

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 2013 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

To me genealogy is "family history." It is the story of who we are and where we came from. From that point it can be made much more technical with research and computer generated family trees of names and dates. A discovery might be that all blue-eyed people are related! Does that bring a yawn? Or, perhaps DNA analysis is your thing and you discover that you have 67 genetic markers in common with another study participant—perhaps your brother—proving that you are related to a common ancestor in this century, but you both might have been adopted! My favorite next step tends to be the discovery that an ancestor was a "good guy," a poet, or maybe just a common horse thief. That is the stuff of families; we all have a few warts, skeletons and bragging rights. That is what this Bulletin highlights twice a year—the story of Swackhamer-Dufford descendants living today and their personal journeys. Thanks for being a part of it.

I'm also a big proponent for writing it down and putting dates and names on photos. It isn't a hard task and it can be made both interesting and fun. Try your hand at keeping a journal. Write real letters to grandchildren, some have never seen a real family letter. Become a story teller at holidays and family events. Am I advocating avoidance of Facebook, YouTube or Twitter? No, not at all. They have their place in communication and are producing a real-time history of Society. We put this Bulletin on our web site for member and non-member alike to read. A new effort also is underway to put family and historic photos on Facebook at Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society just to share and sometimes looking for names (story in this issue). Without emails the Bulletin might never get published. So, communication technology is just another part of our family history fabric.

My family has just completed a Thanksgiving gathering and feast and now we are awaiting Christmas with equal enthusiasm. Holidays are genealogy milestones, too. Can you remember the activity of last year at these holidays or maybe forty years ago? It is a wonderful time to celebrate your faith, family relationships and friends just passing through your life. One of my special memories is of a grandfather dressed as Santa with sleigh bells ringing as he marched through the door. I was too young to know who was in the Santa suit, but that story of caring and extra effort, which I learned later in my childhood, portrayed a grandfather with a playful spirit and family pride. On another occasion my mother let her granddaughter play with a bowl of flour as she made cookies. She would never let me make a mess like that, but her laughter spoke volumes about family love. During these Holidays, I hope each of you will make an effort to do a deliberate act of kindness for another. It is the thread of family history that binds.

Happy Holidays,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

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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

Kathryn S. Wright (D) emailed in June 2013 about her interest in a new Ancestry.com DNA product called an "Autosomal" test. It explores both paternal and maternal ancestry using many more markers and a very similar saliva collection process to the more traditional Y-chromosome paternal test. Although it is not yet available to Canadian residents due to some type of Customs restrictions, it holds promise for both Duffords and Swackhamers of mixed maternal and paternal parentage looking for genetic proof of connections to ancestors.

A summer 2013 communication from **Joyce Eggleston Hatch** seeks to confirm her descendancy from Daniel Swackhamer and invites anyone also in this chain to contact her.

1. Daniel Swackhamer (b unk.; d. unk.) m. Nancy Seeley Swackhamer (b. unk.; d. unk.).
2. David Swackhamer (b. ca 1848 Rush, PA; d. abt. Dec. 1926) m Deliah Davis Swackhamer (b. 1855 in PA; d. 12-1925 in Rush, PA).
3. Frank Swackhamer (b. 8 Sept. 1875; d. 28 Mar. 1937) m. Olive Green Swackhamer (b. 15 Mar. 1878; d. 7 Feb. 1915).
4. Edna Pearl Swackhamer (b. 14 Feb. 1914 in Lisle, Broome Co., NY; d.) m. Merritt Thomas Eggleston (b.)

Mary Ellen Herman (S) emailed requesting information about the book, *The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer* Mary Ellen claims Samuel Frederick Swackhamer as a 7th great grandfather through Johannes, Christopher, William, Issac Walker, Ethan Alson Echin (Ech), and Janet (Jennie) Swackhamer, then Marion Francis Everingham and Lloyd H. Stevens, Jr., her father.

Ruth Wurst (S) wrote that with the help of James Swackhamer several years ago (former Swackhamer Historian for the Society) she was able to trace her ancestry back to Samuel Swackhamer. Her father was Johnson Gary (b. 2-2-1889; d. 4-16-1950) who was married to Catherine Carkhuff Cole (b. 11-20-1888; d. 9-18-1971). Johnson was the son of Fremont Gary and Margaret Ellen Swackhamer (b. 12-10-1859; d. ____; m. 12-13-1882). Margaret was one of six children born to Jacob S. Swackhamer (b. 5-20-1825; d. ____) and Ellen Wyckoff (b. 6-27-1826). They were married on 10-24-1846 and resided on a farm outside White House, NJ. James Swackhamer was descended from Margaret's brother George Swackhamer through son George Fremont Swackhamer. Jacob's lineage to Samuel is through Roelof (b. 9-8-1787; d.4-20-1846), Conrad (b. 11-30-1720, Altiusheim, Germany; d. 8-1813). Conrad was the son of Samuel.

Communication with Members and Friends (continued)

Fred Sisser III (S) wrote that he is going through back issues of the *Hunterdon County* (New Jersey) *Democrat* in quest of all obituaries, marriages, engagements and biographies as published in this periodical. All that he finds will be placed on file in the library of the Hunterdon County Historical Society. Presently he is searching those issues from 1914 and 1915.

Inasmuch as many Swackhamer family members resided in and about Whitehouse, Hunterdon County, Fred always makes it a point to read the "Local Column" for this area in each issue of the *Democrat*. Almost every copy makes at least one reference to a Swackhamer. He was much impressed when he read the Whitehouse column for 2 September 2014 in which no less than seven members of the family were mentioned. As we move to the new year, 2014, it's interesting read that 100-year-old account.

Another email came from **Joyce Eggleston Hatch** (S) seeking verification of ancestry back to Samuel from her mother Edna Pearl Swackhammer Eggleston, the daughter of Frank Jerome Swackhammer (b. 8 Sept. 1875; d. 7 Feb. 1915) and Olive Greene Swackhammer (b. 15 Mar. 1878; d. 7 Feb. 1915). Joyce believes that Frank was the son of David (b. ca 1848 Rush, PA; d. ca 1926) and Deliah Davis Swackhammer (b. 1855 in PA; d. December, 1925 Rush, PA). David may be the son of Daniel and Nancy Seeley Swackhammer.

An irony of this search is that Joyce's mother, Edna, was only 2 when her mother, Olive, died. Olive's husband, Frank Swackhamer, gave his minor children away to four separate families at the time of Olives' funeral in 1915. Harold (b. unk.) a brother of Edna and Joyce's uncle, was adopted by the Brewer family of Whitney Point, NY. Harold and his wife Ethel had 10 or 11 children—2 boys and the rest girls. The eldest female, Dorothy, died a short time ago. They are interested in learning more about their Swackhammer family history. Does anyone have a connect here?

Please see pages 4 and 5 for the two charts that could not be published in the Summer 2013 Bulletin.

Thanks to all the others who have written and emailed during the year. Space does not permit the inclusion of all the contacts, but they are noted, requested action is taken if possible, and both Dufford and Swackhamer responses are made.



Necrology

Harriett J. (Swackhamer) Mayhood of Maine, N.Y., passed away peacefully at her home January 29, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Bob; sons, Greg (Laurie) Mayhood, Maine, N.Y., Curt (Karen) Mayhood, Gainsville, Tex.; daughter, Mary Jo (John) Ciccarella, Bay Tree Lakes, N.C.; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, Aunt Dorothy Shultz. She is also survived by numerous siblings, nieces and nephews. Harriett graduated from Robert Packer School of Nursing in 1948. Her long career included private duty nursing and many years of service in local hospitals. She retired from UHS in 1985. She loved her flowers and enjoyed spending time at the beach.

Items are needed for the Summer 2014 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by April 15th. See page 2 for contact info.

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WHITEHOUSE.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Dalley, of North Plainfield, were the guests Sunday of former Assemblyman and Mrs. Samuel S. Swackhamer, at their cottage in East Whitehouse.

Miss Mattie Swackhamer, teacher of the primary department of the East Whitehouse public schools, has returned from her vacation visit to her brother, John Swackhamer, at Middletown.

Former Assemblyman Samuel P. Swackhamer, of North Plainfield, made an address on woman's suffrage at the Bungalow Tea Room in East Whitehouse on Saturday evening before a large audience that had gathered there. He gave them some most interesting information on this popular subject.

Postmaster Peter LaTourette, of Whitehouse Station, who recently purchased the cigar and confectionery business of William W. Shampamore, has appointed William C. Swackhamer assistant postmaster. Mr. Swackhamer was formerly the postmaster.

Miss Bertha Swackhamer, of Plainfield, who was spending her vacation with her mother, Mrs. Jane Swackhamer, in East Whitehouse, went to Gladstone last week to visit for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Parker Ramsey.

Swackhamer/Swackhammer Canadian Genealogy

Gerald E. Swackhamer (CA), a participant in the Swackhamer DNA Project provided his descendancy chart. He is an 8th generation descendant from the Swackhamer roots (Samuel Schwechheimer) of Altlussheim, Germany. Gerald (Gerry) E. Swackhamer and Jeffery Richard Hayes are both related to Samuel Swackhamer of Long Valley, NJ. If you are a descendant of Johann (John) or Christopher Swackhamer, let us know so we can expand this chart.

Samuel Frederick Schwechheimer (Swackhamer) b. 2 January 1701, Altlussheim, GR;
d. 3 February 1782 German Valley (Long Valley), NJ; m. 1st Eva Hoffmann b. ca 1700
Hockenheim, GR; d. 1 July 1728, Altlussheim, GR

Johann (John) Conrad Swackhamer b. 27 February 1723, Altlussheim, GR; d. 2 February
1827, German Valley (Long Valley) NJ; m. Unk. date Susanna Margaret Terryberry,
b. ____; d. ____, German Valley (Long Valley), NJ

Christopher Swackhamer b. 8 July 1767, German Valley, (Long Valley) NJ; d. 28 April
1840 buried in Grimsby, Ontario, CA; m. Catherine "Katie" Terryberry, Unk. date,
Location most likely Long Valley

Jacob b. ____ 1794, d. 10 January 1840,
buried Acton, Ontario, CA [note: was in
War of 1812 as Orderly to Gen. Brock]

Christopher b. 14 November 1824; d. 23
July 1914, buried Acton, Ontario, Canada

Jacob b. 25 July 1850, d. 1927, buried
Churchville, Ontario, Canada

Roy b. 11 December 1888; d. 5 October
1939, buried Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Gerald E. Swackhamer b. 31 January 1926
Brampton, Ontario, Canada

Catharine "Treenie" Swackhamer b. 1799 d. ____,
m. Peter Masales b. 1800 Lincoln County,
Ontario, Canada

Christopher Masales b. 1832 d. ____, m. Sarah
Warden b. 1836 in Halton County, Ontario, CA

Mary Elizabeth Masales b. 1862 m. Hiram Thurston
b. 1855 Halton County, Ontario, Canada

Ada Thurston b. 1883; d. ____, m. Frederick Smith
in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Marjorie Smith b. 1911 d. 2000 m. John Loree
Boyton in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Barbara Jean Boyton b. 1943 m. Brian Richard Hayes
In Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

Jeffery Richard Hayes b 1967 m. Kelly Ann Chivers
In Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

An Example of Paternal/Maternal Descendancy

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

The descendant chart shown below is a good example of how families can record their ancestor history. It is not unusual to have some missing data as shown by the blank line segments. Missing data is the challenge of genealogy. Can you fill in any of the blanks? Kelly Hayes would be very interested as she seeks to complete the picture of 10 generations. If you can help just drop Gene Swackhamer an email or a letter and he will put you in touch with Kelly.

1. Samuel Frederick Schwechheimer (Swackhamer) b. 2 January 1701, Altlusheim, Germany; d. 3 February 1782, German Valley (Long Valley), NJ; m. 1st Eva Hoffmann b. ca 1700 Hockenheim, Germany; d. 1 July 1728 Altlusheim, Germany.
2. Johann Conrad, son of Samuel and Eva, b. 27 February 1723, Altlusheim, Germany; d. 2 February 1827, German Valley, NJ; m. Unk. date Susanna Margaret Terryberry. Susanna was (b.____; d. ____), German Valley, NJ.
3. Chjristopher Swackhamer, son of Johann (John) and Susanna, b. 1767 Long Valley, NJ; d. unk. in Canada, m. Catherine "Katie" Terryberry unk date and location, moved to Canada.
4. Catharine "Treenie" Swackhamer b. 1799; d. _____, m. Peter Masales b. 1800 in Lincoln County, Ontario, Canada.
5. Christopher Masales, son of Peter and Catharine, b. 1832; d. ____; m. Sarah Warden b. 1836 in Halton County, Ontario, Canada.
6. Mary Elizabeth Masales, daughter of Peter and Sarah, b. 1862, m. Hiram Thurston b. 1855 in Halton County, Ontario, Canada.
7. Ada Thurston, daughter of Hiram and Mary, b. 1883, m. Frederick Smith in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
8. Marjorie Smith, daughter of Frederick and Ada, b. 1911, d. 2000; m. John Loree Boyton in Toronto, Canada
9. Barbara Jean Hayes, daughter of John and Marjorie, b. 1943, m. Brian Richard Hayes in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada.
10. Jeffery Richard Hayes, son of Barbara and Brian Hayes, b.1967, m. Kelly Ann Chiveers in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.

Facebook for Genealogy by Diane Dufford Yoho

The Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society has a great website for information about the Society. However, a Facebook page could be used for the sharing of family photos. Do you have old family photos that you are not sure who the people in the photos are? Well the Facebook page could be a place where you could post these photos and ask if anyone recognizes the people.

I have started the Swackhmer-Dufford Genealogy Society page on Facebook. I will be posting some of my family photos there. Additional postings through me may not be until after the first of the year since I am getting married in December. However, the page is up and running if anyone would like to post to it now.

Note:

Diane asked if it would be okay to try this for the Society and the July 2013 reunion meeting said, "Sure, give it a try."

CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT by William Cramer

Hello descendants of Philip Dufford. This year, as we conclude the commemoration of the **275th anniversary** of the arrival of Philip Dufford into German Valley, New Jersey (now Middle Valley), we have two contributions.

The first is a repeat article on the history of the founding of our Society beginning with the early picnics of the Dufford's of Long Valley that began meeting annually **since 1928**, mostly on George Dufford's farm in Middle Valley.

The second is by one of our favorite contributors, 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 article she wrote concerning some of our Dufford ancestors connected to us via Magdalene Dufford. **Thank you, Ann**, for your excellent contribution.

Looking Back—Past Family Reunions

From the late 1890s until the end of World War II, annual family reunions were big events. Vacations were planned to coincide with these gatherings and day-long activities took place as families played together, ate picnic lunches together and caught up on family news. Genealogy had not yet become a big thing since most families had not strayed far from their roots and family folklore was pretty well known, at least by the older members. The first officially recorded Swackhamer gathering for extended family members took place in New Jersey on August 16, 1941. Other Swackhamer family reunions were held in Standing Stone, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Missouri.

The Duffords of Long Valley had been meeting annually since 1928, mostly on George Dufford's farm in Middle Valley. With the aging of the original reunion founders, post WWII dispersion of families and the realization that nearly everyone was attending both New Jersey reunions because of extensive family inter-marriages, the Swackhamer Historical Association and the Dufford Family Reunion decided in 1951 to combine into the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. The first combined reunion was held in Long Valley at Zion Lutheran Church on Saturday, July 25, 1953. The initial Bulletin also was published then. With very little change, the combined S-D Genealogical Society has met on the last Saturday of July ever since.

Russell T. Dufford, Jr. of Lynchburg, Virginia, fondly remembers those early reunions. Russell said the Dufford men that he knew, his father Russell Sr., his grandfather Lewis, and others were reserved, polite men of few words, but George Dufford, smaller of stature, was a real extrovert and picnic organizer. Russell Jr. often spent his summers with his grandparents Lewis and Anna Dufford on the 500 acre farm of the Morris County Welfare Home and TB Sanatorium above Morris Plains where his grandfather served for 38 years as its superintendent. He attended the annual Dufford gathering at his great uncle George Dufford's farm in Middle Valley. Russell recalls those day-long events were very much like a county fair with brass bands, dozens of picnic tables overflowing with food, church choral groups performing, the singing of patriotic songs, pony rides for the kids, horseshoe pitching for the men. Everyone in the Valley seemed to be invited. One year the Lt. Governor of New Jersey was the speaker; another time a Rockefeller was there.

From 1953 on, the annual reunions have been just a shadow of those earlier gatherings, but they have provided the opportunity to meet distant cousins and to learn more about family history. The 1976 Bicentennial Reunion was a very special event attended by a hundred or so family and guests. Scott Swackhamer of Macungie, Pennsylvania, recalls attending this first reunion as being both interesting and confusing. It was interesting to learn that many other people also had his name, but he wasn't sure who they were since he had never before met any of them! Buildings constructed of stone also were new to Scott and he found the old Union church structure fascinating as did his sister Sheri who took many black and white photos of the remaining stone structure that she used in a 4-H photography project. The Society continues to provide a forum for family contacts, the sharing of family history, assistance with genealogical research, and communication of findings to a membership (mailing list) of 400. As the descendants of Samuel Swackhamer and Jacob Dufford migrate ever further from Middle Valley, there is a need to find new ways of preserving our family lore and history.

Magdalena Dufford Family Tree by Ann Cook

Magdalena Dufford, daughter of George Stephen, was born in 1779 and died on March 16, 1865. According to the Early Germans of New Jersey by Theodore F. Chamber, published in 1895, page 855 Magdalena married Andrew Wack, son of Casper Wack and Barbara Leidy.

Andrew Wack and his wife, listed as Mary M. Wack, on her tombstone were buried in the Middle Valley Cemetery, New Jersey. Andrew was born in 1781 and died on September 10, 1865.

Magdalena Dufford Family Tree (continued)

Pictured below are Mary Magdalena's tombstone, on the left, and Andrew's tombstone, on the right.



Magdalena's and Andrew's union produced the following children:

1. Mary married William Weyer/Weir;
2. Elisabeth born 1805 married Nicholas McLean (their family was the subject of an article published in the Winter 2011 Bulletin);
3. Ann Barbara born July 19, 1807 married William Linaberry/Lindaberry;
4. Andrew born November 23, 1808 married Naomi Apgar;
5. Sophia married Jacob Rarick;
6. Annie born October 25, 1812 married William Nockrite/Naughtright (their son, William, was the subject of an article published in the Winter 2012 Bulletin);
7. George born December 16, 1813 married Eliza Jane McKay;
8. Casper married Caroline Hoffman; and
9. Magdalena married Silvanus Hoffman

While most are aware of the family tree of Magdalena and her father, George Stephen, few are aware of Andrew's family tree.

Andrew was one of nine children born to Casper Wack and Barbara Leidy. Casper was born in Philadelphia on August 15, 1752, the son of Johannes George Wack (born 1725 in Wittenburg, Germany died 1819) and Elizabeth. Barbara Leidy was the daughter of Jacob Leidy (born 1719 and died 1794) and Elizabeth Nyce/Neiss/deNyce (born 1723 and died May 14, 1798). Rev. Casper Wack and Elizabeth were married on April 18, 1776.

The Rev. Casper Wack had the distinction of being the first native born American boy to enter the ministry of the German Reformed Church. (Brief biographical sketches of the ministers who served the Christ Reformed Congregation of Lower Saucon Church during the one hundred and ninety-two years of her history, page 16). In fact, it has been said that Rev. Casper Wack was the first ordained by the authorities of the Reformed Church in this country (A history of the Tohickon Union Church, Bedminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania: with copy of church records, Reformed congregation, 1745-1869. Lutheran congregation, 1749-1840, Meadville, Pa.: Press of the Tribune Pub. Co., 1925, page 44).

Rev. Wack's ministry began in Tohickon on November 23, 1771. He also served at Indian Creek from 1772 to 1781; Traumbauer from 1772 to 1782; Nockamixon from 1773 to 1782. He then became the pastor of German Valley, Fox Hill and Rockaway, New Jersey churches from 1782 to 1809. From there he went to Germantown, Pennsylvania, where he was the first to introduce English preaching into the services of that congregation.

While peaching in Pennsylvania, Rev. Wack's great patriotism and sympathy for the Revolutionary cause was well known. In fact, there is a story where Rev. Wack was preaching in English near the American camp during the Revolutionary War (Lt. Col. Jacob Reed Proceedings at the Dedication of the Monument Erected to his Memory in Franconia Township, Pennsylvania, W.H. Reed, 1905, page 106).

Donations from Members and Friends

The following donors have made contributions from May 1 through Dec 1, 2013. Every effort is made not to miss anyone, but with donations coming in cash at the annual meeting, by check, from 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.

Charlotte E. Arndt (NJ), registration for reunion.

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Ruth Wurst (S) (PA), donation through the purchase of *The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer ...*

Dick and Sheri Zingmark (SC), donation to S-D Society general fund.

Update on the Swack Church by Gene Swackhamer

In the Summer 2013 Bulletin, page 4-5, a short story introduced the restoration efforts of Joan and Jeff Chiu and friends to save the 1805-1860 Bethel Lutheran Church Cemetery from destruction due to neglect, community indifference, weather, aging and overgrowth of trees and vegetation. It is a commendable effort and an act of respect for ancestors.

Although no known Swackhamer gravesites have been found, Reverend Lambert Swackhamer was the founder of the church and Jacob Swackhamer was a prominent stone mason during church construction. The church and cemetery are located just a few miles north of Califon, NJ.

Jeff, Joan and Jeff Williamson attended the summer 2013 Swackhamer-Dufford Reunion meeting to report progress and to explain how restoration is being undertaken. The primary effort of 2013 has been to remove unwanted trees, vines and brush, to salvage tombstones and map the locations of partial stones, and to plat gravesites for further research and confirmation with ground-penetrating radar. The photo below is of the fall work-group now being called the "Swack Pack."



L to R. First Row:

Nola Wunderlich, Marge Rowland, Sharon Smith, Joan Chiu, Karen Lance Hulick, Lance Hulick (youth), Bud Hulick and Jeff Cox

L to R. Second Row:

Kelly Lindheimer, Tom Bodall, Mike Phillips, Billy _____, _____ Banj, Doug Newbold, Abe Bunn and Bill _____

Missing from photo but helping:

Chris Olewink and the Brezney's, owners of Sunshine Tree and Landscape Company

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