

SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGY 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 2012 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

In 2011 it was Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee that washed some of the East Coast away. This year it was Hurricane Sandy that pounded Delaware, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut. Some say these storms are just cyclical weather patterns similar to times past, while others say they reflect the consequence of global warming. Perhaps both views are correct, which may be why two category-one hurricanes were so devastating. I don't doubt that the early German settlers along the South Branch of the Raritan River had their share of floods with which to contend. In early August, Bill Asdal showed Christina Kratzig [see the communications section about her project] and me the ingenious way Samuel Swackhamer had constructed his below ground house to capture warmth and use a flood water powered vacuum system to pull water away from the foundation and feed it underground into the raging stream. Bill said that the system still works! Only after one of his daughters learned about the principle in an Italian hydraulics engineering class and told her dad, did he learn the name of the water extraction principle! It had been around for several hundred years. Perhaps Samuel learned the system while living along the flood prone Rhine. I think it also illustrates another principle—how we love to reinvent the wheel.

The transference of family history from one generation to the next for most families is mostly non-existent. That is why we devote so much energy and time trying to learn again what was once common family knowledge. Can you imagine that a grandchild yet unborn might be interested in knowing where you went to school or who your parents were? In the grand scheme of things it takes so little time to write a simple biography, which in future years will be cherished by your own family. It is even more important given the mobility of family members in the 21st century, who often miss family lore stories from relatives.

Next July 27 the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society will celebrate the 275th anniversary of the arrival of the Duffords in German Valley and the 300th anniversary of the arrival of Palatines in New Jersey. Plan to attend and rediscover something about your family history. Also, note the use of the word "Genealogy" instead of "Genealogical" in this paragraph and the *Bulletin* masthead. As an unincorporated entity our Society bank account carries the tax ID number of an individual associated with the organization. It took more than one year to get a new business registration from the County Clerk's office for the bank in order to transfer our bank account to Robert Swackhamer, the new treasurer. In order to achieve the transfer we established a new entity by making a slight name change.

Happy Holidays to all of you. I hope that you enjoyed the bounty of Thanksgiving, are ready for the home-cooked favorite dishes of Christmas, and have great hope for the New Year. Consider giving a family member a blank journal; writing is becoming a lost art! Plan to attend a local genealogical or family history conference in 2013. Take a family member with you. Take time to reflect on our many blessings; we are all richer than we think we are if we but count the good things in life as assets. Share a story about your family in the Summer 2013 *Bulletin*.

Sincerely,

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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

Gail Keefer (NH and FL) (D –S) wrote that she was very sorry to miss the 2012 reunion since a niece, two nephews and a grand nephew were there, but she had grandchild care duty which came first. She said that the 2013 reunion will be a definite!

Marie L. Oxford (AL) (Merry Lou) wrote to say that in 2013 she will be 90 and she is determined to attend the Long Valley reunion! [Merry Lou, we will have a cake for you.] Merry Lou's mother was Anna Swackhamer married to John Wehrly. They lived in New Jersey and then NYC. She said she married a Navy man from Florida where they lived in Jacksonville and St. Augustine. She said she has a son living in Palm Springs, CA, a son near Washington, DC and two daughters in Huntsville. The grand children are grown and great grandchildren are in high school. She hopes some will come to college in Alabama so she can see them. Merry Lou said she has written a book about her mother's life and hopes to do one now about her husband.

Clara H. Harsh (OH) (F) wrote that just this year she discovered the story of *The Voyage of the Love and Unity* and has asked Gene Swackhamer to write a synopsis of **Samuel Swackhamer's** experience in coming to the American Colonies for the *Palatine Immigrant*, a publication of the Palatines to America organization in Columbus, Ohio, which he has agreed to do. Clara works for PalAm. She said that she is currently researching the **Hengst** family and the **Keller** and **Marx** families who married them. They all came from Odenwald east of Darmstadt, Germany.

In the summer of 2012 just after the Swackhamer Dufford reunion, **Christina Kraetzig**, a professional, independent, video journalist came to the U.S. to verify the *Love and Unity* story. She was referred to us by **Wolfgang Grams**, who organized and led the 2009 Society tour to Germany, France and Switzerland. She was not able to get German Public TV to do the documentary due to the cost of recreating a period piece, but she did get an agreement to do a written story first. She spent a couple of days in Boston reading the documents of the various Captain Loeb and *Love and Unity* trials, then came to Long Valley where she was met by **Gene and Sharon Swackhamer** and **Betsy Guzanski**, President of the Washington Township Historical Society. Christina was shown the old Swackhamer homestead, over which the Raritan Inn was built and met with **Bill Asdal**, the restorer who showed her the progression of deeds to Samuel. Christina is writing a story for the German publication GEO, their equivalent of National Geographic, and the institution that sponsored her travel. Her questions were penetrating and she was always looking for proof to support statements. Gene said he is still in email communication with her on the meaning of words and statements. She expects the story to be published in GEO in 2013.

Communication with Members and Friends (continued)

Laurin L. Henry (D-VA) asked the S-D society for its help in arranging a Dufford family gift to the Washington Township Historical Society Museum. He was successful in donating a clarinet to the museum that was owned by his great-great-grandfather, **Philip Dufford** (1808-1864). According to family legend, Philip played it in a parade to welcome General Lafayette in an 1824 return visit and tour of the United States. The date and location of the parade remains unknown, but ownership of the clarinet is known. Philip's daughter, **Elizabeth Dickerson Dufford** (1831-1913) became the next owner. She married **Andrew Bartles Henry** in 1852 in German Valley and they later moved to Kankakee County, Illinois, where Laurin was born. He subsequently inherited the clarinet and is glad that it has returned home to Long Valley.

Necrology

Sarah Elizabeth Swackhamer Nichols (93) born 12-6-18 died 1-17-12

Thomas M. Swackhammer (66) born 7-4-45 died 5-12-12 suddenly at his home in Chilliothe, OH (Ross County). He was preceded in death by his parents Merrill G. and Eunice R. Swackhammer, a brother Ralph and a nephew Christopher Swackhammer. Survivors include sons William Grant and Thomas Eugene, five grandchildren, a great granddaughter, five sisters, two brothers and a former wife, Faye. A military memorial service was planned for Thomas.

Rev. Julius Logan Brasher (98) born 7-20-1914 died 5-11-2012 at his home in Brasher Springs, AL. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Lois Walters Brasher, also 98 on 3-22-12. (See Summer 2012 *Bulletin* for story on the Brashers). Reverend Brasher's son, Dr. J. Lawrence Brasher, former President of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogical Society, supplied the following obituary information.

Reverend Brasher may have been best known for his long-tenured leadership of the former Northern New Jersey Methodist Conference (1941-1976), but family and friends knew him as an exceptionally skilled teacher and a man of many talents. In retirement he taught a church discussion class for 25 years until age 94 and served as a pastor of the Walnut Grove United Methodist Church and Associate Pastor of First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, AL. Among his many interests and talents were singing, carpentry repairing and remodeling, cave exploring, archery, tennis, golf, soft ball, ping-pong hiking, swimming, nature study and teaching. He served as a volunteer fireman and was a 32nd degree Mason. He received his Divinity Degree from Drew Theological Seminary in 1941.

In addition to his wife Lois, Reverend Brasher is survived by a daughter, Ellen Marie Harris of Gallant, a son, John Lawrence (Louise) Brasher of Birmingham and grandchildren Jonah Harris, Anna Harris, and Daniel Brasher.

Carol Ann Swackhamer (nee Holmes), 77, of West Milford, N.J., passed into eternal rest on 9-13-2012 in Wayne, N.J. Raised in Bloomfield, N.J., Carol had lived in Towaco, N.J., Pompton Lakes, N.J., and recently in "The Villages", Fla. Carol was predeceased by her husband, Frank, and her son, Gary Swackhamer, and is survived by her six children: Mitch Conklin and his wife Naomi; Laurie Eymmer and her husband, Stephen; Debra Conklin; Linda Swackhamer and her husband, Ken Croatman; Robin Merchant and her husband, Roger; and Geri Swackhamer, five grand-children and one great-granddaughter.

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. Melvin Swackhamer Zanesville, OH
Mr. William Tufford Sask., Canada

The Year of the Long-Awaited Wedding

After many months of waiting we can finally announce that the wedding of Jill and Steffen Drees officially took place on Thursday, May 10, at Faith Lutheran Church in Cockeysville, MD. This was exactly 24 hours after Steffen's arrival into the United States from Germany. We wanted to dedicate as much time as possible to filing paperwork to start the process of his getting a Permanent Legal Resident Status (a.k.a. Green Card).

It had been previously announced in the Winter 2010 Bulletin that our wedding would be held in Summer, 2011, but due to immigration procedures and delays in the Visa process, it actually happened this year. In May we celebrated our "first" wedding with our local, American family and friends and members of Faith Lutheran Church. Then, on July 14, we celebrated our Affirmation of Vows, or "second" wedding, along with our German family and friends and our extended relatives from around the country and Canada. This way family and friends were given some time to plan for flights and travel arrangements that could not have been managed back in May. After a repeat ceremony at Faith Lutheran, with some additional special music by Steffen's father, sister, and niece, we celebrated our reception in style at a local hotel where everyone had a great time!

We want to thank our families and friends for making this day unforgettable and filled with love.

In Much-Awaited Unity,

Jill and Steffen Drees



Postcard from Altlussheim, Germany - 2010

2012 Annual Reunion Report from Gene Swackhamer

The 66th reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society was held on Saturday, July 28, 2012, in the new educational building of Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, New Jersey. We again enjoyed the comfort of a new facility and its air conditioning. Twenty three members and friends were present. Speakers included **George Apgar**, in colonial attire, discussing the Apgar Family Reunion Association and plans for celebrating next year the 300th anniversary of Palatines to New Jersey (1713-2013). **Steffen Drees**, a native of Altlusheim, Germany gave a video presentation of his and Samuel Schwechheimer's home town and its long history since 946 when it got its name. **Betsy Guzenski**, President of the Washington Township Historical Society welcomed us to Long Valley, gave a brief history of the Society and museum and the efforts to preserve local history, artifacts and places. Following lunch, she led a tour of the museum.

Exchange of family history information was again a reunion highlight. Copies of *The Ancestry of Richard Milhous Nixon* by **Raymond Martin Bell** of Washington and Jefferson College were distributed. Among the estimated "two million cousins" of President Nixon are several Trimmers, Mendenhalls, Moores, Milhous' and a few Duffords, but no Swackhamers. (See Ann Cook's story in the Summer 2012 Bulletin).

In a brief business session after lunch, the 2011 officers were reelected, a report was given on the treasurer transfer status still pending, and the 2013 recognition of the 275th Dufford anniversary (1738-2013) in Long Valley was discussed. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 with an invitation to everyone to put the 2013 reunion date of Saturday, July 27 in their calendars.

A Reunion Note from Steffen Drees

After one year of anticipation, I could finally follow my invitation to join the annual reunion of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. Thank you for the invitation and for giving me the chance to present my hometown, Altlusheim, Germany. It is, as most of you know, also the hometown of Samuel Schwechheimer who left in 1730, so about 280 years later, I followed his example and moved to the US to get married to one of his descendants, Jill Swackhamer.

I was given the opportunity to present on the history starting in Roman times. I also tried to highlight the reasons why people of a certain period in time wanted to leave Europe. Finally I showed some pictures of the town today followed by questions. I was happy that so many of you asked me about Altlusheim and the surrounding area and that you were interested in learning more about Germany and life there. Moreover, I am grateful for the warm welcome and the wonderful conversations we had during the whole day accompanied by the tasty food provided by Sharon. It was an interesting experience and I will definitely try to come to future reunions.

Swackhamer Surname DNA Project

This project began in 2007 with Gene Swackhamer as a participant in the National Geographic-IBM study of ancestry. The National Geographic study was limited to anthropological evidence of population movements resulting in a television documentary that traced clans from early man in Africa to the four corners of the world. Gene submitted a cheek swab that was used to classify 12 markers on the Y-chromosome. The Y-chromosome is primarily used for the study because it transfers from father to son unchanged for generations except for an occasional mutation caused by natural or life-style events.

Gene discovered that he was a member of haplogroup R1b (M343). That is interesting, but what does it mean? Seventy percent of all men in southern England are of this group; in parts of Ireland and Spain the percentage reaches 90 percent as it does in regions of Germany. So, my ancestors came from Europe as do yours for most of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society membership. Again, interesting facts for anthropologist, but not especially helpful for genealogist.

Family Tree DNA was quick to see the power for an expanded DNA study for genealogy and the Swackhamer Surname Project was begun. It has answered one important question for Swackhamers who do not have physical evidence of a tie to Samuel. Two participants in the study, one in Canada and one in the U.S. that have proof of lineage from Samuel, have the same DNA at the 37 marker level as do two participants that do not have proof of lineage. Family Tree scientists can then say that there is a 99 percent certainty that the four share a common ancestor within the past 200 years. That ancestor is most likely Samuel, but it might have been George who disappeared after the *Love and Unity* trials or a yet unknown Swackhamer of the early 1700s.

What next? Locating and testing one or more descendants of each of Samuel's sons is one goal. Another is to gain German Schwechheimer participation to confirm that descendants from Samuel's brothers still in Germany have the same DNA markers as those of us in the United States. If you are a male Swackhamer and would like to participate in this study, contact Gene Swackhamer, the Project Administrator. He has four swab kits purchased from Family Tree during a half-price sale that are available to you at his cost.

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 contributions by [Ann Cook](#).

Ann Cook is the 6th 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.

To all new and regular readers, a quick reminder:

Bonnie Wilson has shared with us a very special document: The ["Dufford Family History", written by her Uncle George in 1935](#). A Very large THANK YOU to Bonnie Wilson for reissuing this important piece of family history.

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 the family's reaction to the marriage. ([Published in Winter 2011 Bulletin](#)).

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. ([Published in Summer 2012 Bulletin](#)).

Magdalena Dufford Family Tree by Ann Cook

As many of you may already know, I am a descendent of Magdalena Dufford Wack. Over the past few years I have been attempting to obtain additional information regarding the Dufford and allied families in order to compile a more comprehensive family tree. Currently, I have in my possession information on more than 4,100 individuals.

In my searches I have come across a number of interesting facts regarding the families and with that in mind I would like to share some of the information I have obtained regarding William S. Naughtright, grandson of Andrew Wack and Magdalena Dufford. William S. Naughtright was the son of William Naughtright and Anna Wack having been born in 1843 and died in 1901.

Young William was quite the adventurous young man. During the Civil War he volunteered to serve his country in Company E, 31st New Jersey Infantry. Shortly after enlisting on September 3, 1862 as a Private he fought at the battle of Fredericksburg in December, 1862 and Chancellorsville in April and May of 1863. He served nine months in the service of his country, mustering out on June 24, 1863. During his enlistment he reached the rank of Corporal, with this rank being bestowed upon him on February 7, 1863 (N.J. Civil War Record, page 947).

The history of the Middle Valley Community Center cannot be told without the mention of William S. Naughtright. As many familiar with the history of this building will know, David Miller opened the first general store in Middle Valley, New Jersey (then Washington), at that location in 1792. In 1868 William S. Naughtright entered into a partnership with Elias Bartles to operate the general store. In 1870 Elias Bartles dissolved their partnership and a year later, in 1871, William Naughtright obtained a new partner, Jacob Welsh, to continue operation of the general store. In 1891 Middle Valley Hall Association purchased the general store from Jacob Welsh. Middle Valley Hall Association changed its name in 1975 to The Middle Valley Community Center.

On July 10, 1879 he married Mary A. Linnell. Their union was fruitful as they were the proud parents of four children: Lena, Bella, Stanley and Grace ([Hunterdon Marriage Records, 1876 to 1900](#) and [The Early Germans of New Jersey: Their History, Churches, and Genealogies](#) by Theodore Frelinghuysen Chambers) On May 21, 1885 William S. was appointed as the Postmaster of Middle Valley. He served as the Postmaster until sometime in 1888 when Henry P. Dufford was appointed on October 19, 1888 ([The Journal of the New Jersey Postal History Society, Vol. 23, No. 2, Whole Number 112, March 1995](#)). In the 1890s William S. was elected as an assemblyman for Morris County. He also served as the Assistant Clerk, House of the Assembly for indexing the Docket of the Assembly session of 1893. After retiring from political life, on July 14, 1898 financial tragedy struck as written about in the New York Times on July 15, 1898. The barns, outbuildings and windmill on the Riverstock Farm in Finderne were destroyed by fire and before the flames could be stopped by the Somerville firemen the flames had spread to the ice house and creamery

Magdalena Dufford Family Tree (continued)

owned by William S. Naughtright. The fire was believed to have been started by spontaneous combustion of new hay. This fire was thought to have caused over \$20,000.00 with not enough insurance to cover the losses. William S. was also an officer of the Knights of Pythias, Evening Star Lodge Number 147. William S. Naughtright was buried in the Naughtright cemetery plot in German Valley Rural Cemetery along with his wife, Mary A Linnell Naughtright.

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The death of John H. Shaw, father of Ann Cook



John H. Shaw 82, of Valley Station, Kentucky passed away September 10, 2012 in LaGrange, Kentucky. He was a much loved husband, father, and grandfather who was preceded in death by his parents, Harriett Marjorie Heed and John Dee Vincent Shaw of Hackettstown, New Jersey.

He was a retired member of the US Army and Civil Service, having spent time in Korea, Vietnam, Germany, and Desert Storm. He was a member of South Dixie and West Point volunteer fire departments, American Legion Post #148, Barker Masonic Lodge #129, and a Kentucky Colonel.

He leaves behind wife, Constance R. Shaw; son, John A. Shaw (Mary); daughter, Ann C. Cook (Robert); and eight grandchildren. Funeral service was September 14, 2012 at 11am at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway, Louisville, Kentucky with burial to follow in Bethany Cemetery, Valley Station, Kentucky.

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Hurricane Sandy Hits Long Valley by Shelley Heretyk

It was rainy and windy all day on Monday, October 29, 2012, and by around 6pm "Hurricane Sandy" arrived here in Long Valley, New Jersey. The winds were fierce and we lost power at 8pm. It was pretty scary - it seemed our bay window was going to blow in or a tree would crash into the house. Fortunately, neither occurred and by morning it was fairly calm. Our chimney cap did blow off and landed on the front lawn. Also, a large limb broke from a maple tree but there was no damage. Huge trees were uprooted everywhere – they snapped poles and brought down power lines. Trees hung on lines for days, roads were closed, and it was apparent we were not going to have power for awhile.

Schools were closed for two whole weeks, Halloween was canceled and rescheduled, and still no power on Election Day (Tuesday, November 6th) but we voted and listened to the returns by candlelight on our Sony transistor radio. Our wood stove provided some heat and hot water but it was getting quite cold in the house. Finally, on November 8th utility workers arrived in full force. We saw around 20 trucks – BBC Electric from Joplin, Missouri, PennLine from Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, and Ohio Edison – all working together to restore power. Sandy is one for the record books.



Hacklebarney Road, Long Valley, New Jersey, November 9, 2012

A City Girl on a Canadian Farm by Bonnie Wilson

As a young girl within a family that loved early American history and especially the beautiful New Jersey farms, I was privileged to spend some time on a working farm in Canada (somewhere near Blyth, Auburn, Goderich and Londesborough, Ontario). What made this so special to me was that the farm was definitely still living in the "Horsepower" era. My dad, John Hargreaves and my mom, Dorris Dufford Hargreaves enjoyed the fact that one stepped back to early farming before the advent of modern mechanization. It was very much a return to what the Duffords and the Swackhamers would have been doing on their respective farms for the previous 100 years. Even as a young person I was acutely aware that this wonderful farm in eastern Ontario, Canada was a treasure of memories and of wonderful people.

We made our first visit when I was but three months of age (in 1940). We traveled with a family friend by the name of Harold W. with the assurance that we were both expected and welcome. While the welcome was warm and loving, Harold had somehow failed to properly communicate that he would be bringing my mom and dad as well as a three month old baby. It made little difference to our hosts, the Hunking family, and we were immediately integrated into a loving and active farm enterprise. They even found a safe place for me to sleep by removing a drawer from an ancient dresser that made an excellent temporary cradle.

My dad as usual was his loving and very energetic self and spent his entire visit chopping and splitting wood for the winter fires while mom helped with the canning of vegetables and fruit. I just gurgled and acted as an adorable three month old. Mom was the provider of all my food at that age so naturally her work routine was centered around me. All this of course was told to me as I grew into girlhood and the stories also became part of our family history.

Rolling the clock forward 12 years brought a repeat of the visit at the insistence of my mom, who had a new car, a map, a friend with whom to travel and an urge to see the Canadian family who had become close and wonderful friends. The trip to Canada was quite an adventure as the new highway system had not even been started and motels were only just a future dream. We made our overnight stops in "Tourist Homes" and our meals, mostly macaroni salad and PB and J's, out of an original Coleman ice chest. I remember the trip as being very enjoyable but somewhat long. My younger brother, Jack (then age 9), as was his natural bent, asked if we were "there yet" about 11 thousand times.

The Hunking farm was what was known as a half section which included 320 acres of prime farmland. The farm was self supporting with corn for the dairy herd, wheat and barley for human and animal consumption as well as oats for the massive farm horses. The family consisted of a father and son team along with their respective wives and children. Together they operated a successful family farm that provided for their needs as well as produce and dairy for sale locally. The Hunking family was particularly skilled in farm-craft and produced cheeses as well as many different types of delicious preserves. My mom took home a good many of the skills of canning vegetables and producing jellies and jams which she continued to use throughout her married life.

The farm did not have electricity when we visited but later took advantage of the rural electric cooperative. No electricity meant that the Aladdin lamps had to be cleaned and polished everyday. While our Middle Valley ancestors used rush lamps and candles for light, kerosene was the one rather modern improvement that the farm had. Because of the lack of electricity, all milking and dairy work on the farm was strictly done by hand. However, even though I was probably old enough to milk the cows, I never learned to do so until my husband showed me how when we were up in the show farm in Old Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts.

Harvesting was done using the, to me, giant workhorses. The farm had an assortment of mechanical equipment which had been produced in the late 1800s and the beginning of the 1900s. Mr. Hunking senior was very proud of the fact that even though the equipment was very old they were in excellent condition because they always put everything away at the end of each day. He also had a large, dark workshop where he even had a coal fired forge where he could make parts that were no longer made. He said working on machinery gave him something to do on the long winter days between milking in the morning and milking in the afternoon.

One final point of interest is that we had to use the outhouse for our "personal activities." Since the nights were cold and very dark, each of the beds had a chamber pot for those middle of the night visits. While I may seem to be very blasé about it now, it really horrified me then. The pitcher and bowl wash up was done in the bedroom and a bath could only be had once a week using water heated on the huge stove in the kitchen and a rubber folding tub. I got to go first since the thought of using water that someone bathed in was sort of disgusting to a young city born girl. Not only that but being unclothed in the huge kitchen was not comfortable to me no matter how much I needed a bath. After a week working, sort of, on the farm one can imagine the conflicting thoughts of modesty versus absolute need.

Departing the farm was always very emotional. We really loved the Hunkings and I am glad to say that they loved us. The experiences were quite wonderful and have remained with me to this day. They have helped me connect with the early New Jersey farmers and to, in some small way, understand the challenges that they faced in settling the lovely and productive valleys of north western New Jersey. I realize that they had far more challenging difficulties than a rubber tub or a chamber pot but none-the-less, the connection is there. What does the old hymn say, "Blessed be the Tie that Binds?" I feel blessed to be bound to the heritage that I received from my early family.

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Donations – Thank You

Voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951. We truly appreciate every dollar received. Every effort is made not to miss anyone but errors can occur. If we missed recognizing you, please let us know and forgive us. Thank you once again.

Mr. George N. Apgar, Jr. (NJ), reunion registration and donation for support of the Society.
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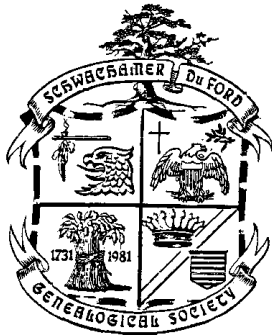


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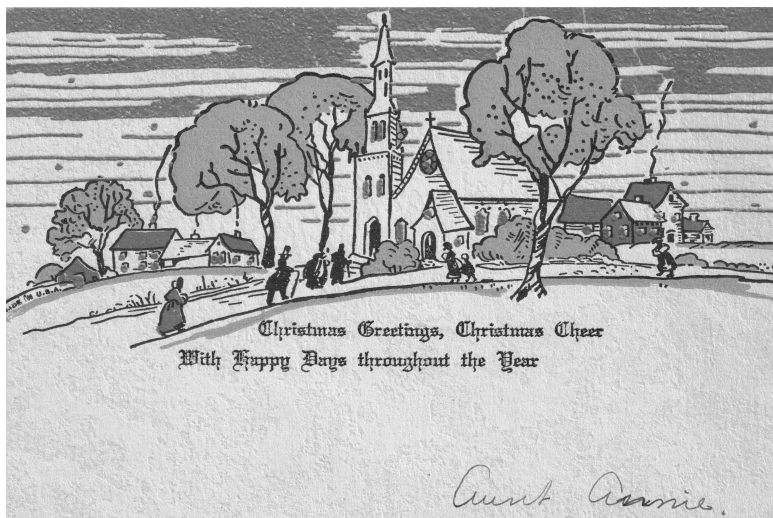
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