

# 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 2011 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

Happy Holidays and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year from the officers of your Swackhamer Dufford Genealogical Society. May your lives be enriched with the many blessings of the Season.

Here are some highlights from our 2011 annual reunion in Long Valley. Nineteen of us gathered for the traditional annual reunion in the new educational building of Zion Lutheran Church. We were the first non-church group to use the large conference room and the first ever at Zion to connect a meeting with Altusheim, Germany, the ancestral home of the U.S./Canada Swackhamer clan. Shelley Heretyk (F) gave an interesting slide talk of the 2010 group tour, with Jill Kaplan (S) and her fiancée, Steffen Drees (S), participating via Skype from Altusheim. Steffen gave us a 10 question test of our knowledge of his home town and most of us only got 2-3 correct answers. Cole Swackhamer (age 15) said the highlight for him was excellent goulash and giving flowers to cute girls at the Geinsheim Wine Festival, where we were the guests of Friedhelm Schwechheimer.

Other activity included a discussion on how to celebrate at the 2013 reunion the 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Phillip Dufford's arrival in Long Valley. Larry Brasher (S/D) and a former Society President, presented a framed 1976 bicentennial group photo from Fred Sisser, III to the Washington Historical Society. We would love to have you join us in Long Valley on Saturday, July 28, 2012 for the next reunion.

For those who feel the trip to Long Valley is too far, consider attending the Palatines to America (Pal Am) Convention in Indianapolis, IN next June 14-16. This society focuses on all immigrant families with Germanic language ancestry. Sharon and I will be there and if there is sufficient interest we will set up a Swackhamer Dufford session. It is always a fun and educational experience with quality speakers.

I want to renew my appeal for additional volunteers. Tell us your family's story or send something to the Society about an interesting relative. It is through such sharing that other missing connections often are made. In the past year alone, Vice President Bill Cramer has assisted several in "Dufford Family Connections."

As a volunteer society we depend upon member support to help us keep the website current, send correspondence to answer inquiries, publish the *Bulletin* twice each year, and contribute to Long Valley not-for-profit organizations that assist us. The enclosed envelope is for your convenience in making a donation. I hope that you will continue your support even in these uncertain economic times.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

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### Swackhamer - Dufford Genealogical Society Website

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~njswdugs/](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

**Karen Ketchum**, a volunteer for Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness in central Iowa, emailed that she is researching the ancestry of a friend whose 5G grandmother was **Elizabeth Swackhamer**, born about 1750, and married to **Cornelius Reid/Reed**. In searching for information about Elizabeth, Karen found the Swackhamer-Dufford website. Any information to help identify the parents and siblings of Elizabeth would be greatly appreciated. Karen's email is [aleda@marshallnet.com](mailto:aleda@marshallnet.com).

**Joyce Frech (D)** enjoyed reading the Ann Cook article (Summer 2011 *Bulletin*) and has documents and photos to share. She said that her husband's family is descended from **Magdalena Dufford** and **Nicholas McLean** by way of their youngest daughter **Andora McLean Bradley**.

**Gene Swackhamer** reported getting a surprise summer email from **Dr. Wolfgang Grams (F)** saying that he and his wife, **Jutta**, were coming early to NYC where he would board a Hanseatic Line ship as a history resource. He asked if there was any possibility of seeing Long Valley. **Gene** and **Sharon** met them at a NJ train station and had a full day of exploration, which included lunch at the Beekman Arms Inn (the oldest continuous Inn in America) in Rhinebeck, NY, a visit to a 1710 Palatine Homestead under restoration, a stop at St. Paul Lutheran Church of Wurtemberg and a visit with the curator of the Rev. Frederick Henry Quitman museum. It was a full day.

**Dorothy M. Schultz (S)** wrote: "I am the last of the **Jesse Eugene Swackhamer** (d. 1944) & **Mabel E. Swackhamer** (d. 1980) family and celebrated my 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 9."

The **Apgar Family Association** sent news of their 37<sup>th</sup> Celebration 2-Day Family Reunion of September 17 and 18, 2011. The event was attended by approximately 75 family members. The church worship on Sunday was at the Reformed Church in Lebanon, the original place of worship settlers from the Palatine built in 1740. For more information contact Mike Apgar at 302-698-1865 or George Apgar at [vicepresident@apgarfamily.org](mailto:vicepresident@apgarfamily.org).

Planning is underway for the **Palatine Settlement 1713 Tri-centennial Celebration of Hunterdon County, Colonial New Jersey**. There will be a four-day event in October 2013 for the 300 year celebration of the 1713 Palatine settlements in Hunterdon County, New Jersey as four communities discover the history and culture of the Hunterdon County Palatines (1713 – 1775). Tri-centennial committee members, volunteers, and vendors are needed. Please contact 732-297-6686 or [vicepresident@apgarfamily.org](mailto:vicepresident@apgarfamily.org).

## Necrology

**Marguerite T. (Trimmer) Stout** of Scituate, MA passed away May 5, 2011, at the age of 86. She is the mother of Carol T. Stout, Vice President of the S-D Society. Marguerite was raised in Hackettstown, NJ, the only child of Abbie (Sharp) and Anthony Trimmer. She graduated from Centenary College and married Gilbert M. Stout also of Hackettstown in 1946. Marguerite had a love and a talent for music singing as a soprano in numerous church and regional choirs. She was a very good jitterbug dancer and played an aggressive tennis game. She was a member of the Scituate Garden Club, a member of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston and a supporter of the Boston Symphony Orchestra. At the time of her death, Marguerite was survived by her husband, Gilbert; son, Jeffery G. Stout and wife Christie of Scituate; daughters, Sharyn E. Turner and husband Ronald of Kernersville, NC; and Carol and her husband, Randall Gabrielan of Middletown, NJ. Also surviving is grandson Major Andrew Martin Turner. Burial was at Union Cemetery in Hackettstown, NJ.

**Gilbert M. Stout** died on May 31, 2011 at age 89 just 26 days after the death of his wife Marguerite after 64 plus years of marriage. Gilbert was raised in Hackettstown, NJ, the eldest child of Augusta (Martin) and John Gilbert Stout. Gilbert graduated from Princeton University in 1944 after serving in the Army Air Corp during WW II where he received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He worked for over 40 years for Prudential Insurance Company in several managerial positions before retirement. Gilbert was a man of many talents—a teacher of history, an avid golfer, an active tennis player, a deacon and trustee of his church, a man of quick wit and a ready sense of humor.

Gilbert was also predeceased by his siblings Bruce Carr Stout, Richard Sprague Stout and his wife Virginia. He is survived by sister-in-law Alice T. Stout, son Jeffrey G. Stout and his wife Christie of Scituate, daughter Sharyn E. Turner and her husband Ronald of Kernersville, NC, daughter Carol T. Stout and her husband Randall Gabrielan of Middletown, NJ, and grandson and newlywed Major Andrew Martin Turner and his wife, Kathleen.

It is always difficult to lose a parent, but to lose both in the same month is especially difficult. Our love and thoughts are with our Society Officer, Carol Trimmer Stout.

**Mary Fern McDonald** (b. 3-2-1920; d. 5-26-2011). Mrs. McDonald died at age 91 in Minnetonka, MN. She was the youngest child of Thomas A. Swackhamer and Mary Irene (Thompson) Swackhamer born in Lucas, MO. She had a professional career as a Registered Nurse at which she excelled. She is survived by her brother R.E. Swackhamer of Springfield, MO and is the aunt of Swackhamer Dufford Society Treasurer, Robert Swackhamer. She was preceded in death by husband Joe in 2000 and daughter Jeanine in 2006. Four other children also survive: Lee Ann of Westfield, WI, Jim of Toronto, Canada, Lisa of Maplewood MN and Douglas of Plymouth, MN.

**Henry "Bud" Swackhamer** (b. 12-26-1930; d. 6-12-2011). Mr. Swackhamer died in Avon Park, FL at age 80. He was born in Dunkirk, NY, the son of Frank E. and Marie (Breeze) Swackhamer. Bud was a 42 year Navy veteran and served in the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Lorraine Swackhamer of Sebring, FL and daughters Sharon Ruffi of Pinellas Park, FL, Kathryn Carpenter of IN and Robin Luzin of TX and sons David Littlehale of NJ and Paul Littlehale of GA. He was preceded in death by one sister, Marie, and daughter Patricia Lehman

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## 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](mailto:carolstout2003@aol.com), or mail to Carol T. Stout, 14 Fox Hill Road, Middletown, NJ 07748.

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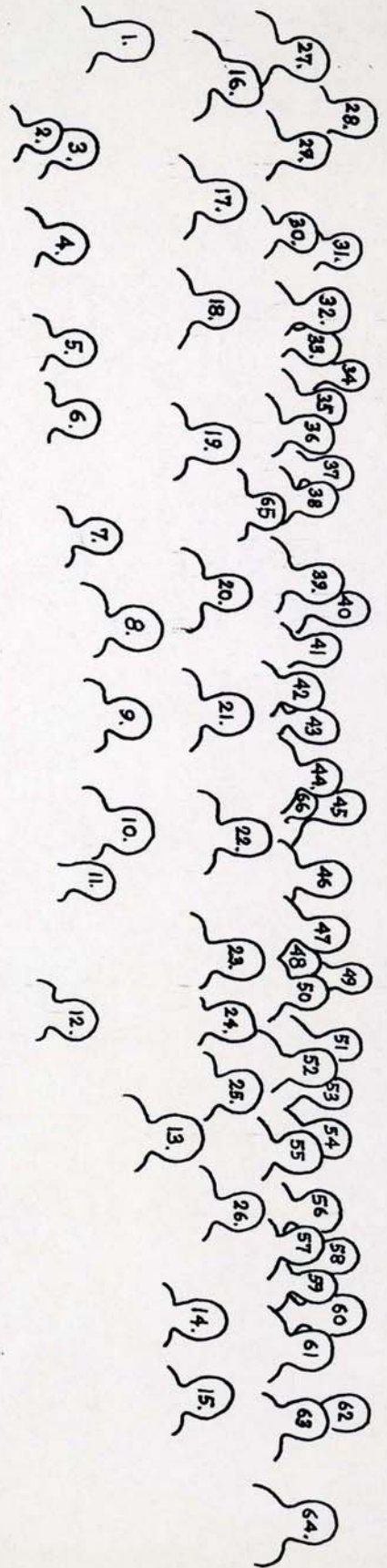
### News, Stories, and Photos Needed for the Summer 2012 Bulletin

Please provide material for the next Bulletin by April 1, 2012. We especially welcome items from people who can prevent the Bulletin from being too Long Valley and/or New Jersey centric. Please email me at [sheretyk@comcast.net](mailto:sheretyk@comcast.net) - see page 2 for other contact information. —Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor

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Swackhamer-  
Dufford Family  
Reunion photo  
(page 5) and  
names  
(opposite)  
provided by  
Fred Sisser, III.

SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD FAMILY REUNION JULY 31, 1976

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(Mrs. William Joseph)







### Swackhamer-Dufford Family Reunion July 30, 2011

Seated in front row l to r: Jill Swackhamer Kaplan, Sheri Zingmark, Vivian Logan, Bonnie Wilson, Wendy R. Wilson, and Sharon Swackhamer.

Standing in top row l to r: Daniel Brasher (green shirt), Louise Brasher, Bart Norman (partial view), John (Larry) Brasher (light blue shirt), Dick Zingmark, Bill Cramer (gold shirt), Kristian R. P. Wilson (behind Bill Cramer), Naresh Garg, Shelley Heretyk, Scott Swackhamer, Cole Swackhamer, and Gene Swackhamer.

Not pictured: Steffen Drees who teleconferenced from Altlussheim, Germany and Dick Wilson who took the photo.

### THANK YOU DONORS

The following donors have made contributions since the 2011 Summer Bulletin report. Every effort is made not to miss anyone, but with donations coming in cash at the annual meeting, by check, from year-end solicitation envelopes, and from a portion of meeting registration and the sale 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 you, please let us know and forgive us. We truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951.

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## CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT by William Cramer

**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 **Ann Cook**.

**#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 Newsletter is presenting this document, in its entirety, over 4 issues. **A Very large THANK YOU** to Bonnie Wilson for reissuing this important piece of family history on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its creation.

**Part 1** included 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”. (published in Winter 2010 Bulletin)

**Part 2** included 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. (Published in Summer 2011 Bulletin).

**Part 3** includes 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. (published below).

**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. (to be published in Summer 2012 Bulletin).

### **A DU FORD FAMILY HISTORY – Part 3 of 4 WRITTEN BY: GEORGE S. DU FORD (DUFFORD), PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, JANUARY 30, 1935 TRANSCRIBED BY BONNIE WILSON, JUNE 2010**

“Here in the Long Valley then, in the latter part of September or first of October, 1738, we find our ancestors, Philip Senior, and his wife Catherine, Philip Junior and George Stephen, his son hard at work building their log home and log barns, building fences and clearing land, they supposed belonged to their new Sovereign the King of England, along with all their neighbors who had traveled the long trail from Philadelphia to the hunting grounds of the Unamis tribe of the Delaware nation of Indians; a simple child-like folk, that old records reveal, helped the newcomers with an abundant supply of game and fish; whose best food and the honored place in the wigwam were given in return for the crude hospitality of the settlers. Simple children of nature; until the white man’s treacherous dealings and bad whiskey, turned them into bitter foes long years later.

West Jersey until 1761 was divided in two counties, Burlington County, which began at the Cape May end of the state and extended North to the Raritan River, and Hunterdon County, beginning at the Raritan River and running North to the present York State line. The present town of Burlington was the capitol if West Jersey, which accounts for the failure of these Pioneers to record many of their leases and deeds, and the total loss of many old documents because of the long distance to the capitol. When in 1761 Morris County was created, we begin to find a better record, but still far from complete; no bureau of vital statistics then existed; leaving the historian a confused and incomplete record as to births and deaths, that of necessity, are largely a matter of deduction.

In the very beginning of our family history, Philip Du Ford Jr. drops out of the family group, as does his son George Stephen. But in Philip Senior’s will, dated Feb. 1767 and probated Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1769, he names as heirs, Catherine his wife, Adam and George, sons, a daughter Mary Magdalena, and grandson George Stephen, the son of Jacob the disinherited, and not even mentioned.

The reason for Jacob’s dis-inheritance which had been a family tradition for years, was verified in 1890, while your historian was living at Nolan’s Point, Lake Hopatcong. Rudolph Schaffer, then 90 years old, told me the following story, when he found my name was Dufford. He asked if I belonged to the family of Duffords in Dutch Valley. When I replied in the affirmative he said: My father often told of seeing a man by that name, fishing with the Delaware Indians in the lake, who had married a Delaware Indian maiden, and had been cut off in his father’s will, because of this fact. When we recall that the present Sperry’s Springs on the Sussex County side of the lake was the tribal headquarters of the Delaware nation, we can perhaps visualize the visits of Jacob and his wife to some tribal dance or feast.

Perhaps at this time, it might be interesting to record when and how marriage into the Delaware nation was conducted; an account of which I found in an old document among many such, stored away in the old Surveyor General’s office in Perth Amboy, N.J. established during the reign of William Franklyn, the first Colonial Governor of East Jersey, and still maintained by the descendents of the Land proprietors of that day.

Their courtship needs no description, when the ages old story had been poured into listening ears, and they had pledged each other to marry, on the full of the moon chosen, the bride, coming from one direction and the groom from another would meet in front of the Chief's wigwam; the groom carrying a bone, signifying that he would furnish the meat, the bride, carrying an ear of corn, signifying she would furnish that. After an exchange of these symbols, they clasped right hands and stood in the moonlit silence for a minute, after which, came the: Bless you my children from the tribal chief, when they departed to the home of the groom.

While this ceremony was pagan to Philip Sr. and incurred his life-long enmity, Jacob and his Indian bride were faithful to their vows until the end of life's journey, and today, sleep in unmarked graves, probably in the sitting position, placed there, by their brothers of the red, rather than the white skin.

When Rev. T.F. Chambers was doing his research work relative to publication of his Early Germans of New Jersey, Rudolph Schaffer told him the same story, which he deleted from his work, at the request of some of the members of the family, who thought it added nothing to their biography, and might be construed by future generations, as an invalid marriage, in spite of the fact, that the Courts in many States where a question of its validity has been raised, have in every instance, held it, and its resultant heirs, were as legal, as those through any other marriage procedure. As before stated, we find in Philip Du Four's will, mention of his sons Adam and George and the daughter Mary Magdalena. Their meager history I shall now give, and then follow with the record of our progenitor, Jacob the disinherited, from whom we all descended. Adam's name appears on the books of Tewksbury Township as a tax payer under the date of Feb. 16, 1758, the only record we can find. George, date of birth and death unknown, as are those of his wife Catherine Elizabeth; they had a daughter Catherine, born 1752 and confirmed in the old log church near the present ruins of the old stone church, in 1772, no further record available. We can find no record of the birth or death of Mary Magdalena, simply the record that she married Andrew Wack, son of Casper."



**#2) Ann Cook** is the 6<sup>th</sup> generation great granddaughter of Philip Dufford (she connects through Magdalene Dufford, who married Andrew Wack). Ann is the daughter of John Heed Shaw. As an avid genealogist and researcher, she shares with us an excellent article she wrote concerning some of our Dufford ancestors connected to us via Magdalene Dufford. **Thank you, Ann**, for your excellent contribution.

### **Magdalena Dufford Family Tree by Ann Cook**

As any good family historian knows research into ones family tree requires countless hours searching for documents, reviewing documents and repeated comparisons of documents to previously known information. A keen eye for the obscure and an open mind are required for a good researcher. Everything that was previously written may be subject to a certain amount of interpretation. Certain information may have been withheld from authors regarding family members. Family disagreements or loss of information are also reasons for inaccuracies. These occasional mistakes, oversights, inadvertent or deliberate omissions may be made in previously documented information. Whether these mistakes or oversights are intentional or through inadvertence is of no consequence. Instead, these omissions should be thoroughly researched and corrected for future generations of family historians.

During my research into the descendents of Magdalena Dufford I have endeavored to locate as much information as possible regarding each generation. For numerous of my ancestors I was able to obtain copies of their funeral records in addition to census data, marriage records, death certificates, Surrogate Office information and obituaries. This information was then compared to what I was able to obtain from various published books regarding my family tree. In the process of obtaining this information I found what I believe may be an inconsistency in previously published information regarding the known names of the children of Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack.

In reading the portion of Early Germans of New Jersey by Theodore F. Chamber, published in 1895 regarding the McLean family it states that Nicholas McLean fathered Mary Magdalene, Sarah Curl, Squire William, Elizabeth, Amos, George and Eliza Jane with his two wives. This was extremely interesting to me as I had obtained copies of the Hackettstown, Union Cemetery burial records for what I believed to be Nicholas McLean's children. The records I obtained were for Mary Magdalene McLean (wife of Sampson O. Howell), Sarah Curl McLean (unmarried), Eliza Jane McLean (wife of J. N. Linnaberry) all located in a single plot in Section C; Amos McLean in a plot in Section D; Andrew Wack McLean, with Pauline, Norman, Elmore D., Annie E. and James S. McLean in another plot in Section C; and Elizabeth McLean (wife of John Tims) in a plot in Section I.

These burial records created a mystery. Who was Andrew Wack McLean? Why was there no reference to him in Chamber's book? Was Andrew Wack McLean an additional son of Nicholas McLean or was Andrew Wack the son of Nicholas McLean's brother, Amos McLean, and one of Amos' two wives? Surely the name Andrew Wack McLean was not just a mere coincidence.

I delved deeper and I was able to obtain Andrew Wack McLean's birth date of February 14, 1833. Andrew's birth date was after Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack were married on July 15, 1827. Instead of clearing up the mystery surrounding this gentleman, this information deepened it. I then reviewed the 1840 federal census for New Jersey, Morris County, Washington that identifies Nicholas McLean as head of household for comparison with his known



children according to Chambers. While there are no names listed in this census other than Nicholas McLean there are other members of the household indicated as follows:

- 1 male <5 (presumed to be son, Amos)
- 2 males 5<10 (presumed to be son, "Squire" William and one son unknown)
- 1 male 40<50 (presumed to be Nicholas)
- 1 female 5<10 (presumed to be daughter, Elizabeth)
- 2 females 10<15 (presumed to be daughters, Mary Magdalene and Sarah Curl)
- 1 female 30<40 (presumed to be Elizabeth Wack McLean)

Applying the information obtained from Chamber's book there would be one son unaccounted for that was aged between 5 and 10 years old based upon the census data. Is this where Andrew Wack McLean belonged? Based upon Andrew Wack McLean's birth date he would have been approximately 7 years of age at the time the 1840 census occurred. He was definitely a possibility for the unnamed and unmentioned son.

I then reviewed the 1850 federal census for New Jersey, Morris County, Washington regarding Nicholas MacLean. This record reveals Nicholas MacLean to be a 53 year old farmer living with his wife, Elizabeth. Also living with them are their children, Mary, age 22, Sarah, age 20, Amos 11, George 7 and Eliza Jane, 2. There is no reference to Andrew Wack McLean or to their daughter, Elizabeth McLean, in this census.

A further search of the 1850 census for New Jersey, Warren County, Independence, shows Andrew MacLean, age 17, is living in the home of Benjamin Dickerson, age 35, and his wife Mary Ann, and is working as a carriage maker. It appears that Andrew had already started his apprenticeship as a carriage maker. (As of the date of this article I have been unable to locate 1850 census data for Elizabeth McLean.)

I next researched the 1860 federal census for New Jersey, Morris County, Washington, regarding Nicholas MacLean. He is now a 63 year old farmer married to Elizabeth, age 54. They still have children living with them. Sarah, was a 30 year old dress maker, Eliza Jane, age 12, William, age 29, Eliza, age 22 (presumed to be William's wife), William C., age 2; as well as John, age 1 and Alice, age 2 months (these last three children are presumed to be the children of William and Eliza).

I then located the 1870 federal census for New Jersey, Warren County, Hackettstown regarding Andrew Maclean. He is shown to be a 37 year old carriage maker with \$5,000 in real estate holdings and \$2,000 in personal holdings. He is married to Clarissa P. (Paulina) McCracken and they have three children, Charles O., age 14; Laura, age 10 and James, age 8 months. These were some of the names listed on the Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, New Jersey records for the Andrew Wack McLean plot. At least I now had a match with the names on the Union Cemetery records. The Andrew Wack McLean in the cemetery records appeared to be this Andrew McLean and could possibly be the same Andrew MacLean found in the 1850 Warren County census records.

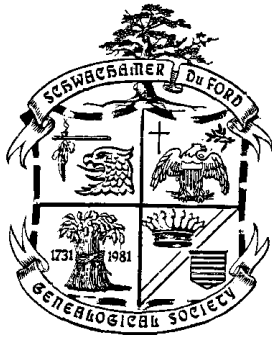
In addition to the above records I had obtained a copy of the Morris County Surrogate's Office records regarding the Estate of Nicholas McLean. A review of those records shows that the sons of Nicholas McLean namely, William McLean, Andrew W. McLean, Amos McLean and George S. McLean, were named Executors of Nicholas McLean's estate. Now, I had my first documents with Andrew W. McLean's name on it showing a connection to Nicholas McLean.

I then located a copy of Historic Main Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey written by Leonard Frank and Raymond LeMasters and published in 2006. This book made multiple references to Andrew Wack McLean and the fact Andrew was the son of Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack. Further, the book confirmed that Andrew was a carriage maker and that he had been partners with his brother, William, in Drakestown; built a carriage factory with another of his brothers, Amos, in 1868 in Hackettstown, New Jersey; and that Andrew and Amos sold carriages on consignment to yet another brother, George, who was living in Illinois at the time. All three of the brothers of Andrew Wack McLean were listed as children of Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack in Chamber's book.

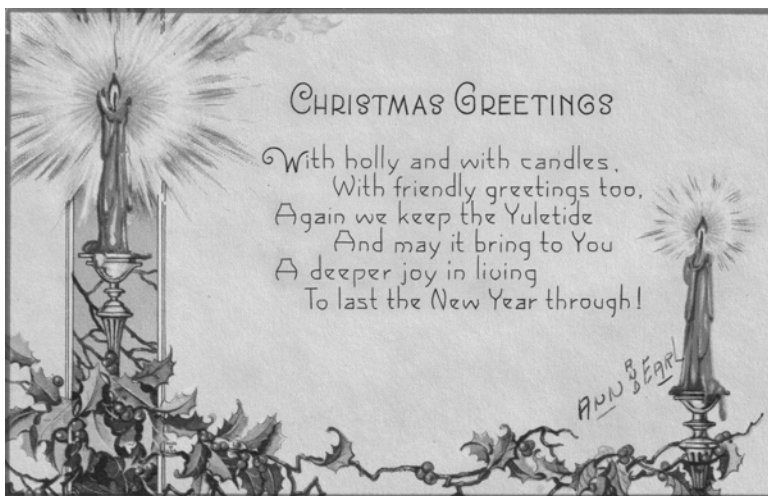
Further, according to Historic Main Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey Andrew Wack McLean and his wife, Clarrisa Paulina had eight children, namely: Charles O., Anna E., Laura, Elmore D., Norman B., James S., Frederick F. and John S. Clarrisa McLean died on March 29, 1889 and Andrew died in 1902. As stated above, Andrew and his wife are buried with their children Norman, Elmore D., Annie or Anna E., and James S. in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, New Jersey, Section C, Lot 76.

Based upon my research I believe I was able to ascertain that Andrew Wack McLean was indeed a child of Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack McLean. Andrew is of the correct age to be the missing child in the 1840 census and was listed as one of the Executors of the Estate of Nicholas McLean. In addition, according to information provided in the Historical Main Street, Hackettstown, New Jersey book, Andrew W. McLean had numerous business relationships with his brothers. As a result, I believe that there must have been an oversight in the Chamber's book in the failure to have Andrew Wack McLean listed as the first known born son of Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack McLean.

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