

Winter 2006

Dear Members and Friends:

It has been several years since there has been a special issue of a Bulletin and even more years since we have published two in one year, but there is big news to announce regarding the 2007 annual reunion. Thus, the reason for this issue is to give you timely notice so you can plan ahead. The date is set for July 28, 2007, and the location will be the newly opened Raritan Inn and its barn conference center. The Inn is just a few miles west of Long Valley, New Jersey on highway 513 near Califon. What makes this location so unique for us it that it is the homesteading site of Samuel Swackhamer, who's 275th anniversary we are celebrating. Even more interesting is that the modern bed & breakfast inn is on the restored foundation of the original house as improved by the Trimmers and others over the years.

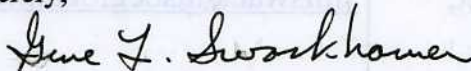
Bill Asdal, owner and restorer of the property, was very excited to learn of our interest in holding our annual meeting there and has been very accommodating to our needs. My wife, Sharon and I have made reservations to stay at the Raritan Inn, and the innkeeper, Karen Moore, is holding their 4 remaining rooms for others attending the 2007 meeting on a first request basis. There are other nearby inns and hotels listed in this issue.

The program will be the most extensive the S-D Society has ever conducted with speakers, tours, workshops, children's activity, fellowship and food. It will be a full day, but a memorable one for first-timers as well as the veterans of past annual reunion meetings. If you have never attended an annual meeting because of distance or work schedule, this is the one to put on your schedule. Even if genealogy research is not your thing, it is still interesting to meet previously unknown distant cousins and to try to figure out how you might be related.

I realize that not everyone can attend, so we are conducting a poetry writing contest as one way to encourage distant members to participate. Also, your family news is always welcome for inclusion in the Bulletin, which has become one of the best sources of historic information on the Swackhamer and Dufford families. Still want more information? Contact any of the officers by email or letter and we'll do our best to find timely answers for you.

I look forward to meeting many of you next July.

Sincerely,



Gene L. Swackhamer, President

Bulletin Information. Gene Swackhamer is responsible for the printed version of this special issue and Matt Martyniuk for the electronic version on the Society's website: www.azhdarcho.com/sd/index.html. Got a news item (genealogy find or inquiry, birth, death, marriage, old photo, lost family member, interesting story, etc.), send it to Bulletin Editor, 16429 Yeoho Road, Sparks, MD 21152. Bulletins for years 2000-Summer 2006 are available on the website and Bulletins for years 1953 to date are available to researchers at the Washington Township Historical Society, P.O. Box 189, Long Valley, NJ 07853. (phone 908-876-9696), Shelley Heretyk, President. **The deadline for submitting information for the 2007 Bulletin is May 1, 2007.**

SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN WINTER 2006, SPECIAL EDITION

FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SCHWACHAMMER (SWACKHAMER) WHO IN 1732 SETTLED IN LONG VALLEY, NEW JERSEY AND PHILLIP DUFFORD (DUFOURD) WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738.

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Program for the July 28, 2007, Samuel Swackhamer Commemorative Meeting

- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Conference registration in the Raritan Inn barn with coffee and pastry. Meet a previously unknown Dufford, Swackhamer, Trimmer cousin; Share you family history/research with others.
- 9:30 a.m. Welcome, introductions and outline of the program for the day by Gene Swackhamer, President, Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society.
- 10:00 a.m. Opening address by keynote speaker, James M. Beidler, 1st VP, PA Chapter, Palatines to America Society on "Early Germans to America."

- 10:30 a.m. Visiting the Clydesdale Horse Farm (optional nearby farm tour for children and adults)
- 11:00 a.m. Workshops: (1) Researching the Dufford Family history by John (Jack) Dufford, Russell T. Dufford, et. al.; (2) Incorporating history into modern restoration projects by Bill Asdal, Owner, Raritan Inn. (3) Beginning genealogy—getting started.
- 12:00 Catered luncheon in the barn for all attendees.
- 1:00 p.m. Sixty-First annual meeting of the S-D Society for members and friends.
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. Tour of historic places including the Dufford homestead, Middle Valley Cemetery and Washington Historical Society Museum adjacent to the old Zion Church in Long Valley.
- 2:00-3:00 p.m. Workshops (for those not going on tours) (4) Solving tough genealogical problems, (5) Sharing information about our ancestors, (6) Early Germans of Middle Valley.
- 3:30 p.m. Dedication of a garden sculpture at the Raritan Inn in memory of Samuel Swackhamer with recitation of winning poems.
- 4:00 p.m. Fellowship wrap-up with ice cream and watermelon. Come again in 2008. Reunion will be Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley.

Poetry Contest Announced for 2007 Reunion

The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society is sponsoring a poetry contest as part of the commemoration of the 275th anniversary of Samuel Swackhamer's homesteading in the German Valley of New Jersey. Why a poetry contest? In many of the early issues of this Bulletin, which dates to 1953, poetry was included from members or cited by officers. So, there is a tradition that can be followed. It also is a way to permit participation in the commemorative meeting by those not able to make the trip to Long Valley, New Jersey. And, we want to use some of the submitted poems as a part of the dedication ceremony at the Raritan Inn location of Samuel's homestead.

The contest rules are simple:

1. Submit an original poem on the topic of family, pioneers, forefathers, ancestors, immigrants or early settlers of our country. It may be a poetic form of your choice: free style, rhyme, etc. You may submit as many poems as you want. The Society will acknowledge receipt of submitted poems, but will not mail the poems back to the authors, so keep your original or a copy. The Society reserves the right to print contest poems in its Bulletin and to read them at the 2007 reunion meeting. Credit will be given to the authors of any poem used. There will be no monetary awards.
2. Jill (Swackhamer) Kaplan will manage the contest for the S-D Society and oversee the judging of the poems to select the "best" adult and children poems. Children are considered under age 18; adults age 18 and over. Jill is a graduate of the University of Maryland with a BA in English Literature and spent a year at Sheffield University in England, before returning to the Maryland for her MA degree.
3. You need not be a member of the S-D Genealogical Society to enter this contest.
4. Only poems received by May 1, 2007 will be considered. Please mail your entry to Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, 16429 Yeoho Road, Sparks, Maryland 21152-9553. Winning poems will be announced at the July 28, 2007, reunion meeting and in subsequent Bulletins.

Communication from Members and Friends

On 9-29-06 Betty Lou Dufford Bricker of the Indiana side of Louisville wrote that she enjoyed reading the Russell T. Dufford biography in the on-line edition of the 2006 Bulletin. Unfortunately her husband, Ron, died in June 2006. Betty Lou (Betsy) was born in western Pennsylvania of the Butler, PA Duffords. Since moving to Indiana 10 years ago after nearly 30 years in the Cincinnati area, she has seen several references to Duffords there: obits from Salem and New Castle, IN, a story about a Dufford opening the first winery in IN many years ago near Vevey (of Switzerland County). Betsy said she has relatives in Butler and Lancaster, PA.

Communication from Members and Friends (continued)

Vivian Logan (D) wrote on 10-6-06 that she was sorry to have missed the summer reunion. She didn't get a printed Bulletin as a reminder and it just slipped past. A Dr. Trimmer in central NJ had asked her to let him know the details of the summer meeting, which he wanted to attend, so she felt bad in letting him down too. (Ed. Comment: We are very sorry for the 2006 confusion, Vivian; you are on the mailing list and should receive this issue.)

Last 9-18-06 Thelma Swackhammer wrote to inform the Society of the death of her husband, Merlyn (b. 10-7-05; d. 12-1-05) at age 80. She said that Merlyn enjoyed receiving and reading the Bulletin. In the years preceding his death they enjoyed traveling through the western states. In the months before his death he fought cancer before succumbing at the Altoona, PA, Veterans Administration Hospital. Thelma said that her daughter has most of her late husband's genealogy material and letters and likes to keep up on family news. Thelma's address is 62 Over the Hill Road, Weedville, PA 15868.

Holiday greetings came from Robert E. and Mildred Swackhamer of Springfield, Missouri. Robert celebrated his 91st birthday in 2006 and was disappointed that he had to give up yard work—too much pain in too many places, he said. Mildred, however, still bowls and plays bridge. Robert reported that his grandson, Brian Keith Swackhamer, son of R.E.'s son, Robert Lee Swackhamer, is stationed in Afghanistan as an Army Medic for a tour of at least 15 months. R.E. is a brother of former S-D Society President, T.C. Swackhamer. Also living in the Springfield area are two of O.C.'s (another brother) daughters, Pat and Terry, who include Uncle Robert and Aunt Mildred in many of the family activities. (Ed. Note: In 2005 my wife and I enjoyed a visit with these Missouri Swackhamers, meeting R.E. for the first time. When I worked in Kansas in the 1960s, R.E. was an officer with the Missouri State Police and on occasion I would hear from a friend—"your dad give me a speeding ticket!")

Our newest S-D Society officer volunteer is Gregory A. (Greg) Swackhammer of Dundas, Ontario, Canada. Greg has agreed to be an Assistant Swackhamer Historian, helping improve the link to our many Canadian cousins, also descendants of Samuel. You will find his address and contact information among the officers listed on page two should you need his assistance in checking a Canadian ancestor. In 2005 Greg visited Altussheim, Germany, and said that he really enjoyed his stay there. Hopefully, he will share some of his observations in future Bulletin articles.

Notes from the 60th Annual Reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society

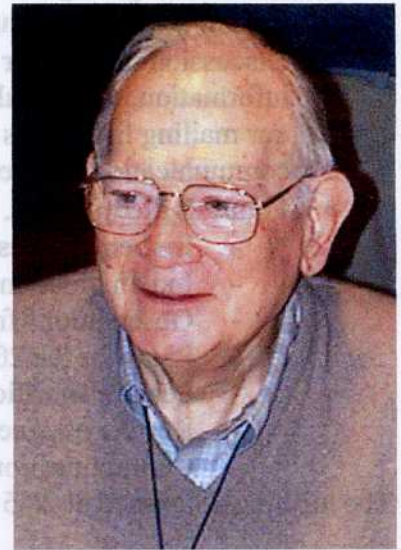
Members and friends gathered at Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey on Saturday, July 29, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. for the 60th annual meeting of the combined societies. Attendance was less than in most years, probably due to the posting of the 2006 Bulletin on the web site rather than mailing it to all members, which was the only reminder notice of the meeting. Those present joined around tables in the Church's fellowship hall to eat their picnic lunches and catch up on news about family and genealogy. Following lunch Jack Dufford, Vice President, called the meeting to order. Carol Martyhiuk (D), Secretary, said that Christie Martyniuk (D), President, would be absent from the meeting and has submitted her resignation finding that school, work and other activity has kept her from performing the job. Carol continued with the reading of the minutes of the 59th annual reunion of July 30, 2005, which on motion duly made and seconded were approved. Additional action at the meeting included the following:

- Eileen Corritori (D), Treasurer, gave the following financial report which by motion was accepted.

\$ 744.69	Balance on 7-30-05
435.00	Contributions during the year
<u>146.73</u>	Expenses for the year
\$1,032.96	Balance on 7-29-06

Introducing Society Officers

James (Jim) W. Swackhamer, Swackhamer Family Historian Emeritus has served the Society since the early 1990s as official Swackhamer family historian and as a frequent contributor of genealogy articles in the Bulletin. In the past couple of years a worsening eye problem has made written communication difficult for Jim and he asked to step down as Historian, but the S-D Society chose to retain his services in an Emeritus capacity because of his wealth of knowledge. If you have a challenging Swackhamer genealogy problem, give Jim a call. He may have an answer and even if he doesn't, your phone visit will be productive toward future genealogical research.



James William, (b. 7-3-1920, Camden, NJ) the son of George Fremont Swackhamer (1885-1971) and Romalda Grace Stratton (1884-1973), grandson of George Swackhamer (1862-1929) and Mary K. Stryker (1864-1915), and descended from Samuel through Jacob. Jim married Lillian Louise Maxey (1923-1995) and they have four daughters: Martha Swackhamer York (1949-), Carolyn Swackhamer Ray (1951-), Janet Swackhamer Hoekenga (1954-) and June Lillian Swackhamer Charlett (1954-). Jim has 9 grandchildren. In 1998 Jim married Betty Jane Miller (nee Shaffstal) and they reside in Wheaton, Illinois. Jim had one older brother, Bryon (1912-).

James' elementary education was in Haddon Heights, NJ, where he discovered a talent for music and acting. He performed in *Mikado* and *HMS Pinafore* and was selected to sing with the NJ All-State Choir, where conductor and pianist Jose Iturbi imparted a love for singing that has remained with Jim. He received a BS in Economics at Drexel University and in 1948 a MBA degree from the Harvard Business School. Jim served in the Quartermaster Corps during WWII rising from 2nd Lt. to Major. A professional career in finance and accounting was served with U.O. Colson Company and Touche Ross and Company, concluding with retirement in 1985 as manager of the Chicago office of Touche Ross.

Jim has enjoyed volunteer activity including 15 years as choir director for the First Presbyterian Church of Paris, IL and over 57 years with Rotary Clubs in Paris, Chicago and Wheaton. A family Bible led Jim into genealogy where he successfully proved his lineage to Samuel and back to our German ancestors culminating in Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) membership. Now, failing eyesight has limited his travel and reading, but not his spirit nor his willingness to assist the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. Said Jim, "We are enjoying a good life and are very comfortable in our condominium, which was acquired in 1998." With the help of family and friends and computer technology, Jim is just a click away!

2006 Reunion Notes (continued from page 4)

- Gene Swackhamer showed the group material from Nancy Schanes, author of "Voyage of the Love and Unity," which she was donating to the Washington Township Historical Society. In addition she gave the Society two of her books for auction. One was sold to The Raritan Inn for \$25.00 and the other to Dick and Bonnie (S) Wilson of Florida. These proceeds also will go to the Historical Society.
- Jack Dufford called for election of officers for 2006-2007. In the absence of a President, Gene Swackhamer volunteered to serve in that capacity for a year as acting president. He also said that having previously accepted the "Swackhamer Family Historian" role for James W. Swackhamer, who asked to be relieved for health reasons, and with the absence of a Bulletin editor, the recruit of additional officers will be a priority. Following discussion of positions and needs and on motion made, seconded and passed, the slate of officers (page 1) was elected.
- Plans for 2007. Gene Swackhamer shared with the group some ideas from Carol Trimmer Stout,

Membership Coordinator, on improving membership and annual meeting attendance. He proceeded to outline a day-long meeting program for 2007 to be held at the Raritan Inn. The group felt the plan was ambitious, but very much worth the effort.

- Discussion of member communication. Given the uncertainty of who checks the web site for information, who would prefer email communication over regular postal service and the need to update our mailing list, it was agreed to mail a postcard to members and friends asking their preferences on communication. It seemed clear to those present that a combination of both will be needed.
- Future Bulletin topics. A round-robin discussion brought forth the following ideas.
 - Remembrances of past annual reunions
 - Indian blood in the Swackhamer-Dufford families
 - Observations from the Palatinate (Dick & Bonnie Wilson, others)
 - Plans for the 2007 meeting in a Special Bulletin issue
 - Feature an officer each issue so members can better relate to the leadership
 - Results of genealogical inquiry
 - Communication from members and friends

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 with discussion among those present continuing.

Survey of Membership

The fall 2006 postcard mailing invited members to send an email address to Carol Stout, Membership Coordinator, if they preferred electronic communication from the Society, or they could do nothing, and continue to receive postal mailings. Of 350 cards mailed, 39 were returned for various reasons such as forwarding time expired, no such address, deceased or person unknown. Only 17 responded that they prefer email communication. That small percentage most likely will grow with time, and you can request a change to email communication with Carol at any time, but it also means that we will need to maintain two distributions systems increasing the burden of updates. The experience of other organizations reveals a similar situation. Email is appealing because of its speed, ease of communication and lower cost, but as a society we change email addresses on a whim, so the burden of maintenance is really difficult. There are other email challenges, too, such as record retention and library access, so it looks like we will be doing "snail mail" for a while longer.

Places to stay in the Long Valley, Califon area of New Jersey

If you are planning to attend the 2007 S-D Genealogical Society annual reunion meeting and coming from out of town, here are some area motels and inns for your consideration:

Comfort Suites 102 Route 48 Mt. Olive, NJ (973) 448-7500 Moderate prices Less than 10 miles from meeting	Best Western 138 Route 48 West Budd Lake, NJ 07828 (973) 426-0800 Moderate prices, About 9 miles to meeting site	The Raritan Inn 526 County Road 513 Califon, NJ (908) 832-6869 Pricy, but nice and convenient. All rooms on hold for attendees	The Neighbor House 143 West Mill Road Long Valley, NJ (908) 876-3519 Very nice B&B and convenient, 1 mile east of Raritan Inn
The Everitt House Inn & Restaurant 200 High Street Hackettstown, NJ (908) 684-1307	The Public House Inn 111 West Main Street Chester, NJ 07930 (908) 879-6878 15 minutes to Long Valley	Sheraton-Mt. Arlington 15 Howard Blvd. Mt. Arlington, NJ 07856 (973) 770-2000 Off I-80 at Exit #30	Inn at Panther Valley Hwy 517 (Clarion Hotel) Allamuchy, PA 07820 (908) 852-6000 25 min. to Long Valley

Registration form for July 28, 2007 Commemorative Annual Reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, Raritan Inn, Califon, NJ

Mail this form and your check to: Eileen Corritori, Treasurer, Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, 66 E. Fawn Ridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853

ACTIVITY	NUMBER ATTENDING	TOTAL	DESCRIPTIONS
Program Fee \$35.00 per adult; \$30.00 early registration before 4-1-07 (no fee for youth under 18)		\$	Includes morning coffee, lunch, day-long refreshments, afternoon ice cream, watermelon and non-tour program costs.
(Optional) Clydesdales Wagon Ride \$20.00 per person		\$	Saturday morning 10:30 'till 12:30. Visit a nearby farm, learn about the breed, harness horses and take a wagon ride.
(Optional) Trout Fishing on Raritan River on the property. Call 410-771-4437 for details and costs.		\$	Jim Holland manages a trout fishing club at the Raritan Inn with rights to about 3/4 mile of S. Branch River on the property. He will offer weekend options for beginners to experienced fishermen.
(Optional) Historic Tour of Middle Valley sites 1:30-3:30 pm \$10.00 per adult		\$	Pays for transportation and a donation to the Washington Township Historical Society Museum.
(Optional) Donation to S-D Society for <u>Bulletin</u> costs and to help restore Old Zion Church	----	\$	The S-D Society operates entirely on donations. Anyone desiring to be a member may do so by sending their address or email to the Society. There is no membership fee.
TOTALS	----	\$	Make check payable to "Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society"

Name _____ Mailing Address _____
 _____ (print)
 _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone or email _____

Refund Policy: Full refund for cancellations before June 15, 2007. Cancellations subsequent to June 15, 2007 will not be refunded.

- Total number that will be attending the reunion _____.
- _____ Sorry, I cannot attend, but I am sending a donation.
- If the above address or email represents a change from the mailing label, please check here _____.
- Do you want to remain on the mailing or email list of the S-D Society? Yes _____; No _____.
- Do you prefer to receive the Bulletin by postal mail _____ or email _____ (check one)?
- Do you want this Bulletin sent to anyone else? If so, please provide their name and postal address or email address bellow.

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