

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.

WINTER 2010 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

For a small group of travelers this past summer there can be no doubt about the highlight of our year. It was the tour! Our genealogical excursion to Germany, France and Switzerland was just great.

Dr. Wolfgang Grams, President of Routes to the Roots, Inc., was an excellent tour organizer and he used his knowledge of world history as a professor at Oldenburg University to show us places where ancestors originated and sites where religious and political events took place. We all gained a better appreciation for the early lives of **Samuel Schwechheimer** and **Jacob DuFord**.

The **Swechheimers** of Altlusshiem could not have been more gracious hosts. They joined us for meals, a sculpture dedication, and included us in a local wine festival. We may be "distant cousins," but we were family on this tour.

A surprise outcome of the tour has been a long-distance engagement between **Steffen Drees** and **Jill (Swackhamer) Kaplan**. We suspected that there might be romance in the air as we traveled about, but the engagement on November 7 was a surprise. It was a social media romance confirmed during the tour and finalized by a skype proposal. The couple has the blessings of respective parents **Irmtraud** and **Franz Drees** and **Sharon** and **me**. A 2011 wedding is being planned.

How quickly this Holiday Season arrived! It seems that we just concluded the summer reunion in Long Valley and the August tour. At the reunion some new officers were elected. **Steve Jones (S/D)** of MD will assist with *Bulletin* stories, **Dick and Bonnie Wilson (D)** of Morris Run, PA and Deltona, FL will help with *Bulletin* material and ideas on how to reach the many Society retirees, especially in Florida and **Robert Swackhamer** of NJ and now Aberdeen, MD will serve as a V.P. at large. Again we had excellent speakers at the reunion and interesting workshops. Even if you live some distance from Long Valley, do plan to attend a future reunion. The 2011 date is Saturday, July 30.

Finally, don't forget to include the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society in your year-end benevolence. All our officers are unpaid volunteers and their gifts of time and money are significant, but they alone cannot print and mail the bulletins, maintain the web site, and pay speaker fees without your help. There is no gift too small; we thank you for each and every dollar.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

Happy Holidays!

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Check the web site and put your comments or questions in the "Guest Book." 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

Bonnie Wilson (D) (FL/PA) sent to **Bill Cramer**, Dufford Family Historian, a retyped copy of the original mimeographed Dufford family history prepared by **George Stevens Dufford** in 1935. The 14 page document captured the facts and family lore known at that time. Almost immediately Bill was able to determine that he is a 5th cousin once removed to Bonnie and also he could answer one of the mysteries existent at the time George Stevens wrote the paper due to more complete genealogical information base now.

Kathryn Tufford Wright (Can.), inquired about establishing a Tufford DNA study similar to the Swackhamer Family DNA Project with Family Tree. Her family has been unable to locate the origin of Elijah Tufford born 1809 in the U.S. and died 1874 in Ontario, Canada. Her brother, John Tufford (Can.), last male of her family line, has taken the DNA test, but there are no close matches. Anyone with information about the birthplace of Elijah or interest in participating in a Tufford/Dufford DNA study can contact Kathryn at kswright@rogers.com.

Received an email from **Brian Swackhamer** (OH) inquiring about his ancestors. Said his dad gets the Bulletin, but was never able to make the trip to Long Valley for the reunion. His grandfather is Richard (Dick) Swackhamer.

Steve Jones (D) (MD) emailed to say that he enjoyed the story of travel to Altussheim in the Summer 2010 Bulletin. He asked questions about the role of ancestors in the development of the U.S. Lutheran Church, whether Martin Luther was active around Altussheim, and my impression of our German cousins. All are relevant questions for family history and genealogy. The stories of family are of more interest to people than ancient birth and death dates. His mother, **Virginia Logan Jones** (1925-2004), was a granddaughter of **George Stephen Dufford**.

Donn Dufford (CA) corresponded with **Bill Cramer** and **Gene Swackhamer** regarding the 2010 group tour to German, France and Switzerland. Donn, a descendant of Adam Dufford, wanted someone to be his "eyes and ears" on the trip to gather as much information as possible about the Duffords and Langensoultzbach, France. He hopes to travel there next year. We did make it there Donn and a separate short story of that visit is included in this Bulletin. It is a beautiful little village.

Michael J. Swackhamer (NJ), Vice President, Princeton Ventures, and a nephew of former historian **Jim Swackhamer** emailed just to say hello. He said it is rare to meet someone in business with the same surname, so a "virtual meeting" via internet would have to suffice for the time being.

Lynnette Almeida (MA) reported the death of her aunt **Harriett Swackhamer Maywood**. Lynnette's mother, **Helen Swackhamer Ammerman** is a surviving sister of Harriett.

Brian Swackhamer (OH) emailed seeking further information about his ancestry. His grandfather was **Richard (Dick) Swackhamer** who married **Katherine Branham**. Dick served in the Korean Conflict as an Army cook. His grandfather has two sisters, **Jennie** and **Geaniva** of Ft. Myers, FL., who Brian said makes a delicious chocolate chip pound cake!

Necrology

Jane Saums (1924-2010), widow of John, and daughter of **John and Marion Strandberg** of North Plainfield, Somerset, NJ, died September 13, 2010, at age 86 of complications from a stroke. Jane was a loyal member of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogical Society having served several years as an officer. Even as advancing age made travel more difficult, she traveled with her daughter, Loree, to the Long Valley Society reunions.

Jane once said her love for family history was inspired by her maternal grandmother, **Bessie Swackhamer**, and her niece, **Margaret 'Peg' (Strandberg) Johnson**. (See story about Jane in the *Winter 2007 Bulletin* page 5). Bessie took Jane to her first reunion in 1941 in Long Valley.

Jane was active in several historical societies and was a member of DAR. She is survived by daughter Loree Saums of Warren; brother, **William Strandberg** of VA; sister, **Ruth Lehlbach** of North Plainfield; nine nieces and nephews and many extended family and friends. Jane was buried at Rural Hills Cemetery, Whitehouse, NJ.

Alma D. (Swackhamer) Humburg (July 8, 1920-October 23, 2010) was the daughter of the late **Lee and Dorcas Regan Swackhamer**. She lived to age 90. She was a 1938 graduate of Jackson Township High School in Clinton County Indiana, where she lived most of her life. She married **Fred Leon Humburg** in 1941. He died in 1993. For 25 years Mrs. Humburg worked in Frankfort, IN at the P.R. Mallory Company.

Alma Dean, as she was known by family and friends enjoyed her family of three sons, 7 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. She is survived by brothers **Richard Swackhamer** of Frankfort, IN, **Clyde Swackhamer** of Fortville, IN and a sister, **Jo Kingery** of Tucson, AZ. A brother **Morris Swackhamer** died in 1985 and a sister **Sue Jean** died in 1919 at age 2 in a tragic early auto accident.

Kenneth W. Swackhamer (OH) age (78) born June 30, 1932 in Salt Creek Township, Hocking County; died September 6, 2010 in Lancaster, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father **Clayton I. Swackhamer**, his mother **Flossie M. Swackhamer**, his wife **Thelma (Hicks) Swackhamer**, brothers **Earl** and **Darrell Swackhamer** and grandson, **Christian Lodge**. His professional career was as an employee of OSHA.

Kenneth is survived by his children **Larry and wife Connie Swackhamer** of Columbus, OH; **Tom and wife April Swackhamer** of Patriot, OH; and daughter **Karen** and husband **Carl Johnson** of Mendon, OH, two grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Also surviving is his brother **Doyle and Betty Swackhamer** of Somerset, OH and sister **Darlene Swackhamer** also of Somerset, OH.

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.

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Mr. Roy Dufford: Sapulpa, OK
Mr. Walter C. Dufford: Hazelton, PA

Mr. R. Lyle Dunkin: Steilacoom, WA
Mr./Mrs. John L. Ely: West Orange, NJ
Karen Ann Swackhamer Hanson:
Carmel, IN
Mrs. Mildred Hopkins: Lakewood, NJ

Mrs. Marilyn B. Macy: Spokane, WA
Mr./Mrs. Patrick Macy: Ingleside, TX
Mrs. Marilyn Mawdsley: Utica, NY

News, Stories, and Photos Needed for the Summer 2011 Bulletin

Please provide news, stories, and photographs for the next Bulletin. Gene Swackhamer compiles *Communication with Members & Friends and Necrology*. Bill Cramer compiles *Continuous Dufford Research*. Send those items to Gene or Bill and anything else to Shelley Heretyk by April 1st. Perhaps there is a student doing a project for school that involves Swackhamer/Dufford family history – we'd love to hear from you!

Theodore Neighbour

by Bill Capell, billcapell@hotmail.com



A quote from J. Harold Nunn's book "The People of Hackettstown" published in 1955 states that Leonard Neighbor the emigrant, could rightfully be called the "Father of German Valley" because his three daughters married the heads of the Schenckel, Trimmer and Welsh families. Following the family trees of the original group of German settlers in Long Valley it is easy to see how interrelated they all were. **John Neighbor** married **Anna Duffort** b.1769 the 16th of April 1793, **William N. Neighbor** b.1771 married **Catherine Swackhammer** b.1777 the 13th of August 1801, and **Elizabeth Neighbor** married **David Swackhammer** 7th of January 1806. As these families grew in the early 19th century, many of them moved west to the new lands that were opening up.

My great-great-grandfather, Theodore Neighbor as his name was originally spelled, was born in Long Valley, NJ, May 12th, 1834 to Lawrence Neighbor and Mary Trimmer Neighbor. Lawrence was the youngest brother of Jacob Wise Neighbor who

built the "Neighbour House", and Leonard Neighbour III who maintained the "Neighbour Farmstead", both of which are National Historical Sites (ID#91000111 & #92000374) and are still located at 143 and 177 West Mill Road in Long Valley. Sadly, Lawrence died in 1841 at the age of 33 leaving his 7 year old son Theodore and his two older sisters, Mary and Elizabeth as orphans. Lawrence's children were divided among his surviving family members after his death and Theodore went to live with his Uncle Leonard and Aunt Susan Welsh Neighbor on the family farmstead while his older sister Elizabeth went to live in Middle Valley with her Uncle David and grandfather, Leonard II. Long Valley was originally known as the German Valley and was settled in the mid 1700's by a group of immigrant German families which included the Neighbor family.

Theodore probably didn't attend high school but spent the early part of his life working as a farmer and laborer. In 1856 he married Lydia Sharp who had an older brother named David who married Theodore's older sister Mary. By 1860 they had 2 boys, Lawrence and Morris, and owned a small farm in Roxbury Township. During the summer of 1862 Theodore enlisted in the Union Army, and by September he reported to the 27th Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers at Camp Frelinghuysen in Newark. He attained the rank Sergeant Major and saw action in the Battle of Fredericksburg December 14-15 1862. His Regiment was distinguished by voluntarily extending their tour of duty to help defend Pennsylvania against Lee's invasion in July of 1863 which ended with the battle of Gettysburg. Although its leather scabbard was damaged in a house fire many years ago, Theodore's sword is still in the possession of the Neighbour family.

After the war ended Theodore moved his family over Schooleys Mountain to Hackettstown where he worked for many years as the superintendent of Union Cemetery. This move may have been motivated by economic reasons, or perhaps by his joining a different congregation. Theodore had three sons, Lawrence, Morris and James. His oldest son Lawrence, married Leora VanDuzer and also had three sons, Wilbor, George and Ralph. Ralph was the youngest boy and was born in 1892, and was also my maternal grandfather.

For whatever reason there was no contact between the Hackettstown Neighbours and the Long Valley Neighbours that I was aware of. My mother and grandfather had loads of stories about "Uncle Theodore" as they called him, but nothing at all of the uncles and aunts or the cousins and nephews he had in Long Valley. Theodore's wife Lydia died April 17th, 1892 at the age of 55. Within a few years he remarried Jessie Cockman who was 30 years younger than him. We know from census records that through out his life Theodore worked as a laborer, a farmer, a soldier, a salesman, and a grave digger. He died June 5th 1905 and is buried between his two wives in the family plot in Hackettstown's Union Cemetery with his three sons, their wives, and their children. His second wife Jessie went on and lived until 1930 probably collecting a full government pension as Theodore's Civil War widow.

A Stone for Janet Neighbour Paterson

by Shelley Paust Van Winkle, tomdanasam@msn.com

My mother was Janet Louise Neighbour. She was born on June 17, 1931 and died on October 27, 1998. She is buried in the Middle Valley Cemetery. Her parents were **Hattie E. Dufford** and **Fred Chase Neighbour**. Hattie Dufford was the daughter of **Edwin and Matilde Dufford** and Fred Neighbour was the son of Stewart and Katurah Neighbour of Long Valley.

I am her only child and have lived outside of Portland, Oregon for the past 20 years. Financial and geographical challenges made it difficult to honor her life with a headstone on her grave over the past ten years. In the spring of 2009 I ordered a stone to memorialize her. My family and I made plans to travel to New Jersey in August to place the stone on her grave. We knew that we would need to pour a concrete foundation to set the stone on, but my husband or I had no experience pouring concrete.

My cousin **Ted Glover** lives in New Jersey and has been in the construction industry most of his life. He is also the great grandchild of Edwin and Matilde Dufford. His grandmother was **Frieda Dufford Trebilcock**. I contacted him and asked if he would be willing to give us some pointers on how to pour the foundation. Not only was he willing to give us pointers, he offered to purchase and bring all of the necessary supplies to the cemetery. His offer was invaluable because we were traveling from Oregon to place her stone.

On a hot and sticky August morning, we met Ted at the Middle Valley Cemetery. Ted brought everything that was needed to pour the concrete foundation. He and my husband Tom (with a bit of assistance from my 12 year old son Sam and 14 year old nephew Austin) dug a hole that was three foot deep. They then poured the cement that would provide the foundation for the stone. Ted advised us that 36 inches was necessary in order to be below the frost line. He also advised us that it would require a day or two to harden before we were able to place the stone.

When we met Ted at the cemetery a few days later, we discovered that Ted had worked alone in the drenching rain a couple of days before and added several inches of additional concrete to the top of the foundation to make sure that my mom's stone was the same height as those adjacent to it. On that final day, Ted, my husband Tom and my son in law Bill Smalstig gently placed the stone on top of the foundation and carefully mortared it in place. My mother's name is now among those of her ancestors in the Middle Valley Cemetery.

I can not express my gratitude enough for the sacrifice that Ted made. It was a wonderful testimony to the power of family, the Dufford family.



Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Bulletin Archives on Web www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njswdugs/



Marie Bonnar (pictured left) of Warren, NJ and a junior at Watchung Hills Regional High School, recently completed her community service project of scanning all the bulletins dating back to 1953 – about 70 bulletins, 700 pages. The Washington Township Historical Society Museum provided guidance and loaned the bulletins to Marie. **Gene Swackhamer** had donated a complete set of bulletins to the museum a few years ago – he obtained some copies from Rutgers University Library.

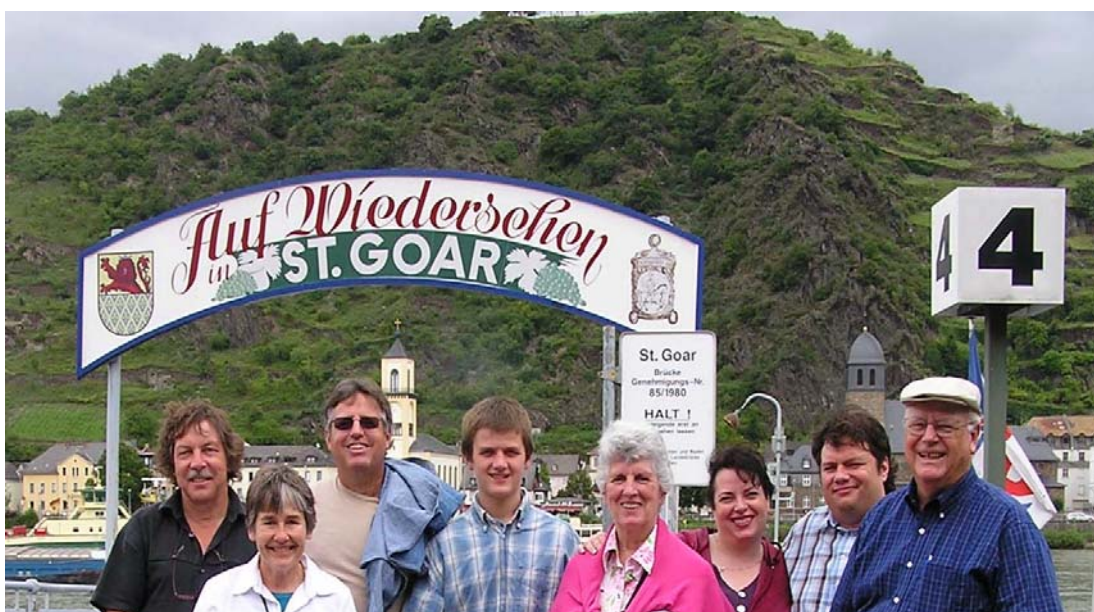
Matthew Martyniuk and **Bryan Swackhamer** have created a new area for the archives on the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society website – **Bulletin Archives**. So far *Winter 1953*, *Summer 1953*, *Winter 1954*, and after 2001 are on the site. They may be viewed, printed, or downloaded. Barring no unforeseen problems, Matthew and Bryan will make all of Marie's scans available soon - please keep checking.

This is a tremendous accomplishment! Many thanks to all.

NOTE: If anyone has any bulletins/newsletters/documents earlier than 1953, please contact Shelley Heretyk on 908-876-3983 or sheretyk@comcast.net.

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society Heritage Tour 2010

The tour was exceptional – we made new friends, learned about history and culture, and just plain had fun. A photo of the tour group is on the next page. A 12 page "photo journal" with all the people we met, a map, details, and history is on the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society website for anyone interested to read all about it.



Pictured above is the tour group boarding a Rhine River cruise ship. This was our second day and it took about 3 hours to travel upstream from St. Goar to Bingen. Left to right: **Dr. Wolfgang Grams** of Oldenburg, Germany: Tour Director; **Shelley Heretyk** of Long Valley, New Jersey: S-DGS Bulletin Editor and Washington Township (Long Valley) Historical Society President; **Scott Swackhamer** of Macungie, Pennsylvania: son of Sharon and Gene Swackhamer; **Cole Swackhamer** of Macungie, Pennsylvania: son of Emelie and Scott Swackhamer; **Sharon Swackhamer** of Sparks, Maryland: Acting S-DGS Secretary and spouse of Gene Swackhamer; **Jill Kaplan** of Sparks, Maryland: daughter of Sharon and Gene Swackhamer; **Steffen Drees** of Altlußheim, Germany: S-DGS Bulletin Translator to German and son of Irma (nee Schwechheimer) and Franz Drees; **Gene Swackhamer** of Sparks, Maryland: S-DGS President and spouse of Sharon Swackhamer.

The following are photographs of the headstones of **Jacob Dufford** and **Elizabeth Dufford**, his wife. Both are buried in Middle Valley Cemetery, Long Valley, NJ. The headstones are deteriorating, and, while you can no longer read the small information below their names, you can still clearly see the names "Jacob Dufford" and "Elizabeth".



CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT

by William N. Cramer Jr.

Hello descendants of Philip Dufford. This ongoing project is an attempt to update and inform the descendants of the Dufford/Du Ford/Tufford family tree. In this bulletin we have two excellent contributors – Bonnie Wilson and Carole Trimmer.

#1) Bonnie Wilson shares with us a very special document: The "Dufford Family History", written by her Uncle George in 1935. Uncle George was a historian, a reporter and a great family man. Our bulletin will present this

document, in its entirety, over the next 4 issues. A Very large THANK YOU to Bonnie Wilson for reissuing this important piece of family history on the 75th anniversary of its creation.

- Part 1 (in this issue) includes Bonnie's introduction; the beginning of the "History", the establishment of New Jersey, the division of west jersey, the trip Samuel Swackhamer and Philip Dufford on the "Robert and Oliver"; and how Philip Dufford arrived at "The Valley".
- Part 2 will include Uncle George's in-depth analysis of the Dufford's European roots including a discussion on Huguenot origins; migration through Germany and Holland and eventually to America; and a discussion of the possible town in France the Dufford's came from.
- Part 3 will include Philip Dufford and his family settling in "The Valley" in 1738; and the beautiful story of the marriage of Jacob Dufford to the Lenni-Lenape Indian maiden, (whose Christian name is) Elizabeth. He shares aspects of the wedding ceremony and, via an eyewitness account, the family's reaction to the marriage.
- Part 4 is the descendant information and genealogical lines of Jacob and Elizabeth's three sons, Matthias, born in 1738; George Stephen, born in 1741; and Jacob, born in 1746; all as told by Uncle George.

**A DU FORD FAMILY HISTORY
WRITTEN BY:
GEORGE S. DU FORD (DUFFORD)
PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 30, 1935**

**TRANSCRIBED BY BONNIE WILSON
JUNE 2010**

Introductory Notes by Bonnie Wilson, June 23, 2010

This document was in my late mother's family papers. My mother's name was Doris C. Hargreaves (Dufford.) Her mother was Etta May Dufford who was married to Elija Dufford, son of Philip Dufford. My grandfather Elijah was killed in a farm accident in Far Hills in 1921. The author of this document is George S. Dufford, his uncle. Both my mother and my father adored "Uncle George" and attended the family reunions with great anticipation. My dad, John T. Hargreaves was an accomplished violinist who loved to play at weddings and other gatherings. Naturally he, along with other musically inclined attendees filled the area with jigs, reels and folk music. One year I was a new baby and won the silver dollar for the youngest attendee at the family reunion.

Uncle George was very well known as a popular newspaper writer at the Plainfield Courier News as well as a prominent citizen of both Plainfield and Long Valley. The family reunions at that time had literally hundreds of attendees and was an important social gathering in the Long Valley community. I believe that the following document was produced for and distributed at or before the 1935 Family Reunion. The major purpose of the paper was to encourage the members of the family living at that time to document their generation while so many of them were still alive. Another purpose of the document was to encourage support for the cancellation of a proposed reservoir that would have flooded most of the area of Long Valley and its environs. I have typed it from a rather hard to read mimeograph copy. The language structure albeit difficult was representative of the writing style of the times

So, read and enjoy Uncle Georges' write up of the Du Ford family history. Remember that he was a historian as well as a newspaper reporter known for his historical writings and research. How accurate the document and the history are is up to the reader to determine. However, many of the graveyards still had the original stone markers which, even then, were hard to read.

As a respected newspaper journalist, Uncle George did his best to assure the accuracy of his work. While he himself admits that some the history is a bit speculative, it was done with the best of intentions and the most accurate data available at that time. Uncle George was very proud of his family history and exerted great effort to research and produce this document in an age where personal computers and on-line genealogy were unheard of. It is with pride and personal satisfaction to re-issue this document in his name on the 75th anniversary year of its creation.

-Bonnie Ann Wilson (Hargreaves)
June 2010

The Du Ford Family History by George Du Ford (Dufford) – Part 1 of 4

On March 20th 1664, King Charles of England, by royal charter, granted to his brother, The Duke of York, a tract of land in the new world, a tract of land but vaguely bounded and to him unknown.

On June 23rd, 1664, the Duke of York sold to Lord Berkley and Sir George Carterett, for the sum of ten shillings and three pepper-corns if legally demanded each year, on the anniversary of the birthday of St. John the Baptist, all that tract of land, bounded as follows in that ancient document.

On the east by the main sea and part of Hudson's River, and extendeth southward to the main ocean as far as Cape May, at the mouth of Delaware Bay. And to the northward, as far as the northern-most branch of said river of Delaware, which is in forty one degrees and forty minutes of latitude. And worketh over thence in a straight line to

Hudson's River. Which said tract of land is hereafter to be called by the names of Nova Cesarea or New Jersey. This old document being the first to define the boundaries of the New Jersey we know today.

Here to their new possessions in 1665, came Berkley and Carterett, and the first seat of government was established at Elizabethtown, now Elizabeth. The entire state was held by them jointly, until 1676, when Berkley, having become dis-satisfied with the returns on his big investment of 62.1/2 cents, went back to England and sold his interests to John Fenwick and Edward Billinge; who came here in the ship Griffith out of Plymouth, landing near the present site of Salem, N.J. where after a converage with Sir George Carterett, a line dividing the province into East and West Jersey was run July 1st 1676. This line started at the mouth of Little Egg Harbor and ran North, fifteen Minutes West, where it crossed the York State line. Fenwick and Billinge established their seat of government in West Jersey, at the present town of Burlington, while Carterett maintained his in East Jersey at Elizabethtown. This condition obtained until 1770, when Fenwick and Billinge became so badly in debt, that a body of trustees was appointed for that purpose, took over West Jersey.

Eventually, Wm. Penn, who headed the trustees, bought out their entire interests and proceeded to divide West Jersey into tracts of land, varying in size as to acreage. These tracts were sold to Land Proprietors, one of whom, John Budd by name, bought all the present tract running down from the present Hunterdon County line north to the present Wm. O Dowd farm, its Eastern line being the foot of the mountain known as Foxx's Hill and to the top of Schooley's Mountain on the West.

To this section came Samuel Schwackhamer from Germany in 1731, who settled, first, just over the present Hunterdon County line, on the farms better known as the Gilbert and Samuel Trimmer farms. Here he lived until 1750 or 1751, when he moved to the Stoff Terberger (Terraberry) farm, now owned by our cousin Frank Dufford, where he died, the father of 23 children, from whom came all the Swackhamers now living. While living on his first holdings, Samuel Schwackhamer wrote to friends in Holland and Germany, undoubtedly painting for them, wonderful pictures of the New World, that induced them to migrate also.

On the ship Robert and Oliver, Capt. Roberts Master, came the Weiss, Hegar, Sharpenstein (Sharp) Neighbor, Welsch and other families, and our ancestors, Philip Du Ford Senior, Philip Du Ford Junior and George Stephen, Philip Jr.'s son. They landed from the ship Robert and Oliver on Sept. 11th 1738 in Philadelphia, where, after taking the oath of allegiance to the English King, they bought from traders the necessities for the establishment of their several homes, and started on their way up the Delaware River to the mouth of the Muscanetcong, which they followed to about where the old Indian trail crossed that stream, to where the present bridge spans it, north east of the present town of Hackettstown. Over this ages old trail, they made their way across Schooley's Mountain, to the Eldorado of their dreams, the present Long Valley, which was its original name. Here we must leave them, while we try to determine the source of their origin and the name they bore, in the land of their birth.

See page 6 for headstone photographs of Jacob and Elizabeth Dufford.

#2) Carole Trimmer, is the 6th generation great granddaughter of Philip Dufford. Her line, explained by herself below, connects through her great grandmother Mariah Weise Dufford who married Nelson Trimmer and had 9 children. Theodore Trimmer (who married Hattie Timmons) was their 7th child. Theodore and Hattie had 7 children. Below is the updated information of their first 3 children, Grace, Gertrude and Theodore. Thank you, Carole, for your excellent contribution.

Children

1. **Grace M. Trimmer** – Albert Nelson

b. 04/22/1898 b.
NO CHILDREN

2. **Gertrude M. Trimmer**

b. 08/16/1900
d. circa 09/1917

3. **Theodore Nelson(Uncle Nelson) Trimmer** –Lydia Karg

b. 09/12//1903 b. 05/02/1900
m. 09/19/1925 m. 09/19/1925
d. 10/09/1986 d. 08/13/1983

Children

1. Dorothy Arlene Trimmer-Robert Frank Bush

b. b. 04/17/1925
m. 09/22/1945 m. 09/22/1945

Children

I. Robert Frank Bush Jr.- Linda Roberts
b. 09/25/1947 b. 04/30/1952
m. 05/30/1981 m. 05/30/1981

2. Bruce A. Bush- Kathleen Dilts
b. 06/02/1950 b. 03/20/1958
m. 05/20/1972 m. 05/20/1972

Children

I. Matthew Allen Bush
b. 11/12/1975

2. Christopher William Bush
b. 11/17/1975

2. Joyce Ellen Trimmer - Marvin Snyder
b. 12/20/1930 b. 09/29/1931
m. 09/25/1950 m.09/25/1950

Children

I. Deborah Snyder – Bruce Howard
b. 01/11/1951 b. 05/15/1945
m.04/16/1977 m. 04/16/1977

Children

I. Shannon K. Howard
b. 01/24/1983

2 .Diane Synder - ? Duryea
b. 01/30/1952 b.

Children

1. Seth

b.

2. Kristen

b.

3. Kim Berley Synder–
b. 08/23/1961

3) Correction of a previous post. Please make a correction if you happen to have downloaded this post. Thank you, Christie, for catching this.

(Children of Lena Marilda Trimmer – Nathan Isaiah Cramer)

3. William Nelson Cramer – Anastasia Olga Iwashko
b. 03/11/1909 b. 06/10/1921
m. 03/29/1951 m. 03/29/1951
d. 03/18/1963 d. 05/16/2007

Children

I. William Nelson Cramer Jr.

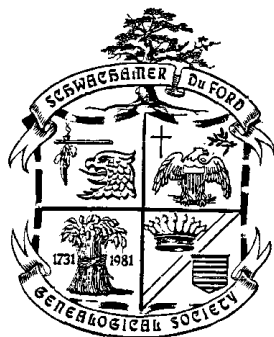
2. Michael Nathan Cramer

3. Peter Nolan Cramer

4. Patricia Charlene Cramer

The 4th child was incorrectly listed as Patricia Lynn Cramer. She is Patricia Charlene Cramer

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Courtesy of Norbert Schwechheimer

“Harvesting Tobacco in Altlusheim, Germany” – the photo above is **Joh. Jakob Schwechheimer** driving an oxen wagon filled with tobacco from fields he owned. Tobacco was an important crop in the area and this photo was taken around 1900. Jakob Schwechheimer was the great-grandfather of **Norbert Schwechheimer** of Altlusheim. His father, **Hugo**, was 2 years old when his father, **Ferdinand**, died of a heart attack at age 28. Jakob Schwechheimer lived from 1857 to 1939. See the Winter 2009 Bulletin for a photo of Norbert and genealogy.

“Bundled up for the Winter” – the photo to the right is **Frank Dufford** and child in around 1920. Presumably the location is Middle Valley – if anyone has more information please email sheretyk@comcast.net and we'll update our museum records.

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