

SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



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

SUMMER 2009 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

I enjoy gardening. My spring garden is up and I have double fenced it with 7 foot high poultry netting in an effort to win the deer battle. No one asks me why I garden. I like to fish also. Last summer we took our youngest grandson Cole fishing in Costa Rica. It was a great experience. No one asks me why I like fishing. I find genealogy fascinating and enjoy documenting the stories of family history. Genealogy is one of the nation's largest hobbies and yet, I get asked all the time, why do you spend time on genealogy?

My answer is that I care more about the dash of life than the beginning or the end. As you might expect, that just brings a bewildering look. In Baltimore, a Wednesday Writers Club, has produced a book about the "dash of life"—that mark on a tombstone that separates the date of birth and death—and represents life. As people age they focus more on what life is about than on work achievements. After all, no one has yet engraved on their tombstone, "I wish I'd spent more time in the office." Genealogy is more than just noting beginning and ending dates; it uncovers the dash in lives of those who preceded us. Taking the time to visit a distant relative or to see an old homestead is never wasted. You will be able to say "I'm glad I did" rather than "I wish I had."

We note with sadness the passing of Dufford Family Historian, **Russell T. Dufford, Jr.** Russell, "Jack" as he preferred to be called, was devoted to family history in a way that perhaps only Virginians can understand. He cared about all his ancestors with a reverence for their achievements and their humanity. He cared about the S-D Genealogy Society and did his best to enrich it.

In July my wife Sharon, grandson Clay and I are traveling to Altusheim, Germany for a genealogy tour with the German firm, Routes to the **Roots**. We'll be visiting Schwechheimer "cousins," learning about Palatine emigration, taking photos and determining if a Swackhamer-Dufford Society 2010 group tour is feasible. We hope to present our findings at the Saturday, July 25 reunion at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley. See the details of this meeting elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. If you have advice for us on this trip, send me a letter or email.

The *Bulletin* is a treasure store of information about our respective families. We are fortunate to have such a long history of continuous publications. Past Bulletins indicate Officers struggled to find the resources and we are still struggling today. If you want to keep the *Bulletin* coming, send your support today even if you are unable to attend the 2009 reunion. My thanks to the officers, volunteers, and donors who have provided support during the past year. Each effort makes the organization better.

Sincerely,

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Throughout this issue (D) represents a Dufford connection, (S) for Swackhamer, (S & D) both families and (F) for friend of the Society.

Communication from Members and Friends

October 20, 2008. **Diana Swackhamer** sent a clipping from the "Independent Republican", July 15, 1898. **John Swackhammer**, a Susquehanna county farmer, rose to the rank of sergeant in the Army of the Potomac. After the disastrous battle of Fredericksburg, Swackhammer's name appeared in the long roll of "missing." Without hearing from him for months and years, his wife and little ones mourned for him as dead. In 1898 the youngest son, **Stephen**, enlisted in a Philadelphia regiment and while in a camp at Falls Church, Va., he entered a restaurant. Stephen engaged in conversation with the aged proprietor and learned he formerly lived in Pennsylvania. Being from that home state they continued and it was revealed the proprietor was John Swackhammer, the father of Stephen. "After the battle of Fredericksburg he languished in Andersonville prison for a long period, during which he was wrecked in health and strength. Then followed years that were a dead blank. When reason was partially restored he had forgotten his own name, his family and the name of the State from which he came. Within a month all the events of his life have passed in panorama before his vision." John Swackhammer returned "back to his loved ones among the hills of glorious old Susquehanna county."

January 10, 2009. **Olivia Culver** of Ithaca, NY is looking for information on the children of **John Swackhamer** and burial location for **Frederick Reger and his wife Elizabeth**. See the Genealogy section of this Bulletin for more details.

January 21, 2009. **Stephen Roe Cornick** of Vancouver, WA is looking for information about **Mary Catherine Swackhamer** b. 1848. She lived in or around northern PA or Binghamton, NY. Might her father be **Phillip Swackhamer**?

January 31, 2009. **Dawn Taylor-Moulson** of Nelson, B.C., Canada, discovered that her maternal grandmother was the daughter of **Christopher Kern and Katie Swackhamer**. She sought confirmation that Katie was a daughter of Samuel, Sr. Our *Bulletin* editor, **Shelley Heretyk**, found the answer in Chamber's book, "Early Germans" in time to include it in the Winter 2008 *Bulletin*. Katie was the daughter of Samuel.

February 2009. **Barbara Schinkel** of Eatontown, NJ notified **Carol Martyniuk** of the passing of her mother, **Ruth Hartman** of Middletown, NJ, on February 4, 2009. Ruth was always happy to get the family newsletter and compiled them for a number of years. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family. Barbara hopes to attend the reunion in July.

Communication (continued)

February 5, 2009. **Ruth E Alpaugh** of High Bridge, N.J., wrote that she enjoyed reading the Winter 2008 Bulletin. Her mother was **Mabel F. Trimmer Aggar**, grandmother was **Lib (Mary) Dufford Trimmer** and great-grandmother was a **Swackhamer-Dufford**. She sent an obituary of her brother, **Clifford Apgar**, who died October 24, 2001 (see Necrology). His wife **Marian Miers Apgar** died November 23, 2004. Ruth is 92 years old and keeps busy. She hopes to attend the upcoming reunion.

February 27, 2009. **Gail Logan Keefer** sent this note with her donation. The last reunion I attended was the 'biggie' a couple of years ago. I believe I am the last remaining direct Dufford-Swackhamer combination. My grandmother was **Hattie Swackhamer**, and my grandfather was **George Dufford**. I was only 7 when my grandfather died, but Grandma lived with us until she was 97 (thank God, those Swackhamers are long-lived!). See the birthday story of Lois Watters Brasher in this *Bulletin*.

April 3, 2009. **Leslie Swackhamer**, wife of **Ten Eyck Swackhamer**, of Houston, TX emailed for reunion information; they may attend. Ten Eyck is the general manager of the Alley Theatre in Houston. He is son of **E. W. Swackhamer** and grandson of **Egbert Swackhamer**. As an aside, **Dr. Deborah Swackhamer**, a Professor of Environmental Science, some S-D members have inquired about, is married and living in Chicago. She is Ten Eyck's niece.

April 11, 2009. **Donn Dufford** of Pasadena, CA emailed that his line is from the original **Philip**, through **Adam** and he is the historian for their branch, mostly in San Diego, some in OR, a few back in Northampton Co, PA, and one family in FL, although his cousin there just passed on. Donn's wife is from the Jersey Shore (West Long Branch) and their daughter starts college on Staten Island this fall. It's possible they'll attend a reunion one day.

April 27, 2009. **Joyce MacRae (nee Swackhamer)** emailed her address in Dundas, Ontario to **Matt Martyniuk** because for some reason she was no longer receiving paper mailings. That has been corrected. Joyce has one sister, **Nadine Thompson**, and their parents were **Harold and Mary Swackhamer** (of Hamilton, ON, then Dundas, ON, and both deceased). Their grandfather was **James Christopher Arthur Swackhamer**. The line is traced back to **Samuel Schwackhamer** who settled in Long Valley in 1730.

Necrology

Russell "Jack" Todd Dufford Jr., 82, of Lynchburg, died Monday, April 27, 2009, at Lynchburg General Hospital. Born in Towson, Md., on Oct. 20, 1926, he was a son of the late Russell T. Dufford Sr. and Esther Price Dufford.

The Dufford family were one the nine original families that came out of the Rhine Valley in Germany to America in the 1730s and settled in what they named "Germany Valley" in the northwest corner of New Jersey. The name was changed to the Indian name "Long Valley" during World War I.

Mr. Dufford graduated from E.C. Glass High School in 1943 and Lynchburg College in 1949. He received his master's degree from the University of Virginia in 1959. During the years from 1949 to 1993, he taught school and retired from Rustburg High School in the Campbell County School District as a teacher, coach and athletic director. He was a member of West Lynchburg Baptist Church, Hill City Lodge 183 AFandAM and was the historian for the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. He served his country in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

Jack is survived by his loving and caring family, friends and associates. The family received friends on April 30th at the Diuguid Funeral Home. A Celebration of Jack's Life and Faith was held on May 1st at Diuguid Waterlick Chapel on Timberlake Road, with the Rev. Leslie Whealton officiating. Interment followed in Spring Hill Cemetery. Condolences may be made through Diuguid Funeral Service, 811 Wiggington Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502. The phone number is (434) 385-8900 and web is diuguidfuneralservice.com.

Russell was dedicated to genealogy and our Society. He was featured in "Introducing Society Officers" in the Summer 2006 Bulletin and we will truly miss him. Our sincere condolences are extended to the family.

Clifford O. Apgar, 88, of Annandale, NJ died October 24, 2001 in Hunterdon Medical Center, Raritan Township. He was an assistant county engineer for Hunterdon County in Flemington, NJ for 34 years, retiring in 1976. Before that, he was a state highway inspector, an assistant county engineer for Hunterdon County and a general land surveyor for the late Clarence Miers in Annandale.

Born January 8, 1913 in Califon, he was a son of the late Mabel Trimmer Apgar. He moved to Annandale in 1945. He was a member of the Annandale Reformed Church and served on the Consistory. He served in the Army in the Advanced Specialized Training Program during WWII. He received a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Union College in Schenectady, NY and attended the University of Iowa and the University of Wyoming. He was a 52-year member of the Herbert Cawley Post of the American Legion in High Bridge and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha International Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife, the former Marian Miers (now deceased); a sister Ruth Alpaugh of High Bridge; and two nephews. Burial was at Union Cemetery in Lebanon, NJ.

Winter 2008 Bulletin Corrections to President's Letter

In discussing Altlusheim, Germany, I referred to a visit there by Nancy Schanes. I mentioned her German ancestor, Johann Sigmund, and she has informed me that although his birth name was Johann Michael Sigmund, as is customary in Germany, he was known by his middle name as Michael Sigmund. Also, the family came from Wieblingen not Altlusheim, and it was her father, not her grandfather, who grew grapes for Welch juice, not wine. Genealogy is not like horseshoes where being close has value, close to the pin in genealogy is still a miss! I'm sorry Nancy for being careless with my facts, but I still fondly remember hearing these stories on your Wilmington, DE patio, while enjoying ice tea, or was it lemonade?

Genealogy

Correspondence during the year with Ms. **Olivia Culver** revealed the following genealogy regarding her ancestors, **Frederik Reger** (b. 1739 in Germany; d. 6 Jan. 1830 in NJ) and **Elizabeth Schwachhammer** (b. abt. 1733 Middle Valley, NJ; d. aft. 1840 Roxbury Twp., Morris Co., NJ), who married 5 March 1799 in Zion Lutheran Church at New Germantown (Oldwick). Frederik was the son of **Adam Reger and Catherine Ruloffsen** and Elizabeth was the daughter of **John Swackhammer** (1727-1827) and **Susanna Margaret Terryberry** (1745-abt. 1840). The first three generations of this family are shown here. Olivia has similar data for many of Adam's other children, the descendants of Frederick's children and documentation corresponding to the footnotes.

First Generation

1. **Adam REGER**¹. Born in 1739 in Germany.²⁻³⁻⁴ Adam died on 6 Jan 1830 in NJ.⁴⁻²⁻⁵ Buried in Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁶ Occupation: Farmer. abt 1767 Adam married **Catherine RULOFFSEN**², daughter of Hermanes RULOFFSEN (1719-1805) & Margaret VAN HORN (1719-1790).⁴ Born on 20 Feb 1745 in NJ.¹⁻⁴ Catherine died in Tewksbury Twp, Hunterdon Co., NJ, on 17 Mar 1830; she was 85.⁴ Buried on 27 Mar 1830 in Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁷⁶

They had the following children:

- 2 i. Margaret (1770-8 Jul 1840)
- ii. Magdalena⁴⁻⁵. Born on 9 Nov 1771 in New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁸⁻⁵ Magdalena died in Hunterdon Co., NJ, on 14 Mar 1795; she was 23.¹ Buried on 14 Mar 1795 in Zion Lutheran Churchyard, New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.
- 3 hi. Mary (1773-26 Sep 1860)
- iv. Catharine⁴⁻¹. Born in 1776 in New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.¹ Catharine died on 2 Jun 1830 in NJ.¹⁻⁶ Buried in Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁵
- v. Anna⁴⁻⁵. Born on 18 Jan 1779 in New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁵ Anna died in Hunterdon Co., NJ, on 16 Oct 1795; she was 16. Buried on 16 Oct 1795 in Zion Lutheran Churchyard, New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁸
- 4 vi. Frederick (abt 1780-bef 1 Apr 1858)
- 5 vii. John (17 Feb 1782-15 Dec 1877)
- viii. Eleanor¹⁻¹⁰. Born in 1785 in New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.⁴ Eleanor died on 8 Mar 1836.⁶
- 6 ix. Harman (27 Apr 1787-24 Jun 1853)

Second Generation

4. **Frederick REGER**⁴. Born abt 1780 in New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.¹⁹⁻⁵ Frederick died bef 1 Apr 1858 in Roxbury Twp., Morris Co., NJ.²⁰

On 5 Mar 1799 Frederick married **Elizabeth SWACKHAMMER**²¹, daughter of John SWACKHAMMER (1727-1827) & Susanna Margaret TERRYBERRY (1745-1825), in Zion Lutheran Church, New Germantown, Hunterdon Co., NJ.²¹ Bora abt 1773 in Middle Valley, Washington Twp., Morris Co., NJ.²² Elizabeth died aft 1840 in Roxbury Twp., Morris Co., NJ.²³⁻²⁴

They had the following children:

- 10 i. Susanna (25 Oct 1799-bef 1884)
- 11 ii. Jacob (ca 1800-5 May 1877)
- 12 iii. William (ca 1803-aft 1884)
- iv. Adam⁴. Born ca 1805 in NJ.²⁵ Adam died on 6 Dec 1884 in Roxbury, Morris Co., NJ.²⁶⁻²⁷ Occupation: Farmer.²⁵ Adam married **Mary**²⁵, Born ca 1805 in NJ.²⁵ Mary died aft 1884.²⁷
- 13 v. John Frederick (ca 1806-5 Jun 1884)
- 14 vi. David (ca 1810-1877)
- vii. Isaac H.⁴⁻²⁶⁻⁵ Bom on 1 Mar 1813 in Morris Co., NJ.²⁸ Isaac H. died in 1866 in Morris Co., NJ.²

Third Generation

10. **Susanna REGER**⁴³. Born on 25 Oct 1799 in Hunterdon Co., NJ. Susanna died bef 1884.²⁷ Susanna

married **Daniel CARSON**²⁸⁻⁴⁴

They had one child:

- i. Jane⁴⁴ (4 Sep 1827-aft 1884)

11. **Jacob REGER**⁴⁻⁴⁵⁺⁵. Born ca 1800 in NJ.⁴⁶ Jacob died on 5 May 1877 in Morris Co., NJ.⁴⁷⁻²⁶ Buried in Chester Congregational Churchyard, Morris Co., NJ.⁴ Jacob married Nancy⁴⁸. Bomca 1798 in NJ.⁴⁸ Nancy died on 16 Mar 1881 in NJ.⁴⁷ Buried in Chester Congregational Churchyard, Morris Co., NJ.⁴⁷

They had one child:

- i. Isaac (30 Nov 1833-26 Oct 1865)

Genealogy (continued)

12. William REGER^{4,5}. Born ca 1803 in NJ.⁴⁹ William died aft 1884 in NJ.⁵⁰⁻²⁷ Occupation: Shoemaker.⁴⁹ William married Elizabeth DICKERSON²⁰ Born on 7 Feb 1801 in NJ.^{49,51}

They had the following children:

- i. Isaac⁵¹
- ii. Mary Ann⁵¹
- iii. Catherine⁵¹
- iv. David⁵¹
- v. Martha E.⁴⁹ (ca 1834-)
- vi. Sarah E.⁴⁹ (cal 837-)
- vii. Elisha Edsall^{49,51} (ca 1839-)
- viii. Edwin H.⁴⁹ (cal 842-)

13. John Frederick REGER^{4,5}. Born ca 1806 in NJ. W John Frederick died on 5 Jun 1884 in Hillsborough Twp., Somerset Co., NJ.^{4,19,19} Occupation: Fanner.

ca 1828 John Frederick first married Gertrude VAN HOUTEN (9)^{4,35,5}, daughter of George VAN HOUTEN (~1775-1820) & Mary REGER (3) (1773-1860) in NJ *
Born ca 1806 in NJ.³⁵ Gertrude died on 5 Jul 1857 in NJ.^{4,1}

They had the following children:

- i. Elizabeth Swackhammer^{28,4,5} (26 Feb 1829-31 Oct 1831)
- ii. Mary Ann^{4,5} (14 Dec 1830-6 Nov 1831)
- iii. Frederick^{4,35} (28 Mar 1832-1874)
- iv. Henry Weaver^{4,5} (19 Sep 1834-27 Aug 1839)
- v. Mary Catherine⁴⁰ (12 Apr 1836-^ Jul 1864)
- vi. Susannah A.^{4,35,*} (24 Mar 1837-6 Apr 1902)
- vii. Harman H.^{4,35,41} (23 Feb 1841-10 Apr 1917)
- viii. John Kline^{4,35,5} (27 Mar 1843-5 Mar 1898)
- ix. George W.^{4,42} (27 Jan 1845-)

ca 1858 John Frederick second married Lucretia A. VAN NEST⁴ in NJ. Born ca 1829 in NJ.⁴¹ Lucretia A. died on 23 Aug 1897 in NJ.⁴

They had the following children:

- i. Isaac^{41,4} (19 Dec 1858-)
- ii. Aletta D.^{41,4,5} (25 Jan 1860-25 Sep 1862)
- iii. Martha H.^{32,45} (4 Sep 1861-aft 1927)
- iv. Jacob^{32,4} (27 Feb 1865-11 Jun 1926)

14. David REGER^{4,5}. Born ca 1810 in NJ.⁵³ David died in 1877 in Morris Co., NJ.²⁶ David

married Oce F.⁵⁴. Born ca 1811 in NJ.⁵⁴

They had the following children:

- i. Mahlon⁵⁴ (ca 1839-aft 1884)
- ii. Jacob S.⁵⁴ (-aft 1884)

In genealogical research one finding often leads to the discovery of another, but not necessarily in the same time-frame or by the same person. Here is an example of the linkage of discovery that took from 1862 to 2009 to complete. **John R. Swackhamer** (b.10 May 1815; d. 13 Feb 1901) was living in Clinton, Holmes County, Ohio when he enlisted in Captain Voorhes' Company of the Ohio Infantry, 65th Regiment, Union Army. He wrote a letter dated 10 May 1862 to his sister, **Mrs. Daniel H. Powelson (Eliza Swackhamer)**, Lesser X Roads, Somerset County, NJ, which was saved, eventually transcribed from German/English and printed in the S-D Bulletin. The letter provided clues that proved John was the son of Rulif and descended from Conrad, Jr., Conrad Sr., and Samuel. I included the letter in my book, *The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer*, which **Merlin Leroy (Roy) Swackhamer** of Lake Oswego, OR read this year. The similarity of the information that I had assembled about John R. reconciled with information that Roy had been given 30 years earlier by his Great Uncle Harry, about his g. grandfather, **Josephus Seaf Swackhamer, son of John Swackhamer** and his wife **Eliza Prost**. One circle is complete; another can now begin!

Genealogy (continued)

First Generation

1. **John R. Swackhamer** b. 10 May 1815 Hunterdon Co., NJ; d. 13 Feb. 1901; m. 21 Mar. 1840 to Eliza Prost b. abt. 1824 in NJ. John was a carpenter. John and Eliza removed from NJ to Franklin, Wayne County, OH and were there for the 1850 census. In the 1880 census they were living in Essex Township, Kankakee County, IL. John and Eliza had several children, possibly as many as 10. Eight are listed.
 2. **George** b. 17 Apr. 1841 Wayne Co., MI; d. 22 May 1924 Wilmington, IL. m. twice, one daughter each marriage, no sons.
 3. **Sarah** b. abt. 1843, NJ
 4. **James** b. 30 April 1844 Adrian, MI (now OH); d. 3 Aug. 1915 Custer Twp., Will County, IL m. Esther A. Steward, one daughter Delia Floyd, no sons.
 5. **Martha** b. abt. 1850 in OH
 6. **Margaret** b. about 1853 in OH
 7. **Ema J. (sometimes Etta)** b. about 1855 in OH
 8. **Josephus Seaf** b. 5 Dec. 1857
 9. **Harriet** b. abt. 1876 in OH

Second Generation

8. **Josephus Seaf Swackhamer** b. 5 Dec. 1857 Wayne Co., OH; m. 16 Oct 1883 to Eliza May or Martha Dean (1861-1928), b. in Essex Co., IL; d. 3 Jan 1928 Joliet, IL. Josephus is the great grandfather of Roy Swackhamer. Children of Josephus:
 10. **LeRoy Sylvester Swackhamer** (1885-1984) b. 2 Aug. 1885 in Whitemore, IA; d. 2 June 1984, Phoenix, AZ. LeRoy is the father of Roy Swackhamer.
 11. **John Wesley Swackhamer** (1895-1918) b. 20 Dec. 1895 in Essex, IL; d. 10 Oct. 1918 in France. Never married.
 12. **Harry Swackhamer** (1904-1996) b. 15 Sept 1904 in Joliet, IL; d. 17 July 1996 in Orlando, FL
 13. **Emma Swackhamer**, b. unk; d. unk.
 14. **Hattie Swackhamer**, b. unk; d. unk.

Ninety-five Twice: One Hundred Ninety Years of Living History

by **J. Lawrence (Larry) Brasher**, lbrasher@bsc.edu. Larry is a former president of the S-D Society, lives in Birmingham, Alabama, and teaches at Birmingham-Southern College.

My mother, **Lois Watters Brasher**, celebrated her 95th birthday on March 22, 2009. When Lois was an infant, she attended the 95th birthday celebration of her great-great grandmother, **Eliza Hopkins Swackhamer** (1819-1915). This was on August 4, 1914 (one day after "the guns of August" began the First World War). The birthday celebration was held at the home of one of Eliza's daughters, Mrs. L.H. McPeak, at Pleasant Hill (Ironia) near Chester, NJ.



Beginning on Eliza's 80th birthday in 1899, 50 to 100 of her Swackhamer descendants gathered every anniversary for a "bountiful repast" and celebration of the "the venerable old lady." The Rev. William Delp of the German Valley Lutheran Church always was in attendance to make remarks. Eliza's last birthday celebration was in 1914. My great grandmother, **Harriet Skellenger Swackhamer Clark** (1864-1955), and my grandmother, **Bessie Swackhamer Clark Watters** (1885-1973), always told me that these gatherings were the beginnings of the Swackhamer-Dufford Reunion, which they attended in the 1940s and 1950s. (They were partially right.) Eliza Hopkins Swackhamer was descended from Stephen Hopkins of the Mayflower. Her mother was a Bodine.

Posed as the fifth generation, four month old Lois Watters with her great-great grandmother, Eliza Hopkins Swackhamer, on Eliza's 95th birthday in 1914.

Ninety-five Twice: One Hundred Ninety Years of Living History (continued)

The line of descent is as follows: (some of the early dates may not be precise)

Samuel Swackhamer 1700-1782

Conrad Swackhamer 1720-1813

Fritz Swackhamer 1788-1882

Isaac Swackhamer 1818-1876 m. Eliza Hopkins 1819-1915

Samuel Swackhamer 1841-1904 m. Juliet Jordan Skellenger 1838-1906

Harriet Skellenger Swackhamer 1864-1955 m. Lewis Clark 1855-1935

Bessie Swackhamer Clark 1885-1973 m. Lawrence Dalrymple Watters 1878-1971

Lois Ann Watters b.1914 m. Julius Logan Brasher b.1914

Lois Ann Watters graduated from Douglass College (then New Jersey College for Women) in 1935 and did graduate work in organ performance, with the renowned Dr. Clarence Dickinson, at Union Theological School of Sacred Music (now Yale School of Sacred Music). She was organist at virtually all of the large Morristown churches in the 1930s and 1940s and played at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City.

Lois and Julius Brasher are both 95 and have been married for 68 years. Both are in good health and they live in their own home at my father's ancestral home place in north Alabama.



Lois Watters Brasher is seated celebrating her 95th birthday at her home on March 22, 2009. Cards and calls from across the country brightened her special occasion. Daughter-in-law Louise Tharaud Brasher is presenting the cake.

Who could have foretold at that Swackhamer gathering in 1914 that the four-month-old infant on the 95-year-old's lap would one day celebrate her own 95th?



Top, l to r:

John Lawrence Brasher (Larry),
Anna Harris, Jonah Harris,
Ellen Brasher Harris.

Bottom, l to r: Lois Watters Brasher,
Julius Logan Brasher.

Ellen and Larry are the children of
Lois and Julius. Anna and Jonah
are the children of Ellen and Gavin
Harris. Larry and his wife Louise
have one son, Daniel Lawrence
Brasher, a junior at Duke University.

News and Stories Wanted for the Winter 2009 Bulletin

Please provide news and stories for the next Bulletin. Gene Swackhamer compiles *Communication from Members and Friends, Necrology, and Genealogy* – please send those items to Gene and everything else to Shelley Heretyk. The deadline is October 1 and the goal is to mail the Bulletin in early December for the holidays.

Help Locate Missing Members!

We ask your help in providing current contact information for those members of the Society for whom newsletters have been recently undeliverable. If you have any information regarding the current location or email address for any of the following members, please email our membership coordinator, Carol T. Stout, at carolstout2003@aol.com, or mail to Carol T. Stout, 14 Fox Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748.

Missing Members	Last Known Location
Mrs. Russell Siple	Belvedere, NJ
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Stevens	Sayre, PA
Mr. & Mrs. David J Swackhamer	Breinigsville, PA
Mr. Jeff Swackhamer	Edmonton, KY
Mr. R. L. Swackhamer	Fort Worth, TX
Mr. Ralph Swackhamer	Cleveland, MS
Mr. Robert Swackhamer	Seldon, NY
Mr. Robert A. Swackhamer	Saginaw, MI
Robert Trimmer	Germantown, MD
Mr. William Tufford	Regina, Sask Canada
Shelley P. Van Winkle	Milwaukie, OR
Mr. & Mrs. W Ralph Williams	Utica, NY

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Annual Reunion July 25, 2009 in Long Valley, New Jersey

If you've never attended an annual reunion of The Society, or even if you have, this may be the year you'll make an extra effort to attend. There will be opportunities to catch up with old friends, meet new family, and peruse the memorabilia that attending members display. You'll enjoy updates from our Family Historians regarding their ongoing research, as well as helpful tips for pursuing your own. If we're lucky, you might consider bringing copies of your research to swap with others during the event.

Keynote Speakers

Carla and Allan Messinger of Native American Heritage Programs The History of the Lenni Lenape and Their Interactions with Early European Settlers

This year, we're excited to have as our keynote speakers Carla and Allan Messinger of Native American Heritage Programs (www.lenapeprograms.info). Many of you are likely aware that Jacob Dufford Sr. married a Lenni Lenape woman after the death of his first wife, and lived with her tribe for some time. Indeed, some of us are descended from their offspring. With that in mind, Carla and Allan will talk about the history of the Lenni Lenape and their interactions with early European settlers, including what this intermarriage would have meant to both families and their communities.

Carla Messinger is a Founder of the Lenni Lenape Historical Society and Museum of Indian Culture and was its executive director for over two decades. While under her fulltime volunteer leadership the organization evolved into an all-volunteer organization described in a 2000 assessment funded by the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts as "a remarkable institution" that "offers rich and diverse programs, a host of activities, and resources for learning that reflect the best tradition of museum educational efforts." During her tenure as the sole administrator and primary educator at the Museum, she developed regionally-unique educational and cultural programs, exhibits, and events attended by 185,000 visitors. Carla is a descendant of the Lenape Indians.

Allan Messinger is highly knowledgeable docent and a veteran educator with 32 years experience as a History / Foreign Language and English teacher in the Allentown, PA School District. He pioneered the Gifted Elementary Program and taught German to 4th Grade Gifted students for 20 years.

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Annual Reunion – July 25, 2009

Reunion Location: Zion Lutheran Church
11 Schooley's Mountain Road
Long Valley, NJ 07853

9:00 – 9:45	Registration; Beverages and Bagels, Muffins, etc.
9:45 – 11:00	Welcome and Introduction "Visiting Altlusheim, Germany" - Gene & Clay Swackhamer
11:00 – 12:00	Keynote Speakers
12:00 – 12:30	"Genealogy Online and Local Society Updates" - Bill Cramer
12:30 – 1:30	Lunch by Califon Fine Foods
1:30 – 2:15	"Dufford Research Project" - Bill Cramer
2:15 – 3:00	"The Swackhamer Surname DNA Study" - Gene Swackhamer
3:00 – 3:30	Society Business Meeting

Registration Form July 25, 2009 Annual Reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, NJ

Please complete this form and mail with your check to: Eileen and Dan Corritori, Treasurers, Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, 66 E. Fawn Ridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853. (Canadians and other foreign registrants or donors should make the check payable to Eileen Corritori).

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Program Fee \$25 per person		\$	Includes morning refreshments, lunch, keynote speaker and facility fees
Optional donation to S-D Society to help with Bulletin costs		\$	The S-D Society operates entirely on donations. While there is no membership fee, donations are encouraged to defray costs.
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