



Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society
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**Swackhamer Dufford Genealogical
Society Annual Reunion
July 28, 2007**

PROGRAM

**Commemorating the 275th Anniversary
of the Settlement of Samuel
Swackhamer in German Valley**

**Raritan Inn
Califon, New Jersey**

Program at a Glance

- 8:00-9:30 a.m. Registration and fellowship with a Continental breakfast in the barn
- 9:30 Welcome and opening remarks by Gene L. Swackhamer in the barn
- 10:00 Keynote address by James M. Beidler, V.P., Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America
- 10:30 Group going to the Ort Clydesdale farm depart with Sheri Swackhamer, via car from Inn parking lot
- 11:00 Workshop 1 with Bill Asdal in the Raritan Inn on historic property restoration
- 11:00 Workshop 2 with Bill Cramer in the barn on Dufford Family History
- Noon Luncheon in the barn catered by Califon Fine Foods
- 1:00 p.m. Business meeting in barn. Everyone Welcome
- 1:30 Bus tour of local points of interest departs from Inn. Tour group will return by 3:15 p.m.
- 2:00 Workshop 3 in the barn with Gene Swackhamer on family history and genealogy research
- 3:30 Dedication of Samuel Swackhamer sculpture and reading of winning poems
- 4:00 Ice cream social in the barn

Information for Members and Guests

Need a Bathroom? Women may use the powder room off the Inn kitchen. Enter from the Inn's back porch. Men are encouraged to use the portable toilet at the rear of the barn.

The Inn is occupied by guests this weekend and the second floor bedrooms are off limits to conference attendees not staying in the Inn.

Want to go on the tour or to the Clydesdale Horse Farm? Sign up at the registration table as long as space is available. The tour cost is \$10.00 and the Clydesdale visit is \$20.00 per person.

Please complete the suggestion and evaluation form loose in this program and return it to the registration table.

Remember we are guests of Bill and Marcia Asdal and the Raritan Inn. Put trash and empty plastic in a receptacle.

Thank you for attending. We hope to see you again next year at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley on Saturday, July 26, 2008.

Opening Remarks Gene L. Swackhamer

Gene is a native of Indiana and a descendant of Elijah Swackhamer born in Ohio in 1828. It is believed that Elijah is a descendant of Samuel, but proof has remained elusive. Gene has degrees in Agricultural Economics from Purdue and Cornell Universities and is a retired agricultural banker. He has been a member of the S-D Society since 1964 and was elected president in 2006.

Welcome, why we are here?

Program is for education and fun

Look for a "Nugget" or two today

Purpose of the Swackhamer-Dufford Society

1. To record family genealogy and history
2. To encourage family genealogy
3. To foster family fellowship
4. To communicate family news
5. To support those doing family research

Striving for program balance and variety

Introductions: Officers and Speakers

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Germany to America: 18th Century Odyssey" by James M. Beidler

James M. Beidler of Lebanon, PA, is V.P. of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America. He works as a free-lance genealogical writer and lecturer. He has an award-winning newspaper column, "Roots & Branches," is a columnist for *German Life* magazine and is editor of the Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society publication *Der Kurier*.

Workshop 1—Restoring a Historic Property by Bill Asdal

Bill Asdal of Chester, NJ, was named “National Remodeler of the Year” in 2000. The Raritan Inn is a good example of his skills. Bill taught industrial arts after graduation from college and worked a second job as a drywall installer to supplement his \$6200.00 teacher’s pay. He progressed to a 31 year career in commercial and residential building restoration and has published books on “estimating renovations” and “systems and forms.” He and his wife Marcie have two daughters, both at the U.S. Naval Academy.

This workshop will cover the restoration of the old, vacant and deteriorated Trimmer Victorian house build upon the Swackhamer homestead foundation. Bill will outline the ownerships from the Budd grant in 1714 and show some of his archeological findings at this location.

Workshop 2—Dufford Family History by Bill Cramer

William Nelson Cramer, Jr. was born in Morris Plains, NJ, and is the grandson of Maria Dufford. He became interested in genealogy nearly 20 years ago while working on his family history with his brother. That effort was copywrited in 1989 and is on file at the Library of Congress. He previously attended S-D reunions in the 1980s as did his father and aunt (both now deceased) in the 1950s. Bill is continuing his family research on all the surnames of immediate relatives.

This workshop will cover Dufford family background, research resources, research methodologies, family history facts and lore, origins of the name and will provide ample time for information exchange and participant questions.

Workshop 3—Genealogy Research by Gene L. Swackhamer

This workshop is offered as an alternative to those not interested in or able to do the afternoon tour. As such the agenda will remain quite flexible to accommodate individual interests.

This workshop will focus on family history and genealogy research techniques using Gene's recent book, "The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer and the Westward Migration of his Descendants." Group interests will determine the depth of inquiry. The intent will be to have some fun with the "skeletons in the closet."

Business Session Notes

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society 2007 Officers

President & Swackhamer Family Historian—
Gene L. Swackhamer

Vice President—Jack Dufford (1932-2007)

Secretary—Carol Martyniuk

Treasurer—Eileen Corritori

Membership Coordinator—Carol Trimmer Stout

Publicity—Jane Saums

Web Master & Asst. Dufford Family
Historian—Mathew Martyniuk

Assistant Web Master—Bryan Swackhamer

Dufford Family Historian—Russell T. Dufford,
Jr.

Swackhamer Family Historian Emeritus—James
W. Swackhamer

Assistant Swackhamer family Historian—Greg
A. Swackhamer

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Thank You

Asdal (Bill, Marcie, Ashley and brother Bob) and
Innkeeper **Margie DeWitt** (on vacation) for their
hospitality and cooperation.

James M. Beidler for sharing his insights into our
ancestry.

Black River Journal for its coverage and promotion of
this event.

**Califon Fine Foods (Nancy Ivanho and daughter
Jessie)** for catering services.

Pastor Peter Froehke of Zion Lutheran Church for
his lecture on the Old Stone Union Church.

**Shelley Heretyk and the Washington Township
Historical Society** for the tour exhibit and displays.

Jim Holland of Les Shannon's Fly & Tackle Shop for
trout fishing lessons and guide services.

Jill Kaplan for managing the poetry contest and
sculpture dedication.

**Virginia Allen, Paul Krylowski and Margaret
Nordstrom** for information on the **Middle Valley
Cemetery**.

Carol Martyniuk for volunteering to be the tour leader.

Sheri Swackhamer for leading the group to the **Ort
Clydesdale Horse Farm**.

Sharon and Scott Swackhamer for their cemetery
"acting."

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