

SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SUMMER 2007 BULLETIN

**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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Note: With Matt Martyniuk now attending school in Australia, we welcome Bryan Swackhamer, an employee of Boston Scientific in Minneapolis, who has been recruited to assist Matt with web site management. Check the web site at the address below and put your comments or questions in the "Guest Book." The site is monitored and you will get a response. Swackhamer- Dufford Genealogical Society: <http://www.geocities.com/swackduff/>

An opening still exists for a volunteer to assume the Bulletin editorship. Volunteer reporters and story writers are always welcome. Just send in your material and we'll print it under your authorship.

Dear Members and Friends:

Remember the movie phrase, “build it and they will come?” Well, we have built a very special program to commemorate the 275th anniversary of the arrival of Samuel Swackhamer into German Valley, New Jersey (now Middle Valley). Speakers have accepted invitations, Califon Fine Foods is looking forward to catering the event, Bill Asdal is excited that we are holding the event at the Raritan Inn, the sculpture for dedication as a memorial to Samuel’s home site is on order and Shelley Heretyke is preparing a special exhibit at the Washington Township Historical Society Museum. All that remains is for you to send in your registration form and payment—now; not tomorrow or later in the week. Do it now! We need to know in advance attendance for workshops and events. Although the public has been invited to participate with advance registration, the Raritan Inn and the program is not open to “walk-in registrants” on the day of the event. Please use the registration form enclosed with this Bulletin. Our guarantee is for 50 luncheons and I am hopeful that registration will reach 75 or more.

It is with sadness that we mourn the death of Jack Dufford, Vice President of the Society. His enthusiasm for family history and his willingness to do whatever he could for the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society will be missed. His daughter has provided a tribute to his life, which is included in this edition.

Highlights of the July 28, 2007 program:

- 8:00-9:30 Arrival registration; coffee, juice, pastry fellowship
- 9:30 Welcome, introductions, program information
- 10:00 James M. Beidler, keynote speaker on “Germany to America: 18th C. Odyssey”
- 10:30 Youth and others to Clydesdale Horse Farm
- 11:00 Morning workshops: (1) Bill Cramer on Dufford Family History; (2) Bill Asdal on incorporating history into restoration
- 12:00 Califon Fine Foods catered lunch
- 1:30-3:00 Bus tour of local historic places
- 2:00-3:00 Afternoon workshop: (1) Gene Swackhamer on how to research family history
- 3:30 Dedication of sculpture in memory of Samuel Swackhamer with winning poems
- 4:00 Fellowship wrap-up with ice cream and cake

Sharon and I spent two delightful nights at the Raritan Inn in April meeting with local supporters and checking on the many details of a day-long event. We enjoyed the Innkeeper’s breakfasts, some local sightseeing and dinners at Circa in High Point and Publik House in Chester. The Valley has retained its rural character in spite of years of residential growth. It is a great East Coast vacation spot; Samuel, Phillip and Jacob chose a beautiful area for their new world homes. I look forward to greeting you on July 28 as you visit the American location of your family roots.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

**July 28, 2007 Program for
275th Anniversary of Samuel
Swackhamer's Settlement in Middle
Valley (1732-2007)**

The Raritan Inn, a Bed & Breakfast on Highway 513 near Califon, New Jersey, is the site of the 61st annual reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. The Inn (pictured here) is on the property once owned by Samuel and over the foundation of one of his early homes. Interesting features of the early cellar under the Inn are retained in the restoration. Some workshops will be in the Inn, including one by Bill Asdal, owner and restorer, but most of the meeting will be in the barn conference center (visible to the left behind the Inn above and in the photo below). The barn is adjacent to an old mill raceway just a few yards east of the South Branch of the Raritan River, which also runs through the property for three-fourths of a mile.



The restored working barn has a catering area where we will enjoy lunch, a large meeting room and an exhibit loft. Note the solar panels on the roof. The Program will feature James Beidler, First VP of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines of America, speaking on “Germany to America: 18th Century Odyssey.” James is known as both an interesting and entertaining speaker on ancestry. Workshops will cover a broad range of topics as shown in the detailed program.

Several activities are offered as options such as a visit to neighboring Willow Grove Farm to learn about the Clydesdale horse breed, watch the harnessing of the big horses and take a wagon ride. An afternoon tour will feature several historic sites including discussions with pioneers buried in Middle Valley Cemetery, a tour of the Washington Township Historical Society Museum and an explanation of the old Union Church ruins. The afternoon will conclude at the Raritan Inn with a dedication of a sculpture in memory of Samuel Swackhamer and the reciting of the winning entries in the poetry contest, followed by ice cream and cake in the barn.

Those not in a hurry to leave may linger and visit or stroll the trail along the South Branch of the Raritan River (pictured here in its fall color). Family trout fishermen will be glad to show you where they caught the “big one” earlier in the day!

The 2008 Annual Reunion will be Saturday, July 26, at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley.



John Roy (Jack) Dufford, Jr. 1932—2007

John R. Dufford, Jr., 74, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, died Saturday, March 10, 2007.

During each of the past two annual Swackhamer-Dufford reunion gatherings, Jack Dufford, Vice President of the Society, served as presiding officer in the absence of our president. Everyone enjoyed his humor and the sparkle of his eyes. He looked the epitome of health. He was a tall (six-foot) man of trim, angular build. He didn't care much for the "official" side of a business meeting like motions and budgets, but he did like the "social side" of learning where people were from, hearing their family histories and most of all handing out silver dollars to those who were the youngest, oldest or who had traveled the furthest. He will be missed.

John Roy Dufford, Jr. was born in Paterson, New Jersey to Beatrice Curzon Dufford and John Roy Dufford. He was raised in Morrisville, Pennsylvania. Jack as he preferred to be called, was a graduate of The Peddie School, Princeton University, and New York University, from which he received his Masters Degree in English Literature. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force based in San Antonio, Texas and Portsmouth, New Hampshire.



Jack taught English for thirty-eight years at The Pingry School, Martinsville, New Jersey. In addition to teaching, he served as Dean of Students, was a college counselor and coached numerous sports teams, including the women's tennis team for twenty-three years. Jack also served on the board of directors of the Jefferson Park Day Care Center in Elizabeth for many years.

Jack was the first to volunteer to do a workshop on Dufford Family History at the summer meeting. He said, "I know very little about researching family histories and genealogy, but I hope to enlist the help of my youngest daughter, who is a computer expert." His wife Charlotte called in March, 2007, to say that Jack was afraid that he wouldn't be able to do the workshop. She said, "Jack was looking forward to the reunion this year and he is very sad that he may not be able to make it." He died the next day.

Jack was involved in Native American studies and proud of his Lenni Lenape lineage. He frequently traveled to South Dakota, home of the Rosebud Sioux Reservation. There, Jack studied native culture and became an active volunteer and advocate for Native American causes. With a sabbatical from Pingry School, Jack was able to spend time on the reservation where he became a friend of both the elders and youth, learned the Lakota language and became a Sun Dancer, performing the ceremony eleven times.

Jack is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Charlotte Niese; daughters Catherine, Christine, and Elizabeth; and two grandchildren Charlotte and Maxime Pradie. *Information courtesy of Christine Dufford, his daughter.*

Looking Back—Past Family Reunions

From the late 1890s until the end of World War II, annual family reunions were big events. Vacations were planned to coincide with these gatherings and day-long activities took place as families played together, ate picnic lunches together and caught up on family news. Genealogy had not yet become a big thing since most families had not strayed far from their roots and family folklore was pretty well known, at least by the older members. The first officially recorded Swackhamer gathering for extended family members took place in New Jersey on August 16, 1941. Other Swackhamer family reunions were held in Standing Stone, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

The Duffords of Long Valley had been meeting annually since 1928, mostly on George Dufford's farm in Middle Valley. With the aging of the original reunion founders, post WWII dispersion of families and the realization that nearly everyone was attending both New Jersey reunions because of extensive family inter-marriages, the Swackhamer Historical Association and the Dufford Family Reunion decided in 1951 to combine into the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. The first combined reunion was held in Long Valley at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 25, 1953. The initial Bulletin also was published then. With very little change, the combined S-D Genealogical Society has met on the last Saturday of July ever since.

Russell T. Dufford, Jr. of Lynchburg, Virginia, fondly remembers those early reunions. Russell said the Dufford men that he knew, his father Russell Sr., his grandfather Lewis, and others were reserved, polite men of few words, but George Dufford, smaller of stature, was a real extrovert and picnic organizer. Russell Jr. often spent his summers with his grandparents Lewis and Anna Dufford on the 500 acre farm of the Morris County Welfare Home and TB Sanatorium above Morris Plains where his grandfather served for 38 years as its superintendent. He attended the annual Dufford gathering at his great uncle George Dufford's farm in Middle Valley. Russell recalls those day-long events were very much like a county fair with brass bands, dozens of picnic tables overflowing with food, church choral groups performing, the singing of patriotic songs, pony rides for the kids, horseshoe pitching for the men. Everyone in the Valley seemed to be invited. One year the Lt. Governor of New Jersey was the speaker; another time a Rockefeller was there.

From 1953 on, the annual reunions have been just a shadow of those earlier gatherings, but they have provided the opportunity to meet distant cousins and to learn more about family history. The 1976 Bicentennial Reunion was a very special event attended by a hundred or so family and guests. Scott Swackhamer of Macungie, Pennsylvania, (he is wearing the t-shirt with the name Scott in the 1976 bicentennial photo on the web site) recalls attending this first reunion as being both interesting and confusing. It was interesting to learn that many other people also had his name, but he wasn't sure who they were since he had never before met any of them! Buildings constructed of stone also were new to Scott and he found the old Union church structure fascinating as did his sister Sheri who took many black and white photos of the remaining stone structure that she used in a 4-H photography project.

The Society continues to provide a forum for family contacts, the sharing of family history, assistance with genealogical research, and communication of findings to a membership (mailing list) of 400. As the descendants of Samuel Swackhamer and Jacob Dufford migrate ever further from Middle Valley, there is a need to find new ways of preserving our family

lore and history. Why not bring your family to the 2007 Reunion and share your story? Advance registration is really a must because of our catering and tour contracts, so send in your registration form and payment now. Use the form in this Bulletin for the member discount.

Family News

Christie Martyniuk (D) recently graduated summa cum laude from Rutgers College at Rutgers University in New Brunswick. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. A Spanish minor, Christie studied at the Universidad de Salamanca in Spain during the summer of 2005. She was inducted into the National Spanish Honor Society, Sigma Delta Pi. Christie did an internship with WPIX-TV/CW11 in New York City last summer. She plans to pursue further education in the health care field. A 2003 graduate of Vernon Township High School, she is the daughter of Carol and Peter Martyniuk, and served for two years as President of this Society.

Carol Martyniuk (D), Secretary for the Society, has been invited to participate in a July 31-August 3, 2007 seminar for teachers on “The International Impact of the Declaration of Independence” at Monticello and the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia. Program sponsor is The Gilder Lehman Institute of American History.

Mary Swackhamer, beloved wife of the late **Harold C. Swackhamer** (d. January 23, 1992) passed away at the age of 93 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada on January 24, 2007. She is survived by 2 daughters, Nadine Thompson of Brampton, Ontario and Joyce MacRae of Dundas, Ontario, Canada. She was a proud grandma to 6 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She is also survived by brother-in-law Ross Swackhamer and sister-in-law Isabel (nee Swackhamer) and Dirk Van Goozen, all of Guelph, Ontario. Mary’s husband Harold was the eldest son of Arthur Swackhamer, a dairy farmer of Acton, Ontario, and a descendant of Samuel Schwachammer. *Submitted by Joyce MacRae (S).*

Where to Stay in the Long Valley Area

The Raritan Inn, 526 County Road 513, Califon, NJ (908) 832-6869
The Neighbor House, 143 West Mill Road, Long Valley, NJ (908) 876-3519
Comfort Suites, 102 Route 48, Mt. Olive, NJ (973) 448-7500
Best Western, 138 Route 48 West, Budd Lake, NJ (973) 426-0800
The Everitt House Inn & Restaurant, 200 High Street, Hackettstown, NJ
The Publik House Inn, 111 West Main Street, Chester, NJ (908) 879-6878
Sheraton-Mt. Arlington, 15 Howard Blvd., Mt. Arlington, NJ (973) 770-2000
Inn at Panther Valley, Hy 517, Allamuchy, NJ (908) 852-6000

“Searching for the True Nationality of Phillip and Jacob Dufford”

by Russell T. Dufford, Jr., Dufford Family Historian

The book, *Early Germans of New Jersey* by Hermann Theodore F. Chambers, implies that the Duffords were most likely French Huguenots from France., and that they arrived in Philadelphia aboard the sailing ship “Robert and Oliver” on September 11, 1738. George Dufford, a founder of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, embraced Chamber’s writings and based upon his own interviews with visiting Frenchmen concluded that the family most likely originated around LeMons, France, where the name was quite common. Over time and with further research others are less sure of the French origin. A genealogist, who I heard speak at one of our annual meetings, noted that much of Chamber’s conclusions were derived from the research of Israel Daniel Rupp of Pennsylvania. Rupp had been appointed by the state of Pennsylvania to document early emigration records. He used students lacking in German, Dutch and French language skills to do much of the work and numerous mistranslations resulted. Chambers perpetuated these errors. One error that I specifically recall the speaker mentioning was that the ship was not the “Robert and Oliver, as cited by Chambers but was the “Robert and Alice” and its arriving passenger manifest lists only the names of Phillip and Jacob Dufford, any others presumably being minors. These oversights do not make the conclusions wrong, but they have invited additional inquiry, which has raised additional doubts about the presumed French connection.

Research by Annette Kunselman Burgert as published in *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America* makes a compelling argument for the Dufford family origin to be the region of Bern, Switzerland. Although birth records for Phillip and Jacob have never been located, the marriages and baptismal records of the children of Hans Phillips Dufforth of Sultzbach on the German-French border (now Langensoultzbach in France) are recorded in the Langensoultzbach Lutheran KB Church. This Phillip is known to be the same as the Phillip Dufford that arrived in America in 1738 by reference to the names of his wives and children. Phillip’s second wife, Anna Maria Martini (Marty), Weiss, Durrenberger (Terryberry once in America)—all families of inter-marriage with Duffords or immigration companions—had their origins near Bern, Switzerland. Perhaps these associations could just be coincidence, but researchers at the Palatines to America Society have told me that European customs of the 1700s and marriages and baptisms in the Lutheran Church strongly suggest that Phillip Dufford was not of French Huguenot origin. The Palatines to America suggested that a simple genealogy DNA blood test of several Duffords should help clarify the national origin of our family.

What do other Duffords believe about national origin? Several American descendants of Adam (Johann Adam Dufford bp. Novemeber 1726, Langensoultzbach Lutheran KB) believe their origin to be German. I have communicated with two, a descendant of Ephrim, grandson of Adam, who went from Butler, PA to Newberry College and has descendants still in South Carolina and from a descendant in Butler who located the records of Adam’s family in the records of the Lutheran Church of Butler. A third contact named Teafort from Ashland, KY, was descended from a Jacob Dufford who arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship “Hero” in 1764. He found his way to the German community of Augusta County Virginia where his children became known by the name Teafort.

Do you have proof of origin for Phillip and Jacob? If so, please share it with me.

Deep Ancestry—The National Geographic Genographic Project *by Gene L. Swackhamer*

Where did we come from? An age-old question of man now has an answer thanks to the remarkable trail of DNA back through the centuries.

Let me introduce myself. I'm a member of the M343 clan of Haplogroup R1b. My "Y" chromosome is the same as my Dad's and his Dad's and all the Dad's in my family tree before him for several centuries. My son's Y chromosome is the same as mine and so are his sons. We are all in the same clan, M343, when the last mutation (a marker) occurred about 10,000 year ago. In fact there have been only seven markers since a Cro-magnum ancestor walked out of Africa following game into EurAsia. His ancestors followed the game trail that continued north as glaciers retreated then turned west into Europe and eventually sailed to America. This new form of genealogy won't identify particular ancestors, but it does confirm the origin of our ancestors and our roots.

A haplogroup such as R1b is all the men that have these seven markers: M168>M89>M9>M45>M207>M173>M343. In fact, if I were a betting man, I would consider the odds that every Swackhamer living today is a member of the same M343 clan very high—like 99 percent! It is even possible, maybe probable, that the Dufford men are also. How can we determine if this is true? Well, it would require that several Swackhamer and Dufford males elect to participate in the National Geographic Genographic Project and share their results in the Bulletin.

If you would like to know more about this study go to www.nationalgeographic.com/genographic You may also buy the book, *Deep Ancestry* at most book stores or on Amazon.com. The cost to participate in the study is U.S. \$99.00, which includes the DNA collection kit and a wonderful DVD on populating the world. Information about you is for use only in this study and confidentiality is promised. Collecting your DNA sample is a painless swab of the inside cheek with a small toothbrush like tool and the brush head pops off into a test tube for mailing to National Geographic. Test results are normally available in six weeks. Note that test results are only available online, so if you do not have an internet account, you would need to access your results with the aid of a family member or friend.

Is this only a study of male ancestry? No, the female "X" chromosomes also can be traced revealing the maternal side of your family. Known as mitochondrial DNA, this chain of genetic material passed from mother to offspring has been traced so far back in time that it reaches a "coalescence" point, a genetic ancestor shared by every living person today says Dr. Spencer Wells, author of the PBS film, *The Journey of Man*. The mitochondrial DNA mutates at a much faster rate than the Y chromosome thereby making ancestral tracking much more difficult.

Poetry Contest Deadline Extended

With only four poems from adults received thus far and none yet from children, the deadline has been extended to June 15. Here is an opportunity to become a "published" poet. If your child or grandchild is having difficulty getting started, give them a hand. See the Winter 2006 Bulletin for details. Mail original poems to S-D Society, 16429 Yeoho Road, Sparks, MD 21152.

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 registration to recipients of this <u>Bulletin</u> (no fee for youth under 18)		\$	Includes morning coffee, lunch, day-long refreshments, afternoon ice cream, 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 ¾ 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 Union 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"

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