

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 2014 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

Donn Dufford of Pasadena, California, commented on my letter in the winter 2013 *Bulletin* saying that his new year's resolution is to spend more time on writing family history and less time on research. He further said that he gets lost in his research notes which overwhelm the story telling. I'd like to know his progress on his 2014 resolution, but I'm afraid to inquire. I keep thinking of Burns' famous poetic line, "The best-laid schemes (i.e. plans) o' mice an' men, gang aft a-gley."

I know Donn's feeling. I'm beginning to think that the best place for me to do further genealogical research is in my own files and records. With increasing frequency I'm rediscovering some forgotten item or name that now makes more sense that it did originally! For example, reading in my own book on the emigration of Samuel to the American colonies I relied upon research about the politics, economics, war and weather of the Altlusheim locale, and the hardships and diseases to suggest reasons why he might have been willing to leave family, friends and home for a new world. Now, however, after two visits to Altlusheim and reading translations from the church records, it just might be possible that the family wasn't too disappointed in seeing Samuel go. One pastor wrote, "Samuel can be disruptive of meetings; he drinks too much; he drinks two times his shoes!" What? The translation from **Dr. Wolfgang Grams** was that peasant farmers had to work nearly three months to earn enough to buy a pair of shoes and Samuel could apparently drink the equivalent of two pairs in one night. Perhaps it is no wonder that the early Germans of Long Valley would carry their shoes to Zion Church in Germantown, putting them on as they neared the church.

Genealogy should be fun and the stories undiluted. One genealogy instructor once told the class that if we liked the stories we had always heard about our families, then we should just go home and choose another hobby, perhaps fishing where good stories abound. He then said, however, if we stuck with it we would need to learn to dance with skeletons. I've been doing that dance ever since, but I keep fishing as a backup interest. It does produce good stories. This past summer my youngest grandson, an expert fly fisherman, trout fished with his dad, older brother and a guide on two of Colorado's best fishing rivers, the Frying Pan and Roaring Fork. Collectively they caught and released 70 trout, many of trophy size. My son caught one, my oldest grandson caught two and the youngest grandson caught the remaining 67! It obviously wasn't just luck. Who will believe that fishing story one-hundred years from now if I don't write about it?

Bring your stories to the Long Valley, New Jersey, family reunion on Saturday, July 26, at Zion Lutheran Church. The best door prize of the day will go to the best story told. Use the enclosed registration form to reserve your place in their new air-conditioned fellowship hall. If you came years ago, it is time for a renewed visit. In the past decade no one has expressed disappointment. Instead comments of "best food ever, I earned so much, I'm so glad we made the effort to attend, what a fun day, and wonderful talks and workshops" have been common. I look forward to seeing you in July.

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

[Note: Except for officers of the Society, postal addresses, phone numbers and email addresses are not included in the Bulletin unless specifically requested. If you desire to contact someone mentioned in one of the articles, just send your name and contact information to the Editor, who will forward it.]

Bill Cramer (D) wrote that one of our Dufford/Terriberry descendants is looking for any Terriberry/Terryberry/Teraberry/Terriberry/Derenberger/Durrenberger, etc. relatives to connect to her. If you are a Terriberry or are related to a Terriberry or know of a Terriberry, please email Bill Cramer, the Dufford Historian, at bcj1226@optonline.net so he may connect you.

Glenn and Merle Duncan of Ontario, Canada, wrote that Merle is a descendant of Samuel Swackhamer through son Johann, and his son Christopher, his daughter Catherine and her son Jacob Massles; his daughter Minnie and her son Thomas Allan.

Rose McGowan of Freedom, PA wrote that she is a direct descendant of Samuel through her mother, Dorothy May Swackhamer.

From South Bethany, DE **John Blumenstein** wrote about his Tufford relative, Helen Tufford, born 1897 in Ramsey, ND, to parents Asahel and Nancy Tufford.

In 2014 New Jersey is celebrating the 350th anniversary of the arrival of Palatines to the colony. **George Apgar**, better known as "Poor Palatine Patriot Georg" when in his peasant farmer costume, has worked tirelessly to promote this celebration of ancestors. At times it has been frustrating for George to get event volunteers and to find public servants that share his enthusiasm for this celebration, but overall he has led a successful effort to inform, to encourage participation and to answer the question, "Why should we care?" Our July 26 reunion meeting is a part of the year-long anniversary celebration. Your participation on Saturday, July 26 can be your thank you to the many early settlers that established a new democracy and tamed a frontier.

Steve Jones (D/S) of Kensington, MD is related to both families. His great grandfather was George Stephen Dufford and George was married to Hattie Swackhamer, his grandmother. The combining of our two family societies in the early 1950s was mostly due to these continuing inter-family marriages.

Steve said that he is currently reading the history of William Seward, the Secretary of State under President Lincoln. During the years 1838-1859 Conrad Swackhamer was a prominent attorney in New York City and edited the United States Democratic Review, a highly regarded magazine of that time. Conrad also was an elected delegate to the New York Constitutional Convention of 1846. Do we have any readers related to this Conrad? Can anyone supply additional stories of his career? If so, please contact Steve.

Communication with Members and Friends (continued)

Gloria Muir of Fanshawe College in Woodstock, Ontario, emailed that she is a descendant of Christopher and Catrina Swackhammer Kern. Their son Philbert (1773-1850) married Ann Roelofson. To this union son Samuel (1812-1895) was born and he married Mary Jane Bullis. Their only child Hannah (1842-1922) married Joseph Symons (1829-1907). Their son Edgar Symons (1865-1943) married Lena Innes (1873-1960). Their daughter Clara Symons (1894-1974) married James Muir (1887-1975) and their son, Symons (1919-1998) is Gloria's father. Gloria has indicated that she would be interested in sharing information with anyone connecting to this lineage.

Correspondence during the past year from **Walter Sharp** outlines his descent from Samuel's third wife. Samuel Swackhammer is Walter's 6th great grandfather. The chart is as follows:

Samuel Friedrich (Schwechheimer, Gr. spelling), Schwackhamer (Colonial Eng. spelling), Swackhammer or Swackhammer (current spellings) (1701-1782) m. 3rd Elizabeth Miller after 1732.

Catherine "Katie" Swackhamer (1733-1815) First daughter, m. Carns per Samuel's will or Kern per Walter's chart

Anna Mary (Swackhammer) Kern (1752-1787), daughter of Catherine

Matthias Trimmer (1785-1851) son of Anna Mary Kern

Catherine Caroline Trimmer (1825-1887), daughter of Matthias Trimmer

Matthias Trimmer Sharp (1852-1926), son of Catherine Caroline Trimmer

Morris Welch Sharp (1878-1965), son of Matthias Trimmer Sharp

Walter Frederick Sharp (1913-2003), son of Morris Welch Sharp

Walter John Sharp (1944-), son of Walter Frederick Sharp

Gene Swackhamer hosted interesting visitors, the Deputy Mayor of Altlussheim, Germany, Matthias Steffan and his girlfriend (of 10 years) Stephanie. They were in the U.S. on vacation to visit friends in Virginia. Matthias was sorry to be absent during the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society 2010 visit to Altlussheim and wanted to come by, say "Hello". He extended greetings from Harmut Beck, the Mayor of Altlussheim. Matthias is currently a candidate for reelection to the Altlussheim Council and indicated a desire to find a way for the S-D Society and Altlussheim to work jointly on some project big or small.

Stephanie and Matthias were introduced to some good American wine during a nice dinner visit enjoyed by those pictured below. In the discussion Gene learned that Matthias too has an ancestor named Schwechheimer, but of a different branch of the family than the one from which Samuel descended. Gene supposes that this is not unusual because the same things happen here in many communities. It might also explain why Frederich Schwechheimer of Geinsheim, across the Rhine River was unknown to the Altlussheim Schwechheimers.



Pictured from left to right are Steffen Drees (S), Sharon Swackhamer, Gene Swackhamer, Jill Drees (S), Stephanie, and Matthias Steffan.

Matthias also brought a copy of a letter written in old German. Please see the story on page 5.

Necrology

In 2006 on a whim I drove across the South Branch of the Raritan River and up the lane to the home of Virginia Allen, a long-time member of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy society. We had never met. I wasn't even sure if I was at the correct address. I rapped on the screen door and there was no answer. I could see someone in a rocking chair sound asleep. I thought about just leaving, but timidly I knocked again a little louder. The lady awoke without a bit of embarrassment and was immediately alert inviting me in for some iced tea, which I accepted. For the next two hours we exchanged stories about our lives and interests.—hers about carrying milk and eggs up the hill from the Neighbor farm and mine about weekly butter making and traditional winter-time butchering. It was a delightful afternoon. We never met or spoke again. We didn't need to; our genealogical bond was sealed. —G.L. Swackhamer

Virginia Wood (Baerenrodt) Allen, 97 of Long Valley, NJ died Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Hackettstown Regional Medical Center. She was born on January 14, 1916 in Bloomfield, NJ and spent her summers in Long Valley from age nine until high school. She attended school at what is now the Washington Township Municipal building from September until November when the family moved back to Bloomfield for the winter.

Virginia attended the University of Delaware and graduated in 1938 with a degree in Biology. She returned to Long Valley with her family and worked in the payroll department of A.P. Smith in Bloomfield. She married Wilber R. Allen in 1943 and was a substitute teacher in Washington Township Schools in the early 1950s. She was a long-time member and Sunday school teacher at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley and was a member of the Washington Township Historical Society. Virginia wrote the book, "A History of Washington Township 1890-1900" published by the Historical Society. She was a friend of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society for decades.

Virginia was predeceased by her husband, Wilber. She is survived by two sons, Robert J. Allen of Long Valley and W. Paul Allen of Canton, N.Y., a daughter, Anita L. Beebe of Hackettstown, N.J., four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



FAMILY CRESTS by Gene L. Swackhamer

An inquiry about family crests and coat-of-arms came from William J. Swackhamer of Richmond, Virginia. He was curious about our *Bulletin* cover and asked if the Swackhamers and Duffords had family crests?

The simple answer is that only European Royalty had family crests; all of the "poor Palatine" emigrants from which we descend were of a lower peasant class. All of the crests, shields and coats-of-arms attributed to the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society are the result of imaginative and energetic artists. The current cover of the *Bulletin* was first used in 1981-82 and is described on page 5 of the summer 1982 *Bulletin* as follows:

The tree topping the shield is symbolic of growth, life, knowledge and strong roots. Trees and vines are common shield adornments. So, too, is the use of quadrants to represent combining of families, vocation and homeland. The upper left quarter contains an Indian peace pipe reflecting our ancestors' ability at coexistence with the Indians and the Eagle head was a typical symbol of Germanic lineage. The upper right quarter contains a Christian cross and an olive branch symbolizing the faith and peacefulness of Pilgrims. The American eagle in the same quadrant with a breast shield of crossbars represented the Colonies—their new home. The lower left quarter has a shock of wheat, symbol of the common vocation of Palatines and the years 1731-1981 represent 250 years of agrarian roots in America. The lower right quarter is divided with the crown representing the King of England and his authority prior to 1776 and the shield with crossbars is said to be the old French Dufford-Huguenots symbol.

Perhaps a reader will know who designed this shield for the society. Shields were used for both protection in the days of hand combat and as a quick identifier of friend or foe. They became popular family history mementos in the United States. In the mid-1900s heraldry (artistic interpretation of family history) was often seen at craft fairs and numerous companies promoted family crests as treasured family gifts. One such example is from the Baltimore Publishing Company that released *Armorial General*, by J. B. Rietstap (vol.2), in 1965 (Library of Congress Card No. 65-21472). It is a large compendium of family crests and has one for Schwachheim(er) with a statement that it was registered 19 September 1770. The book is written in French and shown below is my translation of the coat-of-arms description in English. A photo of a painting of this crest accompanies this article.

Swackhamer shield quartered: Quarters 1 and 4 of silver with three acorns of natural color; quarters 2 and 3 of blue with a crampon of gold in the shape of Z. Two facing helmets cap the shield crested with crowns: From the crown of the sinister helmet rises an oak tree with three acorns in natural state. The mantle of the knight's cloak of silver and red. From the dexter helmet (helmet of the gentleman always faces shield holder's right) is the bust of a man clothed in blue with a clerical or academic collar of silver and a hat also of blue. The mantle is of gold and blue. The gold ribbon is for a motto or inscription though apparently none was ever registered.

An Old Schwechheimer Letter

During the April, 2014 visit of Altlussheim Deputy Mayor, Matthais Steffan, with Gene Swackhamer, Matthais presented a copy of an original letter in old German. The letter was dated 22 January 1692 and Matthais believed that it might be the oldest written word and signature of a Schwechheimer (Swackhamer). Matthais said that he was related to the letter's author, Johann Konrad Schwechheimer. He also was pretty sure that Johann was of a different family branch than Samuel, but given the small population of Lussheim at that time, they surely were related.

The motivation for this letter most likely related to the 1691 destruction of Lussheim by French troops during the Palatinate War of Succession. The war was the result of claims to territory by Liselotte of Palatine, sister-in-law of King Louis XIV of France. The letter to the Duke of Wuerttemberg, Lord of the territory of Lussheim, describes their dire situation and the need for the previously appointed Mayor, Erhard Heinrich Bub, to return from Ettlingen where he currently resides, and represent the town and the needs of its people before authorities in Heidelberg.

English translation by Steffen Drees, May 10, 2014:

"Your Highness, Generous Duke and Lord,

The miserable condition of your poor subordinates in Lussheim, caused by the sudden attack by French troops 3 years ago is indescribable. Not only theft and looting, several accounts of arson, but 2 years without supervision even 2 years after the war has left us in misery. Almost a third of the population died and we have 18 citizens, 13 widows, 28 orphans left, which cannot be cared for as nobody wants to name a guardian for the children.

When we were in Heidelberg last year due to the fact that apart from the Town Hall and the church, no house is whole due to the arson, and that we want to sow the fields with God's help, we had no adequate lawyer to represent our plea. However we are doomed to die with 60 people of which many are orphans and widows should we not have a mayor soon.

Therefore, we ask your Highness to order Mayor Erhard Heinrich Bub, who was appointed last year, to return to Lussheim from his abode in Ettlingen, so he can fulfill his oath to lead us truthfully.

Your Faithful People,
Lussheim, Maulbroom 22 Jan 1692

In the name of the village,

Johann Schmid, lawyer, and Johann Konrad Schwechheimer; Johann Thomas Brauch and Johann Wendel Rieb, witnesses."

Biographical Note:

Johann Konrad Schwechheimer served as Mayor of Lussheim 1693-1699. He died March 18, 1704. His heir was Johann Adam Schwechheimer. Johann had 7 children: 3 boys and 4 girls. In order of birth they were Maria Benedikte (8 July 1664), Maria Agnes (15 June 1667), Johann Adam (26 May 1675, died 3 April 1748), Johann Leonhard (10 January 1678, died 28 June 1758), Eva Marie (21 September 1682), Johannes (14 December 1699, died 24 March 1728) and Johannes Bartholomaeus (2 February 1702, died 13 June 1781). In the 1600s women had no official standing in Lussheim and their date of death was not noted.



Old Swack Church Graveyard and Foundation Restoration Update

At the 2013 annual reunion **Jeff and Joan Chiu** provided an update on the restoration project and addressed the challenges of determining ownership of the former church grounds, organizing clean-up days to remove unwanted vegetation and trees, and establishing a long-term organization for care of the cemetery. They have continued to make progress. Removal of trees and undergrowth was perhaps the easiest part of the project. Establishing ownership, organizing for the future and funding this undertaking have been the real challenges.

The 'Old Swack Church Work Group' has decided to affiliate with The Mount Amwell Project, Inc., a Hunterdon County 501 c 3 charity formed in 2006 to assist towns, boroughs and interested organizations in addressing the needs of abandoned cemeteries. Within the legal structure of Mount Amwell, it will hold title to the Swackhammer Church grounds and manage funds for the Swackhammer Church Project. The Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society financial support, as well as private donations, has been placed in this fund. Joan reported that the cost of recording the deed, securing insurance, paying attorney fees, etc. will total around \$1260.00, most of which they now have in hand.

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Old Swack Church Update (continued from page 5)

Going forward the Swackhammer Church Group will need to organize, establish some rules of operation, select a board of directors and designate representatives to represent its interests with the Mt. Amwell Project. The Swackhamer Group will not need to officially form as a charity. All future donations should be made payable to "The Mount Amwell Project, Inc." with the Swackhamer Church Project identified on the notation line. Donations should be sent to Jeff and Joan Chiu, 707 Broadway, Bangor, PA 18013 so they can budget for pending projects such as headstone restoration, foundation stabilization, and site maintenance. They will make the deposits to Mt. Amwell.

A May 3, 2014, tour of the former Mt. Bethel Lutheran Church of Pastor Lambert Swackhammer by county historical associations and the general public will be reported at our July 26 reunion meeting.

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 articles: 1) "**DUFFORD—The Origin of a Name**" by myself; and 2) "**Lineage of Magdalena Dufford**" 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, Ann has shared with us, and continues to share with us, excellent article/articles she has written concerning some of our Dufford ancestors, especially those connected to us via Magdalene Dufford. We would also like to acknowledge Ann Cook and her husband Bob Cook's 35 years of continuous philanthropic work. In 1978, they helped deliver the first Thanksgiving baskets to those in need in the Louisville, Kentucky metropolitan area. Since that time their philanthropic work has continued and grown to also include Christmas presents, monthly and emergency food baskets, disaster and emergency relief work, and medical and prescription assistance to those socio-economically disadvantaged. Most recently they have continued their volunteer work in a charity they co-founded in rural Kentucky. The Cooks also host an annual Halloween event at their farm for the children of their county.

Thank you, Ann and Bob, for all you do for others and, of course, for your excellent genealogical contributions to our Society.

DUFFORD—THE ORIGIN OF A NAME by William Cramer

In reviewing our bulletins over the past 60 years (the first bulletin being the Summer of 1953), much, much, **MUCH** has been written about the origin of the name "Dufford". Country of origin has included France, Germany, Prussia, Luxemburg, England and the Netherlands. In this **two- part** article, I will share with you what previous Dufford historians, Society Presidents and Bulletin Editors have researched and reported. Never did I think that this would be such an interesting, and controversial, and deeply-researched topic. The 2nd part of this article will appear in the next bulletin. I am "officially" not drawing any conclusions but leave the thoughts to all of you. So here we go:

From the SDGS **Winter 1953 bulletin**, we read from George Dufford, father of the Society's first President, Marjorie Dufford Logan: "The name was originally De Ford and originated in La Mans in the province of Orne, France. Religious persecution caused an exodus to other countries such as England, Germany and Holland. In those days of illiteracy the spelling of the name became confused because of the various pronunciations in the different countries. Hence the name has been spelled De Four, De Voor, Toffort, Duffort, Tuffert, Tefort, Dufford and Du Ford. "On September 11, 1738 the ship Robert and Oliver, Captain Roberts, Master, delivered to Philadelphia, among others, Philip Du Ford Senior, Philip Du Ford Jr., and George Stephen, son of Philip Jr."

From the SDGS **Winter 1980 Bulletin**, we read, from the Bulletin editors: "Russell Dufford is awaiting final translation on his correspondence from France, however, he wrote the New York Public Library and the Library of Congress re: the Dufford name. He heard from both. They informed him that there was a village of Dufford in France in the 19th century deep in the village of Gers – bordering on the Pyrennes Mountains in extreme southern France near the border of Spain. Russell will be sending more translations as they become available."

From the SDGS **Summer 1981 Bulletin**, we read from Russell Dufford, the Dufford Family Historian: "The name Dufford as we know it today has become changed over the past 300 years. Du is French and means "OF THE", ford is English, they came on an Irish Boat, so perhaps the "d" was attached then. Fort is German and since Philip was a Major in the Prussian army the "t" was added. The original name was DU FOUR. Four means over or furnace in French. In those times, 1700's, there was a community over where local folks brought their bread, cakes, etc. to the community over to be baked. So our forefather tended the oven or watched the bread that it wouldn't burn."

Interesting, isn't it! More to follow.

Lineage of Magdalena Dufford - Continuing Research by Ann Cook

Sonora Tims born 1858 and died 1941 was the daughter of John Tims (born 1831 and died 1907) and his wife, Elizabeth McLean (born 1834 and died 1913). (It should be noted that John Tims was the subject of an article in Summer 2011.) Elizabeth McLean was the daughter of Nicholas McLean and Elizabeth Wack. Elizabeth Wack was the daughter of Andrew Wack and Magdalena Dufford. Magdalena was the daughter of George Stephen Dufford. Sonora was born on June 6, 1858 and died January 20, 1941 in Hackettstown, New Jersey. Below is a photograph of her tombstone located in Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, New Jersey.



At the time of her death, Mrs. Sonora Heed, was an 82 year old widow of Lewis Heed. She died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Shaw, of Franklin Avenue, Hackettstown, where she made her home. According to her obituary she was survived by her daughter, Harriett Marjorie Heed Shaw, and her three sisters: Mrs. A.C. Gilson, Mrs. Lillian T. Borrowes of Bloomfield; and Mrs. M.T. Bryant of La Grange Ill. She was a member of the Hackettstown Methodist Church, the Woman's League and the Woman's Club.

What was interesting was that in the Will of Sonora's husband, Lewis Heed, there was a mention of Sonora having another daughter, Elizabeth Morgan. This began the questions - who was Elizabeth Morgan and why was there no mention of her in Sonora's obituary. Could it be that Elizabeth Morgan had predeceased Sonora? If that was so, why was Elizabeth Morgan not buried in the family cemetery plot?

Delving further into Sonora's past reveals that she had been married twice. According to [The Lundy Family and Their Descendents of Whatsoever Surname](#), by William C. Armstrong, published 1902 on page 283, Sonora's first marriage was to Edward B. Morgan (born December 17, 1855 in Pennsylvania and died August 31, 1943). He was the son of James B. Morgan (born 1819 and died 1893) and Phebe Flagler (born 1827 and died 1890). Sonora and Edward had apparently met in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania during the time when Sonora's father, John Tims, operated a hotel in Stroudsburg as they were married on January 11, 1881 in the Stroudsburg area. According to the Monroe County, Pennsylvania Prothonotary a divorce was later filed as case number 4 December 1892. The divorce was granted December 23, 1895 (Monroe County, Pennsylvania Prothonotary Office).

[The Lundy Family and Their Descendents of Whatsoever Surname](#) on page 283 also solved the mystery as to Elizabeth Morgan as the book indicated that Sonora and Edward had two children, Lizzie born May 31, 1882 and James born January 27, 1887.

Now, another interesting question arose. Why in the Will of Lewis Heed was there only mention of Elizabeth Morgan and no mention of James. Could it be that James had predeceased the writing of the Will?

A search of cemetery and death records soon closed the mystery as to why James had not been mentioned in Lewis Heed's Will. Apparently, James had died on March 31, 1905 and was laid to rest in the Stroudsburg Cemetery, Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania. Below, on the left, is a photograph of his tombstone.



As to Elizabeth Morgan, she married Frederick Bossard in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. Their union produced twin daughters, Katherine and Elizabeth. Above, on the right, is a photograph of twins tombstone courtesy of the Reese family.

Donations from Members and Friends

The following donors have made contributions from Dec 1, 2013 through May 1, 2014. 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 appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951.

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

Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion
Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853
Saturday, July 26, 2014, 9am to 3pm

THEME: Genealogy is More Than Dates; It also is Family History

Everyone is invited to attend the annual reunion of the S-D Society on Saturday, July 26 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, Bill Cramer, coordinator of the Dufford Family History, will discuss his family history research trip to the Ukraine and Gene Swackhamer will discuss "The Dash of Life," that line between birth and death.

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 350th anniversary of the arrival of Palatines in the New Jersey colony. Following lunch at 1:00 pm will be a workshop on "Journaling" and selection of the "best" family history story. A brief business session will be held and Jeff and Joan Chiu and friends will give an update on the "Old Swack Church" and graveyard restoration project. 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 \$ _____.

Children under 16 attending (free) No. _____.

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

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