

# 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 2010 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

There are several exciting things to share with you in this issue. Our annual reunion will be held on the last Saturday of July: July 31 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley. Steven F. Firtko, author of the 1995 book, "History of Middle Valley, New Jersey," has accepted our invitation to be the keynote speaker. He plans on sharing with us lessons of doing family history research using his book and our Society as his model for the presentation. We'll also have Zion Church speakers as we share with them the year-long celebration of the church's 250th anniversary. Califon Fine Foods will again serve a continental breakfast upon your arrival and an array of summer salads for lunch. Please complete the pre-registration form in this issue and return it with your check.

An exciting group tour to Germany will take place August 25 to September 2. It will be led by Dr. Wolfgang Grams and myself. Using the information we obtained and the contacts made in 2009, we have planned a 9 day genealogy exploration of the Palatinate including visits with the Schwechheimers of Altusheim and the French-German border town of Lisaß Langensultzback where the children of Hans Phillip Dufford were baptized. See the accompanying article for more details and how to sign up. If you miss this opportunity for translator assisted personal visits and insider accounts, you will say forevermore-"I wish I had ..."

The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society wants to say a special Thank You to everyone who donated in the 2009 fiscal year. The donor list in this issue truly represents the broad geographic dispersion of the descendants of our original ancestors. We mail (and email) this Bulletin to 380 addresses, including other historic societies and libraries, so the response using the inserted donor envelope was close to 10 percent of the individual members. An envelope is included for 2010 and I hope you will continue your great support. Your donor gift assures volunteers that their efforts are appreciated.

On the topic of volunteers, you need not live in New Jersey to be a volunteer or an officer. Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, would welcome additional reporters. We have a current need for a volunteer to maintain our mailing list, which is now in Excel spreadsheet format. You can do this from your home. If interested in becoming more involved, just send me an email or drop me a note.

Bill Cramer's "Ongoing Dufford Family History" project has the ambitious goal of identifying every Dufford descendant. He has heard from many who have shared their family history; two are included in this issue. More will be on display at the reunion.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

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<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njswdugs/>

Check the web site and put your comments or questions in the "Guest Book." The site is monitored and you will get a response. Throughout this issue (D) represents a Dufford connection, (S) for Swackhamer, (S & D) both families and (F) for friend of the Society.

### Communication with Members and Friends

**George N. Apgar, Jr.** (NJ), an officer of the Apgar Family Association and researcher for the Pickle and Philhower families, has communicated with the S-D Society several times in the past year regarding participation in the Palatines to America (PalAm) organization meetings and support of other Germanic Family societies. He will be attending the summer meeting of PalAm, to be held in Fishkill, NY June 17-20 representing these family groups.

Communication has continued with **Steffen Drees**, son of **Irmtraud (Schwechheimer) Drees**, throughout the year as he has assisted in translations from English to German and German to English since the 2009 visit to Altlusheim. He will be assisting in the 2010 group tour during its visit to the home area of **Samuel Schwechheimer (Swackhamer)**.

**Judith Taylor** and **Betty Deis**, descendants of **Samuel Swackhamer** (b. 1834), youngest son of **Daniel and Darcus Swackhamer** of Ohio, are hard at work trying to learn more about Daniel and Darcus, especially their home farm location and burial sites in Ohio. They welcome the assistance of any Ohio origin Swackhamers, especially descendants of Samuel or his older brothers **Maurice** or **William**. Contact Gene Swackhamer for email or postal addresses.

**Maurice Grillon** (NJ) is looking for proof that his g.g. grandmother, **Minnie E. Oakley**, married to **Clarence D. Oakley** was Minnie E. Swackhamer, born about 1867 in NJ. If you can help, contact him at [mauricegrillon@hotmail.com](mailto:mauricegrillon@hotmail.com).

### Necrology

**Hamilton Elizabeth Moore Hall** (b. 11-5-1928; d. 2-12-2010) was the daughter of the late William Hamilton Moore and Elizabeth Gray Bass Moore. Upon the marriage of Elizabeth and **T.C. Swackhamer**, she became the adopted daughter of T.C, former president of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogical Society. Mrs. Hall was an active citizen of Maryland having served as a media specialist for the St. Mary's County School Board, was a Red Hat member, a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, a former Smithsonian volunteer and a lifelong democrat. She is survived by son Hugh Hall, III of Ketchikan, AK and daughters Betsy Graves of LaPlata, MD and Sally Halstead also of LaPlata, MD, plus six grandchildren. Gene Swackhamer said Mrs. Hall was very helpful to him in providing background on the Missouri Swackhamers while he was working on his book.

**Freida Reichley Dennis Swackhamer** (b. 10-6-1919 in Perry County, OH; d. 11-28-2009 in Zanesville, OH) at age 90. Freida was a homemaker, enjoyed gardening, raising flowers and playing cards with her friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first husband, Robert V. Dennis, her second husband, Melvin R. Swackhamer, and her son William R. Dennis. Her burial was at Maplewood Cemetery in New Lexington, OH.

## Necrology (continued)

**Betty Ann Scott** (b. 1940 in Amanda, OH; d. 2-23-2010 Lancaster, OH). She was the daughter of Joseph Howard Swackhamer and Pauline (Kane) Swackhamer. Betty is survived by her husband, Nial Herbert Scott, 16 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. In addition to her parents, four brothers, Harold, Dale, Russell and Doyle Swackhamer also preceded her in death. Betty had a 30-year career with Anchor Hocking. Her burial was at Zion Church Cemetery in Pottersville, OH.

### CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT by William N. Cramer Jr.

**Hello descendants of Philip Dufford.** This ongoing project is an attempt to update the descendant lines of the Dufford/Tufford family tree. In this bulletin we have two excellent contributors - Ann Cook and Carole Trimmer.

**#1) Ann Cook** is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation great granddaughter of Philip Dufford. Ann is the daughter of John Heed Shaw. Her line, explained by herself below, connects through Magdalene Dufford (who married Andrew Wack). Thank you, Ann, for your excellent contribution.

	<u>John Shaw</u>	
<u>John Dee SHAW</u>	1832-1907	
1899-1967	<u>Honorah Dee</u>	
	1872-1921	
-- <u>John Heed SHAW</u>		
7/3/1930		
	<u>Lewis H HEED</u>	
<u>Harriet Marjorie HEED</u>	1852-1912	
1901-1991	<u>Sonora TIMS</u>	
	1858-1941	
<u>John TIMS</u>		
1831-1907	_____	
-- <u>Sonora TIMS</u>		
1858-1941		
	<u>Nicholas MCLEAN</u>	
<u>Elizabeth MCLEAN</u>	1797-?	
6/6/1858	<u>Elizabeth WACK</u>	
	1805-?	
		<u>Johann George Wack</u>
	<u>Casper WACK</u>	1748-?
<u>Andrew WACK</u>	1752-1839	<u>Elizabeth Schuyler</u>
1781-1856	<u>Barbara Leidy</u>	
-- <u>Elizabeth WACK</u>		
1805-?		
	<u>George Stephen DUFFORD</u>	
<u>Mary Magdalene DUFFORD</u>	1741-1817	
1779-1865	<u>Mary Anna TRIMMER</u>	
	1743-1826	
	<u>Philip DUFFORD</u>	
<u>Jacob DUFFORD</u>		
	<u>Catrina</u>	
-- <u>George Stephen DUFFORD</u>		
1741-1817		
<u>Elizabeth</u>		
(Leni) Lenape		
1718-?		

	<u>Johannes TRIMMER</u>
<u>Matthias TRIMMER</u>	
	<u>Mary DIERDORFF</u>
-- <u>Mary Anna TRIMMER</u>	
1743-1826	
	<u>Johan Leonard NACHBER</u>
<u>Anna Martha NACHBER</u>	
	<u>Maria Margaretha</u>

The following information on **Magdalena Dufford**, provided to us by **Ann Cook**, is not in the Chambers Book, *Early Germans of New Jersey*. Thank you, Ann, for this valuable addition.

Magdalena Dufford (daughter of **George Stephen Dufford** and **Anna Mary Trimmer**) was born 27 January 1779, and died 10 March 1865. She is buried as Mary A. Wack in the Middle Valley Cemetery. She married **Andrew Wack**, son of **Rev. Casper Wack** and **Barbara Leidy**. Children of **Magdalena Dufford** and **Andrew Wack** are:

- i. **Mary Wack**, b. Abt. 1803, d. date unknown.
- ii. **Elizabeth Wack**, b. 04 December 1805, d. date unknown.
- iii. **Barbara Ann Wack**, b. 19 July 1807, d. date unknown.
- iv. **Andrew Wack**, b. 23 November 1808, d. date unknown.
- v. **Sophia Wack**, b. 1810, d. date unknown.
- vi. **Annie Wack**, b. 23 October 1812, d. date unknown.
- vii. **George S. Wack**, b. 18 December 1813, d. 17 May 1856, Middle Valley Cemetery.
- viii. **Caspar Wack**, b. 04 April 1822, d. date unknown.
- ix. **Magdalena Wack**, d. date unknown.



#### Houses Associated with Genealogy

“**The Mary Trimmer House**” (top) is located at 411 West Mill Road, Long Valley, NJ (Middle Valley). This property represents the union of the Duffords and Trimmers. **George Stephen Dufford** (1741 – 1817), grandson of Philip Dufford, married **Mary Anna Trimmer** (1743 – 1826), daughter of Matthias Trimmer.

**The Raritan Inn** (bottom) is located on the same road west of the Mary Trimmer House. The address is 528 County Route 513, Califon, NJ (Middle Valley). After arriving in 1732, **Samuel Swackhamer** built a stone bank house on this site. **Rev. Casper Wack** bought the property in 1797 and built a mill adjoining the barn area. In 1872 **Lawrence Hager Trimmer**, owner of the Middle Valley Trap Rock & Mine Company, purchased the property. He was married to **Elisabeth Dufford**, the great-granddaughter of George Stephen Dufford and Mary Anna Trimmer. In 1898 Lawrence and Elisabeth built the Victorian house on top of and around the Swackhamer house – that stone house still remains in the basement. (See Summer 2007 Bulletin for additional information.)

Both homes were featured on the Washington Township Historical Society Historic House Tour in 2006. The “George S. Dufford House” on page 6 was on the 2003 tour and also previous tours.

#2) **Carole Trimmer**, is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation great granddaughter of **Philip Dufford**. Her line, explained by herself below, connects through her great grandmother **Mariah Trimmer Dufford**. Her father, **Frank Earle Trimmer**, is the 5<sup>th</sup> of 7 children of **Theodore Trimmer and Hattie Timmons**. Thank you, Carole, for your excellent contribution.

**5. Frank Earle Trimmer-Catherine Anna Schmidt**

b. 01/09/1909                      b. 11/25/1910  
 m. 07/11/1931                    m. 07/11/1931  
 d. 12/13/1988                    d. 11/31/1990

Children

1. Earle Frank Trimmer  
 b. 09/15/1934  
 d. 08/31/2001

2. Robert Norman Trimmer-Carol Anne Norby

b. 12/11/1936                      b. 06/14/1943  
 m. 09/19/1964                    m. 09/19/1964  
 d. 01/15/1990

Children

1. Robert Norman Trimmer Jr. – Michelle Lehigh  
 b. 06/27/1965                      b. 05/14/1976  
 m. 05/02/1995                    m. 05/14/1995

2. William Frank Trimmer- Sara Diana Ross

b.10/08/1967                      b. 08/16/1969  
 m. 08/09/1996                    m. 08/09/1996

3. Amy Louise Trimmer- Grant Jacob Goss

b. 11/23/1970                      b. 05/01/1972  
 m. 03/13/2004                    m. 03/13/2004

3. Virginia Eleanor Trimmer- Roger Emerson Lane

b. 08/07/1938                      b. 08/03/1938  
 m. 07/11/1959                    m. 07/11/1959

Children

1. Scott Edward Lane – Linda Lee Lecuyer  
 b. 08/31/1960                      b. 05/10/1963  
 m. 08/03/1980                    m. 08/03/1980

2. Terri Ann Lane- William Murrin

b. 08/25/1961                      b. 07/02/1955

3. Lisa Marie Lane – Gary Weskyna

b. 05/05/1963                      b. 12/01/1946  
 m. 09/16/1990                    m. 09/16/1990

4. Jeffrey Alan Lane –

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**4. Jeane Gertrude Trimmer-Kevin James Johnston**

b. 10/17/1941                      b. 02/08/1938  
 m. 12/31/1965                    m. 12/31/1965

Children

1. Kevin James Johnston – Jennifer Rucker  
 b. 07/30/1966                      b. 09/26/1965  
 m. 05/21/1988                    m. 05/21/1988

2. Keith Jason Johnston – Karen Smith

b. 07/19/1968                      b. 12/01/1957  
 m. 06/30/1990                    m. 06/30/1990

3. Keirsten Jean Johnston – Scott Yates

b. 02/06/1971

4. Kimberly Joy Johnston – Stephen Lauzier

b.02/23/1972

**5. Carole Ann Trimmer**

b. 01/23/1944

Children

1. Kathleen Jean Trimmer– Michael William Wilford  
 b. 09/19/1969                      b. 04/04/1969  
 m. 06/27/1992                    m. 06/27/1992

Children

1. Nicholas Michael Wilford  
 b. 12/29/1997  
 2. Matthew Curtis Wilford  
 b.02/07/2002

**News, Stories, and Photos Needed for the Winter 2010 Bulletin**

Please provide news, stories, and photographs for the next Bulletin. Gene Swackhamer and Bill Cramer compile *Communication with Members and Friends, Necrology, and Genealogy* – send those items to Gene or Bill and anything else to Shelley Heretyk. The deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup> and the goal is to mail bulletins in early December.

**Russell Dufford Papers**

**Washington Township Historical Society and Museum**

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The Washington Township Historical Society is grateful for the recent donation of genealogy papers and correspondence from the late Russell (Jack) T. Dufford, Jr. A thank you is extended to Gene Swackhamer and Bill Cramer for their assistance. The documents are in archival folders and boxes – the next step is to list the contents.

The museum located on 6 Fairview Avenue in Long Valley, NJ. Please feel free to make an appointment if you are in the area. Advance notice is requested.

***The Pioneers of Washington Township* by George S. Dufford**  
**Reviewed by Bill Capell, [billcapell@hotmail.com](mailto:billcapell@hotmail.com)**

I first became aware of this book in May of 2009 while researching my Neighbour family ancestors in Virginia Allen's 2005 book [A History of Washington Township](#). On the very first page she states that Captain John Neighbour attended the first township meeting in January of 1800 and refers to [The Pioneers of Washington Township](#) by George S. Dufford as the source of her information. This was very exciting because very little is known about John Neighbour so my next move was to contact Shelley Heretyk at the Washington Township Historical Society for help in locating a copy of the book.

This early history of Washington Township was written by George S. Dufford (1864-1945) as a collection of 18 newspaper articles. It was published with accompanying photographs in 1932 in the *Plainfield Courier-News*. They have now been compiled into a modern .PDF computer file which is available from the Washington Township Historical Society and can be downloaded from their website. These are not transcriptions but rather photographic scans of the original newspaper clippings.

The first four articles are devoted to an engaging history of 18th century Long Valley. The bulk of the early data seems to have been taken from Theodore Chambers 1895 book [The Early Germans of New Jersey](#). The author also covers in some detail the original Budd and Logan land grants as well as subsequent leases and property developments.

The next thirteen articles are mostly taken from the journal found in the attic of George McLean's store that covers the period from October 1799 to April 1839. The journal contains the earliest Washington Township financial records and the minutes of the early town meetings. The author mixes the exact wording from these records, complete with misspellings, with his own interpretations and comment. It gives the reader a wonderful insight into the daily lives of people who might otherwise have remained mere names and dates on a headstone. An example of this is the case of one of my ancestors named Jacob Neighbour. Most readers will recognize him as the original builder of "The Neighbour House" the Long Valley bed & breakfast on West Mill Road. In article Number 17 we find that in December 1836 Jacob Weise Neighbour won a judgment against Washington Township on account of the sale of the David Trimmer farm which by May of 1838 had reached the Supreme Court. In the end the township paid Neighbour \$104.40 and he dropped the suit.

Although to a large extent the contents of this book have been included in Virginia Allen's book, it still makes exciting reading. In the process of writing this review it was necessary to refer back to Virginia Allen's book and her first paragraph comment about John Neighbour that got this whole mystery started. I can now certify that this is nothing more than an incorrect Anglican conversion of a German name. The individual in question was born Johannes Leonhard Nachbar in 1741, probably in Philadelphia. His Rufnamen (call name) is actually Leonard not John and was correctly used in the Dufford book. He had a son who was indeed called John Neighbour who died sometime before his father in 1806. Mystery solved!



Pictured above is "**The George S. Dufford House**" located at 422 West Mill Road in Long Valley, NJ (Middle Valley). The grandson, **George Dufford** (b. 1794, d. 1864), of **George Stephen Dufford** and **Mary Anna Trimmer** on pgs 3 & 4, purchased this property and several hundred acres in 1853. This George was married to **Elizabeth Neighbor**. In 1864, the house passed to their son **Elijah** (b. 1828 - he married **Susan Swackhamer**) and remained in the Dufford family until 1965.

The house is named for George S. Dufford (b. 1864, d. 1945), historian, poet, journalist, and author of *Pioneers of Washington Township*. He used it mainly as a summer residence.

**Editor's Note:** The Washington Township Historical Society web site is [www.wthsnj.org](http://www.wthsnj.org). Click on "History Gallery" and you will see ***Pioneers of Washington Township*** to download.

**Marie Bonnar** of Warren, NJ and a sophomore at Watchung Hills Regional High School, scanned **Pioneers** as part of her community service requirement. She did an excellent job!

Marie plans to continue volunteering and her next project will be to scan historic **Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Bulletins**. **Matthew Martyniuk** and **Bryan Swackhamer** have agreed to post them on the S-D Society web site. Bulletins from Summer 2001 until the present are already there.

## THANK YOU DONORS

The following donors have made contributions since the 2009 annual reunion meeting of July 25, 2009. Every effort is made not to miss anyone, but with donations coming in cash at the annual meeting, by check, from the year-end solicitation envelopes, and from a portion of the purchase price of Nancy Schane's book, *Voyage of the Love and Unity*, and from Gene Swackhamer's book, *The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer*, errors can occur. If we missed recognizing your gift, please forgive us. We truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951.

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## **Genealogy Tour to Germany - August 25 to September 2, 2010**

If you have ever wanted to see the land of our ancestors, I can think of no better way than this personally guided tour by **Dr. Wolfgang Grams** of Routes to the Roots, Inc. In 2009 I took my family on a very similar tour and we were delighted with Dr. Grams attention to details, arrangement of appointments, flexibility to change the itinerary (within reason of course), knowledge of German and world history, his sense of humor and his ability to book delightful hotels and inns off the beaten tourist path. He will do all this and more for you in 2010.

As of this writing we have six people committed to the trip, assuring that it will be a go, and we would like to add another 3 or 4 (the comfortable limit of a BMW tour van.). In order to complete reservations and lock in rooms, Dr. Grams will need the **final count by July 1, 2010**. Among the highlights of this tour are the following:

- Orientation breakfast at the Frankfurt Steigenberger Hotel, Wed., August 25
- Travel to Koblenz and overnight at Schloss Engers, former music school
- Thur. August 26 visit castle Mark Schloss and travel up the Rhine to Johannisberg Cloister for overnight and dinner.
- Fri. August 27 visit Worms and cathedral of Martin Luther's "Here I stand" declaration. Drink a toast to the passengers of *Love and Unity*, who bought wine here and travel to Altlusheim for 3 nights at Luxhof Hotel.
- Sat. Aug. 28 am tour of Speyer and lunch in Altlusheim with Dr. Schwinforth, Altlusheim historian, Schwechheimer descendants and Pastor Kraus. Evening music concert with Friedhelm Schwechheimer (Germany's oldest male choir) during Kerwe (festival) in Geinsheim (15 Km from Altlusheim.) Return to Luxhof Hotel.
- Sun. Aug 29 Church in building that was under construction as Samuel was leaving in 1730 and dedication of kinetic art (similar to Raritan Inn) in Mayor's courtyard. Farewell beer garden party.
- Mon. Aug 30 Full day excursion to trace Dufford Family history in Sulzbach, Langensulzbach Elsaß. Overnight enroute to Bern.
- Tues. Aug. 31. In Bern. Explore the religious traditions of Huguenot emigration and Anabaptist movement. Hotel Bern.
- Wed. Sept 1. Depart Bern for "Romantic Road" return toward Frankfurt. Visit Rotenburg ob der Tauber and Sommerhausen, home of Franz Daniel Pastorius, founder of Germantown, PA, in 1683, the first permanent German settlement in America. Hotel enroute.
- Thur. Sept. 2. A final toast to passengers of the *Love and Unity* on the banks of the Neckar River. Return to Steigenberger Hotel in Frankfurt for departures or additional travel.

The cost for the land tour, double occupancy, is approximately \$2700 and for a single traveler is \$405.00 more. Round-trip air fare, one meal per day, incidentals and a pre or post trip hotel, if desired, is the traveler's personal expense. **For a reservation call Gene Swackhamer at 410-771-4437 or email GGSwack@cs.com**

### **Swackhamer Surname DNA Project Update by Gene L. Swackhamer**

Previous issues of this *Bulletin* (Winter 2007 page 10 and Summer 2008 page 8, accessible on the Society's web site) describe this study and its objectives. The study is an ongoing effort to link Swackhamer descendants to Samuel by proving that Swackhamer males without a clear proof of descendency have the same Y chromosome DNA markers as those male Swackhamers who have traditional proof of their descendency from Samuel. To date participants have not been disappointed. All of the Swackhamer males that have submitted a cheek swab for the 37 DNA marker test to date are related, in that there is a very high percentage (i.e. 95-99 percent) that all have a common ancestor within the past 10 generations—either Samuel or one of his sons.

It would be ideal to have a participant from each of Samuel's known sons. If all provide as good a match as has been obtained to date, then we could say with near certainty that Samuel was the sole progenitor of us all. Certainty cannot be claimed because of the disappearance of George Swackhamer from Massachusetts following the *Love and Unity* trials. He could have had male descendants with the same DNA as Samuel.

This study is open to the public in that any male Swackhamer may participate by contacting Family Tree DNA at **www.familytreedna.com** and ordering a 37 marker test kit. Those descendants from a Swackhamer with a different surname also can participate, but aside from the interesting anthropological information one gets, it most likely is a waste of money. Your identity can be kept private with the use of a kit number and the DNA data collected from you can be discarded at your direction if you desire. You need not participate through me as Project Administrator, however, I am very willing to help anyone that is interested. The only downside that I have determined to date is the cost, approximately \$200.00 for the 37 marker test. To test a lesser number of chromosome locations will not reach back the desired number of generations at a reasonable confidence level and the 64 marker test is more than necessary.

If you would like more information and would like to see the matches to date, please contact me at GGSwack@cs.com and I will send to you the material I shared at the last Swackhamer Dufford Society reunion.



**Swackhamer - Dufford Genealogical Society Annual Reunion**  
**Saturday July 31, 2010**  
**9am to 3:30pm**  
**Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853**

Plans are nearing completion for another annual reunion at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, NJ on Saturday, July 31. If you have never attended or have not attended in a while, this will be a gathering that you will not want to miss. We will be helping Zion Church celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary and its members will be participating in our program telling stories about the original "Stone Church" and site, which we will visit. We'll also get a tour of the Washington Township Historical Society museum and be able to see some of its artifact collection of Swackhamer and Dufford items.

Keynote speaker for the event will be **Steven F. Firtko**, author of "History of Middle Valley, New Jersey," (1995). Steven will discuss the ambiguities and pitfalls of doing historical research using his study of Middle Valley as his backdrop. He also will address how historical research is evolving from a solitary pursuit by a family member to a shared endeavor using the history of our Society as an example.

The program will begin at 9:00 am in the fellowship hall of the church with coffee, tea, fruit juice, pastry and bagels. **Califon Fine Foods** will cater the luncheon of summer gourmet pastas and vegetable salads. The afternoon will include workshops and a business meeting for the election of officers for 2011. The reunion will conclude at 3:30 pm providing time for visitation or local touring.

Please use the registration form below and take advantage of the early registration discount. Day of the event registration will be \$30.00 per person (children under 16 free). If you would like information on local motels, bed and breakfast inns, restaurants or local sightseeing, just check the box for the "Long Valley Information Package," which will be mailed to you. If cancellation becomes necessary, email GGSwack@cs.com or call 410-771-4437 by July 16 for a full refund.

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	Number Attending	Amount	Long Valley Information Package, check here. _____
Program Fee \$25.00 per person. Children under 16 free		\$	Includes morning refreshments, lunch, speaker and facility fees.
Optional donation to support Society with Bulletin costs	---	\$	The S-D Society operates entirely on donations. There is no membership fee.
TOTAL		\$	Make check payable to Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society.

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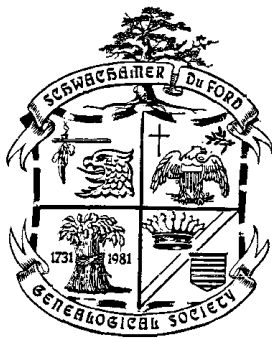
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Mail this form and your check to Eileen Corritori, Treasurer S-D Society, 66 East Fawn Ridge Drive, Long Valley, NJ 07853. If a non-U.S. resident, make check payable to "Eileen Corritori." You may use the donor envelope enclosed for registration. Got a news item? Write on the back of this form or insert separately.

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Annual birthday gatherings of Eliza Hopkins Swackhamer contributed to the start of the annual reunions - see the Summer 2009 Bulletin. Pictured are Eliza, seated second from left, and family members at her celebration in 1904. Samuel Swackhamer, the son of Isaac and Eliza Swackhamer born in German Valley, is the man standing on the left with the beard. Samuel married Juliet Jordan Skellenger and she is pictured next to him (shorter woman with hair parted in the middle.) See the Winter 2009 Bulletin for another photograph of Samuel.

Photograph and information provided by Larry Brasher (S), [lbrasher@bsc.edu](mailto:lbrasher@bsc.edu).