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**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 (DUFOURD) WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738.

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**Please send all newsletter submissions by 6/10/05 in ready to print format if possible.
Thanks!**

**58th ANNUAL REUNION - Saturday, July 31, 2004 at the Zion Lutheran Church, Long
Valley, New Jersey. 11AM to 3 PM
Come and celebrate our families' 274 and 266 years of living in this valley!**

From the Former President – 6/19/04

Dear Swackhammer-Dufford Cousins, Family and Friends,

Well hello again; Here we are all settled in, in our new home in Florida. We truly love it down in sunny Florida, and we do not miss the wintry snow and ice nor do we miss the rainy, damp Springs we had down at the Jersey shore. We do miss seeing the grandchildren as frequently as we were able to when we lived up North, but we did have our 3 oldest grandchildren (all in college) visit us for 5 days on Spring Break back in March and that was a lot of FUN.

We are living on the West Coast about 5 miles from the Gulf of Mexico and so WE DO GET A GREAT DEAL OF USE OF OUR 30 FOOT POWERBOAT "AUDREY TERESE". Herb joined the Coast Guard Auxillary and that keeps him quite busy.

We live in a beautiful gated community called Timber Pines and I have joined a singing group of about 90 voices, male and female, and we put on two shows a year—in the Spring and at Christmas. We have a wonderful Director, and she is very talented.

I play bridge 2 or 3 times a month, and we have very wonderful neighbors.

So dear cousins, I will miss seeing you all this year but I trust the younger generation will do a good job running the Reunion as we tried to do for the last 10 or 12 years.

We still have Jim Swackhammer taking care of the labels for the membership, and we sincerely thank him for all of the time and commitment he has devoted to the task. And we must also thank Russell Dufford, for his work as the Dufford Historian.

Also thanks to Jack Dufford, for all his effort in getting us good programs for the meetings, and thanks to Jane Saums for her work on publicizing our yearly reunions.

If I have forgotten anyone—OH YES; Our Grandson for his work on our yearly newsletter. Matt Martyniuk you are a GEM;;;;; Can not give you enough PRAISE because without you and your knowledge of Computers we might not have a newsletter.

A special thanks to Matt's Mom, our daughter Carol, for her collating and mailing the bulletins to all of us.

Have a healthy and happy Summer.

Yours sincerely,
Audrey T. McCaffrey, Past President

Our Condolences To:

The family of Nancy Linster Conklin, 81, of Spring Lake, NJ who passed away on 2/11/04. She is survived by two children; David of Sonora, CA and Sharon of San Miguel Ellende, Mexico, and three grandchildren. Nancy was the granddaughter of the late Samuel S. Swackhammer of North Plainfield, NJ and sister of David Linster and his wife Lois of Syracuse, NY. She was married for 47 years to the late Rev. Edward D. Conklin.

The family of Mr. George T. Oxford (S), of Huntsville AL., who passed away in 2000.

Wedding Bells:

Richard Emmons (S) and Vicki Dion were married in a Christmas Eve ceremony on December 24th, 2003 in West Hartford, CT where they will reside. (thanks to Jane Saums for this and the above information).

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

Minutes from the 57th Annual Meeting of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society

July 26, 2003

President Audrey McCaffrey (D) called the meeting to order at 12:45PM. Everyone introduced themselves with their connection to the Swackhamer and/or Dufford families. The group then observed a moment of silence for Frank Dufford and other deceased members of the S/D families.

Secretary Carol Martyniuk (D) read the minutes of the last meeting, and they were approved as read. Eileen Corritori gave the treasurer's report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Returned newsletters were mentioned and members were encouraged to check the newsletters in an attempt to correct invalid addresses.

NEW BUSINESS: Since Audrey McCaffrey would soon move to Florida, she resigned as President of the combined societies. Erin Corritori (D) nominated Christie Martyniuk (D) to succeed Audrey in the Presidency, and Ruth Alpaugh seconded the nomination. Christie accepted the position.

A motion was made and seconded to award Morgan silver dollars next year to the eldest, youngest, and furthest traveled members, instead of Susan B. Anthony silver dollars.

Silver dollars were then presented to the following members:

Youngest attendee – Jeremy Conover.

Eldest attendee – Ruth Alpaugh, age 87.

Attendee traveling the farthest – Warren Simmons, and mother Louise Simmons, from San Jacinto, CA.

The group voted to continue contributing to the Middle Valley Cemetery Association, and the Washington Township Historical Society, and a third organization. Editor Matt Martyniuk gave a brief presentation on his trip to New Zealand the previous year.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM. Afterwards, Warren Simmons and Matt Martyniuk made available their computer genealogy records.

Attendees: Barbara Rudy (S), Ken and Joyce Apgar (S/D), Mike Apgar (S/D), Russell T. Dufford, Jr., Jerry Conover (D), Jeremy Conover (D), Warren Simmons (D), Louise Simmons (D), Mildred Van Dyke (friend), Jane Saums (S), Vivian Logan (S/D), Carolyn G. Anderson McLean (D), Gene and Sharon Swackhamer, Herb and Audrey McCaffrey (D), Matt Martyniuk (D), Christie Martyniuk (D), Carol Martyniuk (D), Eileen Corritori (D), Erin Corritori (D), Ruth E. Alpaugh (D/S).

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Martyniuk (D)

Reunion/Meeting 7/31/04

Eileen Stokes of Washington Township will graciously present a program and slide show of the Long Valley area and its history, called "Then and Now." She is associated with the Washington Township Historical Society Museum, is the chairwoman of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission, and is a renowned expert on the history of this area. She is very anxious to meet some Swackhammers and Duffords.

On Display at the 7/04 Meeting:

Updated Genealogies, including 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 2004 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>

<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>

A BIT ABOUT OUR CANADIAN ANCESTORS

by

James W. Swackhamer

The book *Early Germans of New Jersey* by Theodore Chambers has been a must read for beginning genealogists because of its wealth of information and detail. However, Mr Chambers had a bad job of proof reading for there are many errors found in the details. One of these concerned the father of one of our Canadian ancestors.

In the section on our immigrant ancestor, Samuel Friedrich Schwechheimer, Chambers lists John (Johannas) as Samuel's second child. He may not have available the fact that between Conrad, Samuel's first born, and John, there were four other children, who were born and died in Germany. Thus, John was really Samuel's sixth child. That's not so bad but he lists John as being born in 1827. This is strange for his father, Samuel, died in 1782. Since most of my research is confined to descendants of Samuel's first born, Conrad, I know little about John and his descendants. I know there was a lot of research done on John, so perhaps someone can shed some light on this issue.

However, this is not about John, but about Christopher, John's second son, according to Chambers. All Chambers wrote about Christopher was that he married "Kate Terryberry and went to Canada." Fortunately, Louise Lamb of California, has done some research on Christopher and his family. The information she sent me contained the following details.

Christopher Swackhamer was born 9 Jul 1767 in NJ, USA. Married abt 1792 in PA, USA Died 18 Apr 1840 at Grimsby, Lincoln, UCanada.

Wife: Elizabeth (Kate) Terryberry, Born 1772 in USA. Died 1858 at Grimsby, Lincoln, Canada W.

Children:

Jacob Swackhamer, born 16 Sep 1793 at Long Valley, Morris Co, NJ USA. Married 1818. Grimsby, Lincoln, UCanada.. Died 10 Jan 1874, at Esquesing, Halton, ON, Canada.

Wife: Mary Maria Thompson, born 1799, .Grimsby, Lincoln, UCanada. Died 15 June 1890 at Esquesing, Halton, ON, Canada.

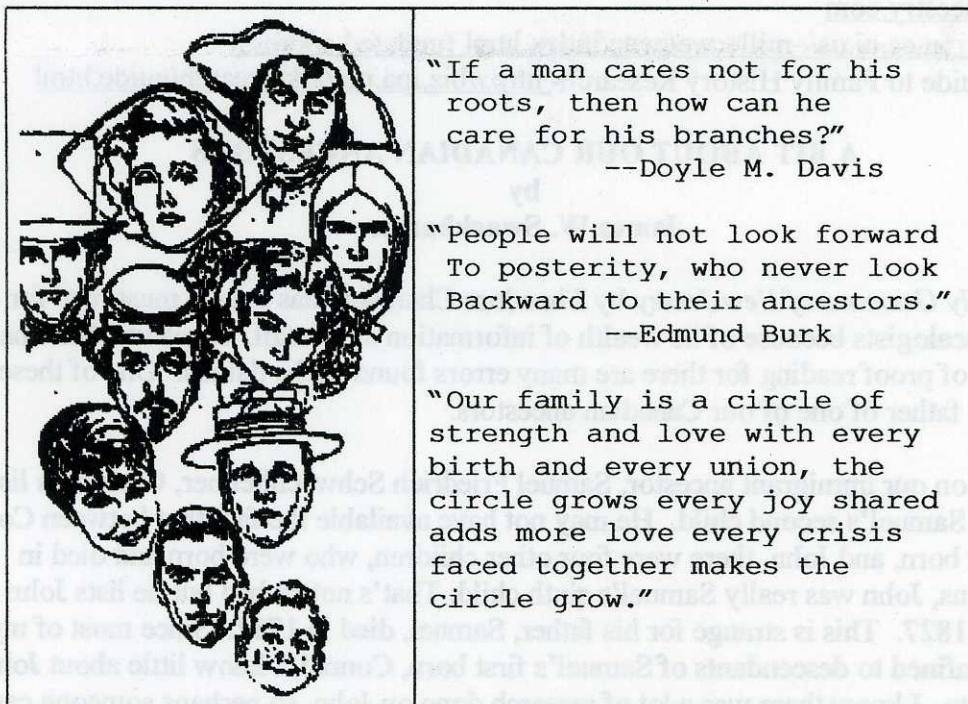
Children:

Susan Margaret Swackhamer, born 11 Dec 1820 Esquesing, Halton, UCanada, Died 22 Jan 1902 at Trafalgar, Halton, ON, Canada.

This is as far as I can go at this point. In studying Mrs. Lamb's charts, I need to contact her to clear up some points before I continue. In the need to meet our newsletter deadline, you will have to wait until next year for additional details.

You editor greatly appreciates Jim Swackhamer's generous work on the above article and the mailing labels for this newsletter!

Thank you to William N. Cramer, Jr. (D) for his helpful note and updates/corrections to the Dufford family tree records. The files available on the S/D web site have been updated with the new information.



DEATH OF GROVER CLEVELAND TRIMMER: NOVEMBER 12, 1904

As the son of Lawrence Hager Trimmer (1847-1909), a former NJ State Assemblyman (1889-1891), the founder and president of the High Bridge National Bank, and president and owner of the Middle Valley Trap Rock and Mine Company, 20 year-old Grover took an active part in his father's business interests, as it was required. L.H. Trimmer was considered the richest man in the Middle Valley area.

On Saturday November 12, 1904, Grover decided to work that morning at the Teetertown quarry with his 21 year-old brother, Anthony, who was also his father's personal representative at the quarry. The Trimmers lived about a mile away.

They both brought their lunch to work that morning. Anthony stored his lunch in the blacksmith shop and Grover stored his lunch in the boiler house. Due to the cold weather, some of the workers picked up two sticks of dynamite that were used in the blasting operation, and brought them inside the boiler house to keep dry for later use in the afternoon. The fire in the boiler house was low and the dynamite sticks were supposedly placed at a safe distance. Everybody at the work site, including Anthony and Grover, knew about the dynamite sticks in the boiler house.

When lunch approached, Grover retreated to the warmth of the boiler house and invited his brother, Anthony, to join him for conversation. As Anthony walked towards the blacksmith shop to retrieve his lunch, the boiler house exploded, tearing the frame building into kindling wood and throwing the metal pipes and structure of the boiler in all directions. The explosion was so loud that it shattered windows of nearby farmhouses.

The workers and Anthony ran to Grover's aid as the debris from the boiler house lied on top of him. Using their hands, they frantically retrieved him from the wreckage, but his body was badly burned and mangled. They placed his unconscious body onto a wagon and drove him to his parents' house, where he died five hours later. The funeral was conducted three days later in the parlor of the home. Many neighbors and friends paid their respects.

Grover was buried in the Lower Valley Presbyterian Church cemetery. His father never recovered from the tragedy and died five years later. Anthony died in 1931.

Thank you to Eileen Stokes for the above summary from an article in "The Hackettstown Gazette" (11/12/1904). There may be some type of monument/ memorial coming up this fall in relation to this tragic event (100 years). If anyone has a photo of Grover C. Trimmer, the committee would be very interested in borrowing it for this memorial. Contact your editor. Grover and Anthony were two of the children of Elizabeth Dufford and L.H. Trimmer.

We greatly appreciate all the donations we have received from our Canadian cousins. However, our treasurer is unable to redeem Canadian money orders in a practical manner. If at all possible, please make future donations in a way that will be negotiable at standard US banks. Thank you very much!

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!

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

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

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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 _____
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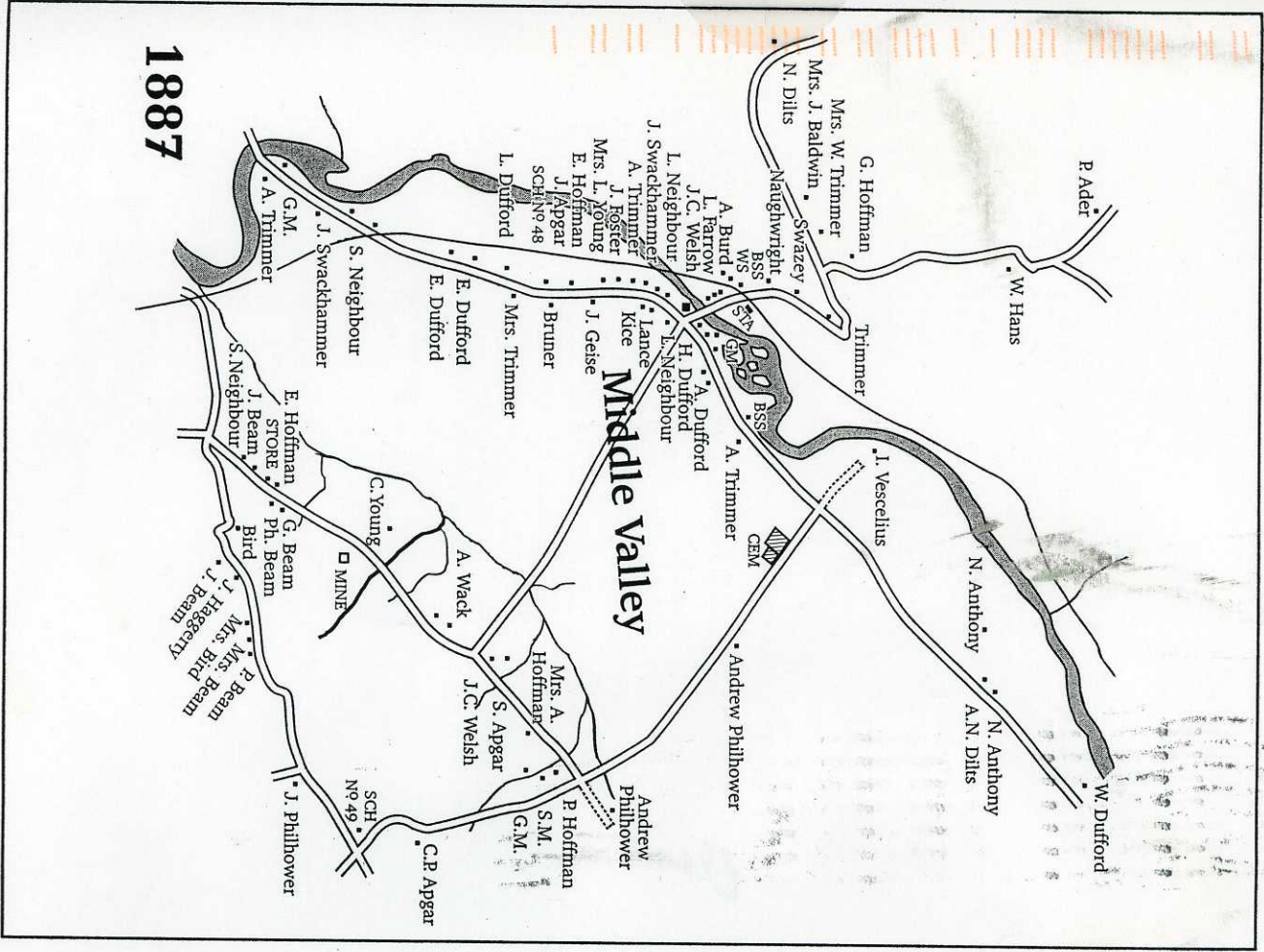
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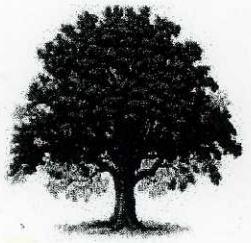


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