" she lists:

- Swechheimer
- Shwichammer
- Suckamore
- John
- George
- Magdalena, wife of George
- Samuel
- Catherine, wife of Samuel
- Conrad, son

Among the "PLAINTIFFS IN THE ADMIRALTY COURT CASE" are listed:

- Magdalena SHUICHHAMMER
- John, George, Samuel SHUICHHAMMER (SCHWACHHAMMER)

From the above, we have plenty of evidence to know that:

Samuel is our immigrant ancestor, Samuel Friedrich Schwechheimer.

Catherine is Samuel's 2nd wife, Anna Katherine Kuch.

Conrad is the son of Samuel and his first wife, Eva Marie Hoffmann, Johann Konrad Schwechheimer.

That leaves John, George and Magdalena! Who are they and what happened to them?

In the early days of Nancy Shanes' research on the Love and Unity she mentioned to me that John, George and Magdalena were passengers on the ship. In viewing microfilm copies made by the Mormon Church of the records from the Evangelistic Church (Lutheran) in Altlussheim, Germany, I discovered the following entries:

Page 132: Conrad Schwechheimer, b 6 Mar 1699. Father Georg Dieterich Schwechheimer, Mother Maria Magdalena Pontif.

Page 136: Johannes Philip Schwechheimer, b 9 Feb 1701. Father Georg Dieterich Schwechheimer, Mother Maria Magdalena Pontif.

With two sons born about the same time as our Samuel, it appears that George and Magdalena were at least 20 years older.

Not finding George and Magdalena in the records I had of the Church in Altlussheim, I wrote to the person with access to all the records to see if he could shed any light on the situation. He replied as follows:

"The records in the Altlussheim parochial register begin in 1584. Yet before this time Jacob Schwechheimer (died Circa 1588*), your direct ancestor, and Adam Schwechheimer (died after 1560*) ancestor of Georg Dieterich Schwechheimer (born Oct. 1652, died 14 Mar 1705*) had lived in Altlussheim. Unfortunately I couldn't find anything in regards to the relation between the two of them. It's not stated in the records."

We might not be talking about the same George Schwachhammer who is listed as a passenger of the ill-fated ship. There are a lot of similarities, however. The Altlussheim Church Georg Dieterich Schwechheimer's second wife was Maria Magdalena Reiling (Married 24 Jun 1697*). She was the daughter of Caspar Reiling of Speyer. This does not match with the last name of Pontif as recorded by the Mormon Church microfilm.

The Altlusseim Church records list the same two sons of Georg and Magdalena with the same birth dates listed in the Mormon Church records. However, my correspondent states "The copies (of the records) also prove that neither Georg Dietrech nor his sons, Konrad and Johann Philipp emigrated to America. George Dietrich and Konrad Schwechheimer both lived and died in Altlussheim. According to the parochial register, Johann Philipp married and moved to Heidelberg and still lived there in 1753."

So there you have it. Who were the George, Magdalena and John that arrived on the ship Love and Unity? Where did they come from? Where did they go. Not all the passengers were involved in court cases. Many of the latter went on to Philadelphia on the ship Norris. Neither Georg, his wife Magdalena, nor their sons were listed among the Norris passengers. Could the Church records be wrong? Could they have used assumed names? Nancy Shanes notes "There are no further records of these persons."

Can anyone shed any light on this confusing situation?

*Information added by the author, some of which came from family group sheets supplied by his correspondent from Germany.

NOTE: The "Voyage of the Love and Unity" is a wonderful story of the trials and tribulations of our immigrant ancestor and his family on their trip from Rotterdam to Martha's Vineyard and the court cases that followed their arrival in December 1731. Anyone desiring a copy should send a note to or call:

Mrs. Nancy E Schanes
3311 S. Rockfield Dr.
Wilmington, DE 19810-3226
(302) 478-1494

The cost is \$12.00 including shipping and handling.

From Diane Swackhamer – Ontario, Canada

Diane sent us additional information from the Ontario area on the Swackhamer family. This includes census information from 1861; information from the Churchill Cemetery in Halton County, Ontario; and other Swackhamer genealogical information. We will try to put some of this on the S/D website. If you would like more details, contact your secretary (Carol Martyniuk), or *Diane Swackhamer*.

227 Arthur St.
Acton, ON L7J 1L9

From Russell Dufford:

Russell is searching for any records detailing any Dufford serving in the American Revolution. A friend of Russell's is encouraging him to join the Sons of the American Revolution. If anyone has such information, please let Russell know.

From Valerie Scannell:

Valerie is searching for any information about her ancestors. Her great-grandfather was James Elmer Dufford, Sr. Her grandfather was James Elmer Dufford, Jr. b. 9/21/06 (married Esther Ruth Driscoll on 6/2/30). James Jr.'s children were Sarah Evellyn Dufford (b.6/16/38), who married Roger R. Scannell in 11/1956. Any information can be sent to:

Valerie Scannell
52 Manning St. #2
Hudson, MA 01749

From Sarah E. Nichols and Ruth (Swackhamer) Almond:

Harry J. Swackhamer, who died in 1944, was a former mayor of Dunellen, NJ. He is the son of Rullif Swackhamer. His daughter is Sarah E. Nichols, and his son was Elmer Henry Swackhamer (b.4/28/1902 in Dunellen, NJ and d.6/1989 in Vero Beach, Fla.) Elmer's daughter (and Harry's granddaughter) is Ruth (Swackhamer) Almond. Ruth has framed papers regarding Harry's honorable discharge from the National Guard in 1888, and a red-ribboned badge from the Brotherhood of I.O.F. of Dunellen, NJ. Apparently, a portrait of Harry J. Swackhamer hangs in the Dunellen Town Hall.

Thank you to Diana Swackhamer of Montrose, PA, who sent us a lovely article entitled "Six generations of Swackhamers gather – visiting Great-Great-Great-Grandma". Diana was correct in saying that not many families in the US are ever able to gather six generations together. The full article will appear on our web site. Just before her passing, Helen F. Swackhamer was able to hold her new g-g-g-granddaughter, Janell Smith (3 wks old) at Beverly Healthcare, in Tunkhannock, PA. Diana became the g-g-grandmother. Janell's birth also marked another interesting quirk in the family tree. From Helen to Tara (Janell's mother), all the women in the family first gave birth to a female. Incredible indeed!

Thank you to the following people who have sent genealogical contributions this past year. All of these updates will be displayed at our meeting: Ruth (Swackhamer) Almond, Ruth (Apgar) Alpaugh, Sarah E. Nichols, Diana Swackhamer (PA), William (Dufford) Moyle.

From Bill Roberts (D) Bill's booklet, "Early History and Genealogy of the Dufford Family" is worth repeating from last year's bulletin – for those who may not have received a bulletin last year. To obtain a copy you can email Bill at Roberts.jw@worldnet.att.net, or mail to 1016 St. Clair Rd. Moody, AL 35004. Cost – copying and postage.

A Wonderful Coincidence by Audrey McCaffrey (D)

A few weeks ago I received an S-D donation from a Mrs. Marguerite Stout of Scituate, MA. Mrs Stout said that she is very interested in the Middle Valley Cemetery where the Trimmer family plot is located (her father's side of the family). Her grandmother was Elizabeth Dufford Trimmer. Mrs. Stout and her daughter, Carol, of Middletown, NJ, are very interested in the information in our bulletin. In our conversation, I mentioned that my dad, Alden Martin Wert, was born and raised in Hackettstown, NJ. Dad left there at eighteen years of age to work with Col. Gorgas in the building of the Panama Canal (1900). The doctor who delivered him was a Dr. Alden Martin who practiced in the late 1800s. Then Marguerite said that Dr. Alden Martin was her husband's grandfather, and he practiced medicine in Hackettstown until he was 90 years old. My dad, Alden Martin Wert, was named for Dr. Alden Martin! Isn't that amazing!

You never know just how small this old world is. You can make interesting connections all the time. So come to the reunion on July 26th and you too can make some very interesting connections!

THANK YOU for your generous donations for the bulletin during the past year! Please consider an annual donation so that we can continue to send a bulletin and keep our society going strong!

(tear here)

Eileen Corritori, Treasurer
Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society
66 E Fawnridge Dr.
Long Valley, NJ 07853

Please find enclosed \$ _____, my donation towards the Annual Bulletin.

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I am a descendant of: Samuel Swackhamer Philip Dufford Both Friend

(tear here)

Change of Name and/or Address Form

We have been receiving many bulletins back FOE (Forwarding Order Expired). Please help us! If you or someone you know are planning to move within the next year, please complete and return this form to:

The Martyniuks
4 Washington St.
Vernon, NJ 07462

Thank you!

Your Name _____
(Please Print)

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City & State _____ Zip Code _____

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Copied from the Internet for those who may be interested. This CD includes a family name index. You may click on a family name, and it will take you to a page in the paper that mentions that family member. Many of our family names are included in the CD, in case you might be interested.

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This is an example of the Text documents you will get, taken from the year 1833.

No. 14. Wednesday, March 13, 1833. [Continued]

thirty-three, at the suit of **Elisha R. Johnston** and **Joseph J. Johnston**, late partners, &c. trading under the name, style and firm of **Elisha R. Johnston & Company**, against the goods and chattels, rights and credits, monies and effects, lands and tenements of **Samuel Large**, an absconding debtor, in a plea of trespass on the case, has been duly returned "attached" by the sheriff of the county of Hunterdon.

Isaac G. Farlee, Clk.

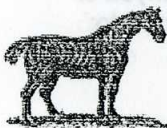
Dated March 7, 1833.

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Charles Bartles, Att'y.

A CARD.

H. [Henry] D. MAXWELL offers his services to the public as a Conveyancer and Scrivener. He can be found at the office of **Peter I. Clark**, Esq. March 13, 1833.



Horse Bills
Neatly Printed at
this Office,
On a new and beautiful
HORSE PLATE.



The well bred
BROWN
Highlander,

WILL stand the ensuing season at the stable of the subscriber, in Amwell Township, two miles from Flemington, two from **Mettler's Mills**, and three from **Young's Mills**, at the rate of Five Dollars to insure



BOOTS
AND
SHOES.

The subscriber will from this day make first rate Fashionable Boots for \$4 per pair - and Men's Fashionable shoes for \$1 75 - at his Shop, over the Printing Office, Flemington.

William Hughes.

Feb. 13, 1833.

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MARRIED,

Near Somerville, on the 12th inst. Mr. **Amos F. Maxwell**, merchant of Flemington, to **Miss Margaret C. Stryker**, daughter of **Stephen P. Stryker**, of Somerville.

On the 16th instant, by the **Rev. Charles Bartolette**, Mr. **John Fauss** to **Miss Jane Lake**, both of Amwell.

DIED,

In Alexandria Township, on the 8th instant, Mr. **Philip Runkle**, aged about 38 years.



The full-bred Horse
YOUNG
TUCKAHOE,

Will stand for mares this season at the stable of **Jeremiah Smith**, at Mount Carmel [Klinesville], on the road leading from Flemington to Quakertown.

For further particulars, see handbills.
Derrick Hoagland & Jeremiah Smith.

March 20, 1833.

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It's Been Said

When it's all said and done, the only person easy to deceive is yourself.—Anonymous

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PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, TUESDAY

Long Silent, but Memories Remain

Chatterbox Club Was Just That

A Winter's night sleighride through rolling hills . . . a strawload trek to an old mill . . . girlish excitement over packing a picnic basket for her best beau.

This is memory's mystic band of bygone years, recalled this week by two former residents who were members of a young ladies' social group that flourished in Long Valley after the turn of the century—the Chatterbox Club of German Valley.

They are Mrs. Charles B. Green of 20 Hurley Ave. and Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh Crist of 727 Spooner Ave.

ONLY GIRLHOOD memories remain today. The Chatterbox Club has been defunct for more than 40 years. Many of its members are deceased. And German Valley has long since given way to the name Long Valley.

The reign of the Chatterbox Club was brief—only a decade or so. But into its abbreviated term were crammed a variety of social activities typical of a small farm community of the early 1900s.

The club was a far cry from the bevy of multi-committee women's club of modern vintage. It had no officers, no committee chairmen, and fund raising was never a problem—its members chipped in whenever a fee was needed.

BEST, the club's feature might have been a afternoon picnic, or riding a horse and buggy Sunday outing at Lake Hopatcong.

Chatterbox Club members had one thing in common—the present-day distaff members—they liked to talk.



CHATTERBOX CLUB—This is how members of German Valley's Chatterbox Club looked as they posed at a 1906 outing at Lake Hopatcong. At left in the top row is Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh Crist of 727 Spooner Ave. In center of the second from bottom row is Mrs. Charles B. Green of 20 Hurley Ave.

remarked Mrs. Crist. "That's how the club got started, and it's what prompted people to start calling us 'that chatterbox girls' club.'"

Mrs. Crist said she organized the club in about 1906 to "give

the young women of German Valley something to do."

The club met once a month, meeting in members' homes for a gabfest and sewing session. Members spent the evening swapping news from the

"Valley" and planning social events.

PICNICS, sleighing, songfests, community dances and card parties—all were on the schedule of the prim and proper young ladies of the Chatterbox Club.

"Turned out we made quite a name for ourselves," said Mrs. Green. "Before long we had about 20 members and were receiving invitations from neighboring clubs to visit them."

A highlight of the club's activities came when members donned dusters and bounced over bumpy country roads in a new "horseless carriage," according to Mrs. Green.

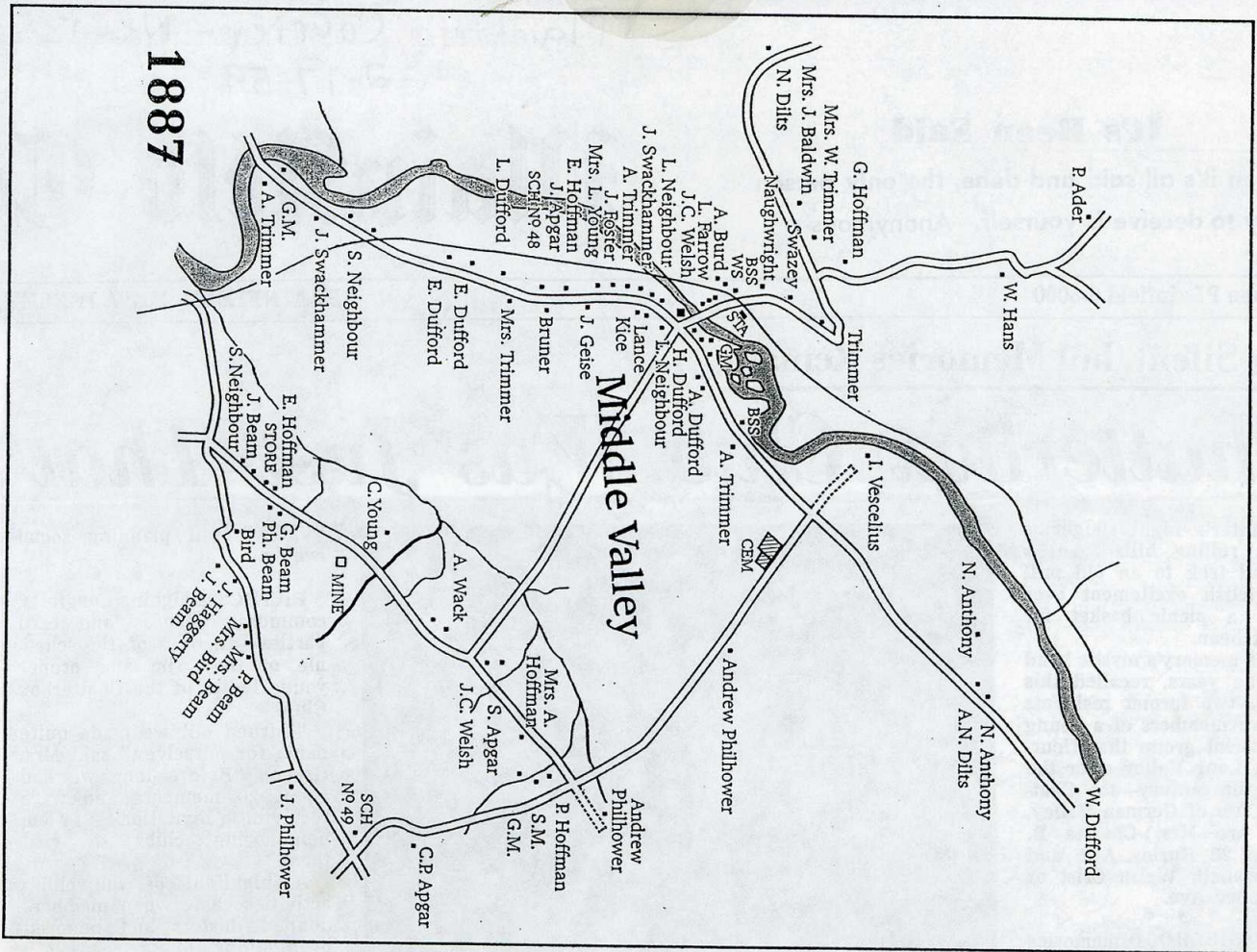
WHAT CALLED a halt to the Chatterbox Club?

"Men—they were our downfall," said Mrs. Green. "We began inviting our young men friends to our parties, and before long word had spread through the 'Valley' that there were some pretty eligible young ladies over in German Valley."

This was the beginning of the end for the Chatterbox Club. The girls grew up, married and moved, and around 1916 the Chatterbox Club was silent.

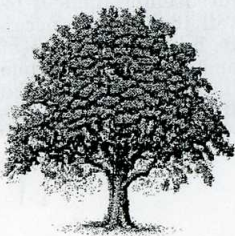
TODAY, Mrs. Crist, a practical nurse for about 25 years, and Mrs. Green, retired after 42 years as a school teacher, offer this advice to prospective women's club organizers:

"You don't need all this high-powered entertainment today . . . all that's really necessary is to be with a group of friends and have a good time . . . after that, things take care of themselves."



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