

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.

SUMMER 2013 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

In the past few months I have attended several genealogical conferences. The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society spring conference was held in Laurel, Maryland. Over 100 were in attendance to hear speakers from the National Archives and to exchange ideas on researching family history. The Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America held its spring conference at Kutztown University in May. The focus was on learning about family from deeds, wills and lesser known sources. The annual conference of Palatines to America was held in June at Albany, New York. It is a large assembly of over 200 from around the United States and Canada featuring tours, workshops and genealogy speakers.

From each of these meetings I try to glean a few useful ideas and contacts—things that can make the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society more successful. Conference goers call this information “take home value” and it should be sufficient to cause the attendee to feel that the trip was worthwhile. We try to make sure that the annual reunion of the S-D Genealogy Society is a day of take home value for all who attend. At this year’s reunion on Saturday, July 27, at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, NJ, Steven Firtko, author of *The History of Middle Valley*, will return to discuss the Dufford family and its 275 year history in the valley. Bill Cramer (D) will discuss his experience of traveling to Ukraine searching family history and Gene Swackhamer and Steffen Drees will show slides and discuss Langensoultzberg, France (formerly Soultzberg, Germany), a place of Dufford baptisms. Following lunch, Joan and Jeff Chiu and friends will discuss the “resurrection” of Old Swack Church cemetery and church remains. Betsy Guzenski and friends of the Washington Township Historical Society will be present to show visitors the Society museum and Dufford and Swackhamer artifacts. The museum is across the street from Zion Church. Please use the form in this *Bulletin* to register for this meeting.

Genealogy ranks with gardening as one of the most popular hobbies in the U.S. and yet I know that it is not every one’s cup of tea. The Reverend T. C. Swackhamer, a former president of the Society, once said that the Swackhamers care about genealogy about as much as they care for fine art! I suspect the same could be said for many Duffords. Our annual reunion meeting is designed to be novice friendly. There is no heavy lecturing about how to find relatives on Ancestry.com or at LDS Stake centers. You can do that in your own community. But, if you do have a question about your family history, who better to ask than someone of the same family? The meeting provides opportunity for those discussions.

Given the wide dispersion of family from its Long Valley roots, we are still trying to find ways to make a family history society relevant and effective in 21st century culture. Clearly time and distance make reunion attendance difficult for many. However, wherever you are, you can help the Society. Send your ideas and suggestions to any officer by postal mail or email. Volunteer to organize a Facebook division of the S-D Society. Send a family story to the *Bulletin* editor. Contribute to the website.

I look forward to meeting those who can attend the 2013 reunion. Since it is a tribute to the Dufford family and its 275 years of contribution to Long and Middle Valley, please make a special effort to honor the memory of your ancestors with your participation.

Sincerely,

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Swackhamer - Dufford Genealogical Society Website

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

Nancy Schanes (F) and author of "The Voyage of the Love and Unity" emailed that her husband, Alan, died October 18, 2012. Alan suffered the progressive effects of dementia. Nancy cared for him as long as she could before he entered a health-care facility, his home for the past two years. Alan helped Nancy with her research of the tragic voyage and the resettlement of the survivors, one of whom was her ancestor, **Johann Michael Sigmund**.

George N. Apgar, Jr. (F), Vice President of the Apgar Family Association, a resident of New Brunswick, NJ, and sometimes seen in Palatine costume as "Poor Palatine Georg," has carried on a one-man campaign to encourage Americans of German heritage to join him in the celebration of Palatine to America 1709-1775. George appeared in costume at the Swackhamer-Dufford July, 2012 reunion in Long Valley to address our group about the role of Palatines in American history from the 1709 settlements in the Hudson Valley of New York through service in the Revolutionary War and War of 1812. He suggested various ways to support this cause in 2013. Our July 27, 2013 annual reunion meeting will be a part of this effort.

Ann Cook (D) wrote that fifty years ago an article ran in the Bulletin regarding a young cancer survivor, **Becky Dufford**, of Erie, Pennsylvania. She was the 1963 poster child for the American Cancer Society. As part of her duties as the poster child she was given the opportunity to meet and give then President John F. Kennedy the American Cancer Society's certificate of recognition of his support for volunteer agencies and his help toward cancer control.

It is with a sad heart that Ann announced that Becky E. Dufford, 57, formerly from Erie, Pennsylvania passed away at her home in Marathon, Florida on Wednesday, November 21, 2012. She loved the prayer "Hail Mary"—please say it in remembrance.

Kelly Hayes (S), Provided the paternal/maternal descendancy chart of her husband **Jeffery Richard Hayes (S)**, a descendant of Samuel. This chart is an example of how a mixed descendant track can look.

Gerald E. Swackhamer (CA), Gerry a participant in the Swackhamer DNA Project provided his descendancy chart from Samuel. He is an 8th generation "New World" descendant from the Swackhamer roots (Samuel Schwechheimer) of Altlussheim, Germany.

Editor's Note: the above two charts will be published in the Winter 2013 Bulletin. Due to lack of space, they could not be included in this issue.

Necrology

Lois Watters Brasher, 98, of Brasher Springs, Gallant, Ala., died Jan. 9, 2013, after a short illness. Born March 22, 1914, in Morristown, N.J., she was the only child of Bessie Swackhamer Clark Watters and Lawrence Dalrymple Watters. Raised on Center Avenue near her maternal grandparents, Harriet Skellenger Swackhamer Clark and Lewis Clark, she enjoyed playing with her cousins at her grandparents' home. As a child, she loved flowers and music and began studying piano at the age of 7. These two interests always graced her long life.

Graduating from the New Jersey College for Women (now Douglass College) in 1935, where she majored in music, she became a brilliant concert organist. She was the first organ student at the college to be invited by the faculty to give a public full recital in her junior year, an honor previously reserved only for seniors. In her recital, she played from memory major works by J.S. Bach, Cesar Franck and Charles Widor. She studied in a direct line of internationally acclaimed organist-composers. After college, she studied organ with the renowned Dr. Clarence Dickinson at Union Theological School of Sacred Music (now Yale School of Sacred Music). She was the organist at Morristown Methodist Church 1936-1943, and substituted at most of the Morristown churches, including St. Peter's Episcopal Church, where she was a member. She also played occasionally at Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, where Dr. Dickinson was organist. She gave recitals at all of these churches.

In 1941, she married The Rev. Julius Logan Brasher. He predeceased her in May 2012. Throughout their remarkable 70 years of marriage, they formed a beautiful duo with his solo baritone voice and her piano accompaniment.

An avid and superior gardener, Lois delighted in her flower and vegetable gardens and her houseplants. She loved the beauty of nature and was always eager for the first signs of spring. A devoted and loving mother, she is survived by her two children, Ellen Marie Harris of Gallant and John Lawrence Brasher (Louise) of Birmingham; and three grandchildren, Jonah Harris of Gadsden, Anna Harris of Santiago, Chile, and Daniel Brasher of Durham, N.C.

A graveside service for family and friends was held on Saturday, Jan. 12, at the Brasher Cemetery. A memorial service at Gadsden First United Methodist Church will be held in February. Memorial gifts may be sent to the music fund at First United Methodist Church of Gadsden, AL, or Brasher Springs Camp Meeting, 77 Brasher Road, Gallant, AL 35972. Condolences may be sent to 1261 Greensboro Road, Birmingham, AL 35208.



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, please contact our membership coordinator, Carol T. Stout – see page 2 for email & address.

Mrs. Ronald S. Clark - Sanford, FL
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Mr. Melvin Swackhamer - Zanesville, OH
Mr. William Tufford - Sask., Canada
Mr./Mrs. W. Ralph Williams – Utica, NY



SWACKHAMER SURNAME DNA STUDY UPDATE by Gene L. Swackhamer

One of the original goals of the surname project begun in 2007 has been accomplished. By showing that Swackhamers with a known descendency from Samuel have the same DNA as Swackhamers with a lineage gap back to Samuel, proof is provided of linkage to Samuel. A second goal of having a study participant descended from each of Samuel's sons is still unaccomplished. According to Samuel's will, at the time of his death he had living sons: Johannes Konrad (Conrad), the eldest, then John, Barbery, Bollus (Baltus), Samuel, Andrew, Jacob and John. If you are descended from one of these sons, your participation in the DNA project would really help complete the puzzle of descendency. A third goal is getting Schwechheimer participants from Germany, especially any males that are descended from Samuel's brothers, Mathäus Daniel and Th. Gottlieb.

Of the 7 participants to date in this study, 6 have a 95 percent probability that they are related to a common ancestor within the past 200 years. All six have the surname Swackhamer or Swackhammer. The seventh participant's grandmother has both Swackhamer and Dufford ancestry, but his father has a different surname and nearly half of his Y-chromosome in the 37 test locations have different repeats (i.e. stutters), confirming that he is not a male descendent from Samuel. These test results do not mean that he cannot trace his ancestry back to Samuel Swackhamer; it just means that a mixed paternal/maternal descendency would have to be established using traditional genealogy proofs (bible entries, birth certificates, letters, marriage records, etc.)

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65th Wedding Anniversary of Robert E. and Mildred B. Swackhamer by Robert Lee Swackhamer

Robert E. and Mildred B. Swackhamer of Springfield, MO celebrated their 65th year of tranquil wedded bliss with a gathering of family on Wednesday February 27th, 2013.

Robert was born near rural Urich, MO and was a 1933 graduate of Urich High School. He is a WWII USMC veteran whose service took him to Hawaii, Iceland and the Pacific Theater including participation in the Iwo Jima campaign. After the war, he joined the Missouri State Highway Patrol. After several years of "road" duty and as a station desk sergeant, he was assigned as the Patrol's lead auto theft investigator. He eventually became the commander of the MoSHP's Troop D covering the southwestern part of the state. After retirement from the patrol in 1975, he served for a time as the interim director of the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch and was employed as a bailiff in the Greene Count MO court system. At age 98, Robert is believed to be the oldest living Swackhamer.

Mildred Swackhamer was born in 1924 in Pleasant Hill, MO. She graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in Sedalia, MO and the University of Missouri. After graduation from "Mizzou" she was employed by the Missouri State Department of Health as a laboratory technician. It was during this time, that she met and married her husband. After raising two sons, Mildred embarked upon a career in public education as a teacher of science and mathematics in the public schools of Jefferson City and Springfield. She and Robert are the parents of Robert of Toms River, NJ and Tom of Flower Mound, TX.



Resurrection of "Old Swack Church" Cemetery and Original Walls

There is a saying that "if there is a will, there is a way." **Joan and Jeff Chiu** have proven once again that the adage is true. They have been instrumental in organizing volunteers to clean up the long-neglected cemetery of the Swackhamer Church in Lebanon Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey. They also are exploring the feasibility and cost of stabilizing the remains of the original 1844 church building. Perhaps their motive is honoring the lives of 14 family members buried in the cemetery or a fondness for historic restoration or just a desire to give back to the community by changing an eyesore into a living monument to the past. Regardless of the motivation, the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society appreciates the effort and will help the project with financial support.



Resurrection of "Old Swack Church" Cemetery and Original Walls – Continued

The Old Swack Church was founded by **Reverend Lambert Swackhamer** (1805-1857), son of **Stephen and Jane (Bowman) Swackhamer**. He lived as a youth in Middle Valley, Morris County, New Jersey (See the NJ Historical Society [www.jerseyhistory.org/findaid/1804 manuscript] for a comprehensive biography of Reverend Swackhamer). He served in the New York, Hartwick and Franckean Synods of the Lutheran Church where he often had doctrinal differences with church leaders and over his adamant condemnation of slavery.

His decision to establish the Mt. Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church only 12 miles from the Germantown Zion Church, which had just declined to call him to its ministry, might have represented a little bit of retaliation. He turned to Jacob Swackhamer, "Stuttering Jake," who in little more than a year oversaw the construction using local fieldstone and timber. (See New Jersey Churchscape photo inventory of 18th and 19th century churches for views of the remnants of Old Swack Church and cemetery).

If you would like to help with this restoration use the enclosed donor envelope and mark your gift "Old Swack Church." Funds will be used for epoxy to repair tombstones, sand, gravel and cement to reset stone markers, acetone for cleaning, weed spray to control poison ivy, grass seed to replant disturbed areas and a professional engineering audit of feasibility and costs to stabilize the church walls.

The cleanup yielded a grave footstone with the initials A.W. Do you know of any Swackhamer with those initials who might have been buried there between 1844-1896?

Donations to the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society

The following donors have made contributions since the annual reunion meeting of July 28, 2012, through May 1, 2013. Every effort is made not to miss anyone, but with donations coming in cash at the annual meeting, by check, from the year-end solicitation envelopes, and from a portion of the purchase price of Nancy Schane's book, *Voyage of the Love and Unity*, and from Gene Swackhamer's book, *The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer*, errors can occur. If we missed recognizing your gift, please forgive us. We truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951.

Robert and Laura Almond (NY), donation to operating fund in memory of Ruth E. Almond, daughter of Elmer H. Swackhamer (NJ).

Louise Tharaud Brasher (AL), in honor of Lois Watters Brasher.

William N. Cramer, Jr. (NJ), donation for *Bulletin* production.

Dawn Dufford (WA), donation for *Bulletin* production.

Stefan (Steven) F. Firtko (PA), donation to operating fund.

Margaret (Peg) L. Johnson (WI), donation in memory of Jane Saums.

LaQuita J. Kelly (AZ), donation to operating fund in memory of "those before us."

Joyce E. MacRae (ON), Canada, donation for the *Bulletin* in memory of her grandfather Arthur Swackhamer.

Gene and Sharon Swackhamer (MD), donation of postage for mailing Winter 2012 and Summer 2013 *Bulletins*.

Gerald E. Swackhamer (ON), Canada, donation to operating fund in memory of his father, Roy Swackhamer.

Mike and Kathy Swackhamer (IN), donation in honor of grandson Liam Harrison Milner born 11-29-12.

O.C. Swackhamer, Jr. (IA), donation to operating fund.

Robert Earl and Mildred Swackhamer (MO), donation for *Bulletin* postage.

Richard D. Swackhamer (NJ), donation to operating fund in memory of Bryon and James Swackhamer and in memory of Fremont and Romalda Swackhamer.

William J. and Debra M. Swackhamer (VA), donation for *Bulletin* to honor William R. Swackhamer.

Lawrence J. (Larry) Tiger (NC), donation to operating fund.

Shelley VanWinkle (OR), donation in memory of Janet Peterson.

Ruth Wurst (PA), donation for *Bulletin* production in memory of James Swackhamer.

Richard and Sheri Zingmark (SC), donation for needs of the Society.

Items are needed for the Winter 2013 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by October 15th. See page 2 for contact info.

SWACKHAMER SURNAME DNA STUDY UPDATE – Continued from page 3

It is pretty neat to know that six Swackhamers (2 in Canada, 1 in Missouri, 1 in Oregon, 1 in Maryland and 1 in Indiana) have confirmed that they are indeed “blood brothers” with nearly identical Y-chromosome structure. Someone might say, “But, you don’t look alike!” Yes, that is true. External features, personality, propensity for certain genetic diseases, etc. are controlled by different sections of the Y-chromosome that are not tested by Family Tree DNA. The portion of the Y-chromosome that is used in genealogy testing is called “junk DNA” by scientists, but that is only because they do not know what its purpose is other than to transfer genes from father to son unchanged. If someday a health-related purpose is discovered that causes concern among surname project participants, they may direct that their sample DNA be destroyed.

The Swackhamer surname DNA project will continue. I serve as the volunteer group administrator for this project with the task of helping participants obtain test kits for cheek swabs, communicating with Family Tree DNA, and assisting with interpretation of results. If you are interested in becoming a project participant, let me know at GGSwack@cs.com. I have three test kits that I purchased from Family Tree during a sale that are available at a discounted Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society price.



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 an excellent contribution 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.

Dufford Family Research By Ann Cook

As a result of my continuing efforts in researching the Dufford family tree I have come across a number of interesting documents that allow additional glimpses into the lives of our ancestors. In this issue I would like to share information I have obtained with regard to Charles S. Dufford (born July 7, 1878; died September 9, 1950).

The photograph is of his tombstone located at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Chester, Morris County, New Jersey. He is buried in the Dufford family plot with his wife Antoinette “Nettie” Hilts Dufford, daughter of Samuel A. Hilts (1840 – 1908) and Cornelia Maria Line Hilts (1842 – 1916). His parents’ names, John S. Dufford (born August 7, 1844; died September 25, 1891) and Phoebe J. Miller Dufford (born February 23, 1855; died May 16, 1937) are also clearly visible on the far left side of the photograph.

Charles Steven Dufford was the grandson of John J. Dufford (1799-1874) and Elizabeth Naughtright Dufford; the great-grandson of Stephen Jacob Dufford (1773-1832) and Maria Weise Dufford (1774-1832); and the great great grandson of George Stephen Dufford (1741-1817) and Anna Mary Trimmer Dufford (1743-1826).

When establishing an individual as a relative not only do I use the standard books, census records, birth records, death certificates and tombstones, I also like to search for any additional document pertaining to the individual. In the case of Charles S. Dufford, I was able to locate two military registration cards that belonged to him and it is these records that I would like to share with you.

Shown is a copy of the World War I registration belonging to him. At the time of registration for World War I, Charles was working for Westinghouse Manufacturing in Newark, New Jersey as a drill press operator. His wife, Antoinette “Nettie” Dufford, was listed as his nearest relative. His address was listed as 25 Arch Street, Newark. At the time of registration he was already 40 years old.

As shown on the Registrar’s Report performed on September 12, 1918, Charles Steven Dufford was 5’ 9”, medium build with grey eyes and light brown hair. He had no known health issues.

While one would assume that during World War II Charles Steven would have been too old to register for the draft but he still registered at the age of 63. See the copy of his registration card for World War II. It is interesting to note that while he was still employed at Westinghouse Manufacturing he was home on leave due to family health issues. In addition, it clearly shows that he and his wife, Nettie, had moved from Newark to Ledgewood Road, near Budd Lake, Flanders, New Jersey.

One only has to look at these registration cards to realize the sense of duty our ancestors had and what sacrifices they were willing to make to help keep our country free.

Dufford Family Research - Continued



Charles S. Dufford Tombstone

Charles S. Dufford WWI Registration Card

Registrar's Report - Charles S. Dufford

Charles S. Dufford WWII Registraton Card

It's A Rich Man's War by Bonnie Wilson

"It's a rich man's war but a poor man's fight" pretty much sums up the thoughts of most of the soldiers of all of the wars ever fought and especially the war that faced our ancestors in Middle Valley. All of the patriotic music and the posturing of the general population finally came down to one point ... that someone was actually going to have to fight the war and that someone was usually the one that had the least voice in the matter. Having first hand experience of a family member going off to fight for his country I had often wondered about how the farmers and tradesmen who were our ancestors felt about the situation that they faced not too long after their arrival in what was known as German Valley. So, what follows is a quick and mostly un-scientific short look into the corporate mind of our ancestors. It is my idea of what they might have thought and what the causes for these thoughts might have been.

To begin with, my dad, John Hargreaves, used to tell me to remember that we did not spring from peasant lineage but rather tradesmen and landowners in the old country. Accepting this, my research on immigration in general revealed that the most favored immigrants were Germans. Even today, modern Russia is still filled with ethnic Germanic peoples brought in by Katherine the Great, herself a German, to farm the rich Russian soil. The same went for most of the countries surrounding central Europe. Wars, famines and disease could quickly depopulate a town or even a whole area leaving the land non-productive and fallow. For a king or other royalty, populating an area meant wealth. Along with farmers came other allied tradesmen, small towns and of course the most important element: taxes and rents. Also coming with the new population were young men who could be encouraged, coerced or most often, required to serve in the military. It was a high price to pay for the soldier but that was the implied price required by the government for the land that was allotted to them. In the areas in Germany where the Duffords and Swackhammers lived, the local lord had to actually manumit or legally release each family member before they could emigrate. This was a formal document entered into the local court records that allowed a family to leave the area controlled by the owner / crown / aristocrat or whatever. Since the colonies were property of the crown, the people had to agree to respect the king and to be loyal.

The very first really large war faced by our Middle Valley ancestors was of course the American Revolution. Our ancestors, like most of the local farmers had little to do with the politics of the war. Having been in the country for a good while, all they really wanted was to be left to farm and to follow their own interests. Besides, they had sworn allegiance to the English crown when they arrived and that was what they had consistently done. Not that they had much to do with the government other than to pay taxes on land and on commodities imported from other countries. Additionally, they all spoke German while the political wrangling was largely written in English. While we have ancestors that did fight in the war, there was no general draft and the war was fought largely with regular soldiers. A little analysis of the actualities of the situation would reveal thoughts like; What can we expect from this new lot of would be overlords? How am I to protect my farm if they take my sons? We have already had difficulties with the ownership of our land, will this new lot treat us better or worse? What happens if we lose the war? We have our own courts under British law, will we still be able to settle our legal matters at home? Finally, who and what are we? Are we German, Swiss, French or colonists or what? Just think of the questions that each of us would have if we were facing a violent take over of the American government today and you can get some feeling of the turmoil that our ancestors faced. The Revolutionary War answered once and for all the question of who they were ... they were AMERICANS period ... no ambiguities, no hyphens no equivocation.

This was the case then when the next great war broke out. By that time we were American through and through. The families had been in the area for over 100 years and our ties to the old country were not as strong as they once were. At the same time, the Civil War was to become far more violent with real dangers to the people who did not support their area of the country. Middle Valley was in Union territory and you were expected to serve your country without question. While there were many political opinions such as the Copper Heads and the Great Circle groups, the main emphasis was supporting the locality where you lived. In a well settled area such as in the valley it would be hard to avoid being drafted. One could however, pay for a draft substitute and this became a very popular way to avoid the draft for those that could pay the money. However, many of our ancestors fought with one of the New Jersey units and served valiantly. Fortunately and because of divine providence, not that many family members were killed in action but many were wounded or suffered the diseases that plagued the armies both north and south. Again, even though the close family relationships existing in Middle Valley provided physical and mental support to the returning soldiers, the scars of the war were accepted with dignity and courage. The end of the war meant the end of the idyllic life of the valley people and the beginning of the end of the isolation that had kept them protected and together. English, rather than German became more and more to be heard at the farmers markets but old traditions die hard and the German language was used up into the 20th century until World War I put a stop to its common use in New Jersey.

It is my hope that as you visit the cemetery or see a picture of a family member or look at an old farm that you bring to your mind the thoughts and ideals of the person or persons who lived at the time and that you celebrate our indebtedness to their courage and fortitude in making the valley a special place.

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion

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

Saturday, July 27, 2013 9am to 3pm

THEME: 275th ANNIVERSARY OF DUFFORD ARRIVAL IN Long Valley

Everyone is invited to attend the annual reunion of the S-D Society on Saturday, July 27 in Long Valley. Members of the S-D Society have been gathering in Long Valley for over 60 years to share family information, to assist others with genealogy questions and to learn more about our respective family histories.

The program will begin informally at 9:00 am with visitation, coffee, tea, pastry and fruit juice.

Following introductions, Steven F. Firtko, keynote speaker, will discuss the arrival of the Duffords in Long Valley. Following Steven will be Bill Cramer, coordinator of the Dufford Family History, discussing his family history research trip to the Ukraine and then Gene Swackhamer and Steffen Drees giving a slide talk on the visit to Langensoultzberg, France, where Duffords were baptized.

A luncheon of summer salads, sandwiches and desserts will be served by Sharon Swackhamer at noon.

Members of the Washington Township Historical Society have been invited to this meeting as a part of the year-long commemoration of the 300 year anniversary of the arrival of Palatines in the New Jersey colony.

Following lunch at 1:00 pm Jeff and Joan Chiu and friends will give an update on the "Old Swack Church" and graveyard restoration project reported in this Bulletin.

Personal auto tour information, maps and guide services will be available for those desiring to see some of the historic Dufford and Swackhamer sites.

The meeting will conclude about 3:00 with desserts.

Please use the registration form below and take advantage of the early registration \$5.00 discount. Day of the event registration will be \$30.00 per person with youth under 16 free. If you would like information on local hotels, inns, restaurants or local sightseeing, just check the line for "Long Valley Information Package," which will be mailed to you. If cancellation becomes necessary, please call or email Gene Swackhamer by July 23 at 410-771-4437 or GGSwack@cs.com for a full refund.

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Number attending _____ at \$25.00 per adult for total amount of \$ _____.

Number children under 16 attending (free) _____

Additional donation to the S-D Genealogy Society \$ _____.

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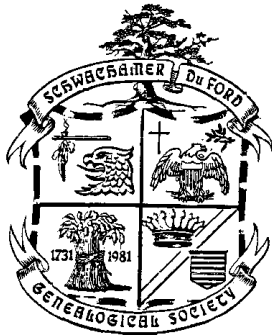
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