

# 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 2014 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

Preparing a letter of greeting more than a month in advance of the Bulletin production and distribution is always a challenge. It's too early to be a Holiday Greeting and difficult to set a theme when the content is still uncertain. We all live with uncertainty and change and learning how to cope with these elements helps determine personal satisfaction and achievement. One change that challenges me is the blurring of traditions. Here are some examples.

In October while shopping in Sears, I saw an artificial Christmas tree with Halloween decorations on it! In November preparing for a trip to Spain to visit a grandson spending a semester at Alicante University, my wife sought counsel from the telephone company on adapting her cell phone for international phone calls. The agent was surprised that she would want to make an international phone call, saying that most cell phone users want I-tunes, take photos and do texting. Why make a call? Another example: I was taught to send hand written "Thank You" notes. I have boxes of notes, but only email and cell phone addresses. Perhaps an email thank you is okay and certainly better than none at all, but as the sender I feel that my appreciation lacks true sincerity. I have read that even some school districts have stopped teaching script hand writing. This list could go on, but my point is even a genealogy society must deal with change and uncertainty.

We can distribute this Bulletin as a PDF file at a cost much lower than printing and mailing a hard copy. However, only 40 of 330 on the mailing list have requested email distribution. Also, a new problem is emerging with permanent electronic records on floppy disks and cassette tapes. They can deteriorate beyond readability. Some libraries and organization such as ours have lost their historic records. The written word may someday be our equivalent of the "Dead Sea Scrolls!" What do you think about change and uncertainty? I would like to know your thoughts—a written note would be just fine, but if you have moved on with change, an email will do.

For traditional societies such as DAR and SAR, DNA proof of ancestry poses an interesting challenge. Is it the equivalent of a written record or inferior to the written word? Its accuracy is scientifically sound and has proven that some prisoners on death row are innocent victims of a traditional eye witness system. Thinking of science and change, using computers and knowledge of the Aramaic language, missing sections of the Dead Sea Scrolls have been recreated providing a more complete story. If you are a male Swackhamer and want to participate in the Swackhamer Surname Family Tree DNA study, I have four kits purchased during a special sale last year that I will sell to you at my cost. You can find out if you are adopted or a descendant of Samuel.

The 2015 reunion gathering will be on Saturday, July 25, at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, New Jersey. I hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

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Current and past Bulletins are located here. Put your comments or questions in the "Guest Book". The site is monitored and you will get a response.

Throughout the Bulletin, (D) represents a Dufford connection, (S) for Swackhamer, (S&D) both families, and (F) for friend of the Society.

## Communication with Members and Friends

An inquiry from **Patricia Waidner**, Librarian, Lancaster Public Library, Lancaster, CA, was received asking if SDGS might be interested in a surplus book "Swackhamers Across America" that was selected for their annual book sale. I agreed to acquire the book for the Washington Township Library thinking that it might have previously unknown genealogy, but it was mostly a standard promotional product of a genealogy company. It does have a table of Swackhamer names, probably from phone books, of the 1940s.

An email was received from **Ruth Marie Pennay Thingelstad** (KS) requesting information on Altlusheim for granddaughter, Bethany, planning to travel there.

Another email was received from **Joey King** (TN) requesting information on the origin of the name **Swack**. He wanted to know if it might have originated from Swackhamer. Inquiries made since have not revealed any connection between the two names. If you know of any Swacks, Joey would like to hear from you at [jbranger@aol.com](mailto:jbranger@aol.com).

**Sandy Dufford** (CA) emailed regarding missing member, Raymond L. Dufford of Loveland, CO. Bill Cramer was able to answer her inquiry.

At the 2014 reunion **Pamala Della Torre** (S) from Bremerton, WA, brought a wealth of information on west coast Swackhamers. A listing is included here for anyone wanting to do further research.

What's It All About, one-page poem from Court Prisk, 1997  
Swackhamer Family Interviews by Court Prisk, 3 pages  
Descendants of Robert Edward Swackhamer, Jr., 5 pages with hand-written updates  
Swackhamer Family Tree charts, 2 pages  
Fleming Family Tree chart, 1 page  
Book Chapter 8 and 9, "The Swackhamers," draft of 1997, pp 59-67, 76 and chapter 12 page 17 and 72-90  
Letter from Louella Swackhamer dated 3 November 1997, pages 2-19

**Georg Apgar** (F) sent a notice of the 2015 Annual National Palatine Conference, to be held in the Crown Plaza Hotel in Harrisburg, PA, on June 24 – 27, 2015. RSVP to Georg by April 24, 2015, by calling 732-297-6686.

## Necrology

**Richard Anton Wilson**, a good friend of the Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society and a regular attendee of Long Valley reunions, passed away peacefully on August 5, 2014 in Sayre, Pa. He was 76. Born in Roseland, NJ, he was graduated from Seton Hall University in the ROTC program. Enlisting as a second lieutenant, he served in the U.S. Army for 26 years and retired as a lieutenant colonel.

He and his wife, Bonnie Hargreaves (D) Wilson, settled in Deltona, Fla., and Morris Run, Pa. He was warm, loving and deeply spiritual. In addition, he was a wealth of information, was inventive, and loved both the outdoors and his pets. His family was his pride and joy. Dick and Bonnie were active participants in the Society sharing their knowledge of Germany from a long-term career residency there. Dick was an avid photographer and enjoyed capturing candid photos of the annual reunion and Dufford historic locations in Morris County, NJ. He loved the reunions and said that he always learned something new from the presentations.

Mr. Wilson is survived by his wife of 56 years, Bonnie, who was raised in West Caldwell, NJ; his three daughters, Christine Clore and her husband, David, of San Antonio, Texas, Wendy Wilson and her husband, Bart Norman, of Orange City, Fla., and Lisa Van Nieuwenhoven and her husband, Robert, of Deltona, Fla.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; his sisters, Sally Smith of Livingston, NJ, Mary Ann Straub of Caldwell, NJ, and Margaret Ferrigni of St. Louis, Mo.; and a large extended family from the local area. He was predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Wilson.



## 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 one article: “**DUFFORD—The Origin of a Name, Part 2**” by myself.

### DUFFORD—THE ORIGIN OF A NAME Part 2 by William Cramer

As I began in the last bulletin to explain, in reviewing our bulletins over the years 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 2<sup>nd</sup> part of a **two- part** article, I will continue to share 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. In fact this 2<sup>nd</sup> part adds another possible nationality – Switzerland.

Quick review- We learned 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**”. We learned from Russell Dufford “the village of Dufford in France, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was near the village of Gers – bordering on the Pyrennes Mountains in extreme southern France near the border of Spain. We learn from Russell Dufford the following year that “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.

**In the Winter 1982 bulletin**, Russell Dufford expands even further saying: “Dufford – a community in Gers, escapes, as far as I know, every attempt to explain it. It cannot be separated from Diffort, a hamlet in the community of Steinsel located in Alzette (**Luxemburg**), Tiefurt(Germany) and from the place name in English of Dofford, which is also known as a family name. The name Diffort is fairly wide-spread in France. The name Durfort is used by four communities in France: they are Ariege, Tarn, Tarn-et-Garonne, and Card. The French author, Vincent, also refers to Durfort in Aube which, in 1093, was already known under the name Durfort, the others all going back to Duro-fortes. Durfort as a counterpart in Durford in Great Britain. The mutual origin of these two place-names must be in the name Turward. Aube (above) is just to the south east of Paris. In speaking to French people today and you mention Huguenots or Duffords, they say that these people banded together and formed a community away from large cities and built a fort or barricade around their village to protect themselves from attack by people of different faith. Thus they were called “Man from the Fort.”

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**In the Summer 1999 bulletin**, Russell Dufford gives us even more interesting yet challenging information. Russell tells us: “Recently while attending a class reunion, one of his former students mentioned the subject of genealogy and he, of course, pursued it. This student has searched on the Internet and provided the following information. A record of Robert d’Ufford – 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Suffolk, England est. born 1241, married 1265, died 1303 and had a daughter Katherine D’Ufford est. born 1273. Robert D’Ufford Sr. est. born 1247-1276, est. died 1301-1361. He married Cecily Deurloines – est. born 1256, est. died 1301. They had a son Robert D’Ufford - born August 10, 1298, est. died 1333-1389. A Robert D’Ufford married a Margaret DeNorwich born 1302, est. died 1333-1389. All the just mentioned names are from England.”

**In the Summer 2007 Bulletin**, Russell Dufford, our Dufford Family Historian for decades now, writes his last article on his deeply researched passion of searching for the true nationality of Philip and Jacob Dufford. His excellent article now follows: “**Searching for the True Nationality of Phillip and Jacob Dufford**” by *Russell T. Dufford, Jr., Dufford Family Historian*.

**Searching for the True Nationality of Phillip and Jacob Dufford  
by Russell T. Dufford, Jr.**

The book, *Early Germans of New Jersey* by Hermann Theodore F. Chambers, implies that the Duffords were most likely French Huguenots from France, and that they arrived in Philadelphia aboard the sailing ship “Robert and Oliver” on September 11, 1738. George Dufford, a founder of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society, embraced Chamber’s writings and based upon his own interviews with visiting Frenchmen concluded that the family most likely originated around LeMons, France, where the name was quite common. Over time and with further research others are less sure of the French origin. A genealogist, who I heard speak at one of our annual meetings, noted that much of Chamber’s conclusions were derived from the research of Israel Daniel Rupp of Pennsylvania. Rupp had been appointed by the state of Pennsylvania to document early emigration records. He used students lacking in German, Dutch and French language skills to do much of the work and numerous mistranslations resulted. Chambers perpetuated these errors. One error that I specifically recall the speaker mentioning was that the ship was not the “Robert and Oliver, as cited by Chambers but was the “Robert and Alice” and its arriving passenger manifest lists only the names of Phillip and Jacob Dufford, any others presumably being minors. These oversights do not make the conclusions wrong, but they have invited additional inquiry, which has raised additional doubts about the presumed French connection.

Research by Annette Kunselman Burgert as published in *Eighteenth Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America* makes a compelling argument for the Dufford family origin to be the region of Bern, **Switzerland**. Although birth records for Phillip and Jacob have never been located, the marriages and baptismal records of the children of Hans Phillips Dufforth of Sultzbach on the German-French border (now Langensoultzbach in France) are recorded in the Langensoultzbach Lutheran KB Church. This Phillip is known to be the same as the Phillip Dufford that arrived in America in 1738 by reference to the names of his wives and children. Phillip’s second wife, Anna Maria Martini (Marty), Weiss, Durrenberger (Terryberry once in America)—all families of inter-marriage with Duffords or immigration companions—had their origins near Bern, Switzerland. Perhaps these associations could just be coincidence, but researchers at the Palatines to America Society have told me that European customs of the 1700s and marriages and baptisms in the Lutheran Church strongly suggest that Phillip Dufford was not of French Huguenot origin. The Palatines to America suggested that a simple genealogy DNA blood test of several Duffords should help clarify the national origin of our family.

What do other Duffords believe about national origin? Several American descendants of Adam (Johann Adam Dufford bp. November 1726, Langensoultzbach Lutheran KB) believe their origin to be German. I have communicated with two, a descendant of Ephrim, grandson of Adam, who went from Butler, PA to Newberry College and has descendants still in South Carolina and from a descendant in Butler who located the records of Adam’s family in the records of the Lutheran Church of Butler. A third contact named Teafort from Ashland, KY, was descended from a Jacob Dufford who arrived in Philadelphia aboard the ship “Hero” in 1764. He found his way to the German community of Augusta County Virginia where his children became known by the name Teafort.

Well there you have it. Are we Duffords originally from France, Germany, England, Netherlands, Prussia, Luxembourg, and Switzerland? While it seems that the vast majority of information obtained from our societies previous Historians, Presidents and Bulletin Editors and the “centuries-old accepted thought” is that we come from French Huguenots; there is also a significant amount of information and research that we have come from Germany. Then there are the references to England, Prussia, Netherlands, Luxembourg and Switzerland. I repeat what I said at the beginning of Part 1 of this article. Never did I think this would be such an interesting, and controversial, and deeply-researched topic. If any Duffords have any other light to shed of this topic, please let me know. See page 2 for my contact information.

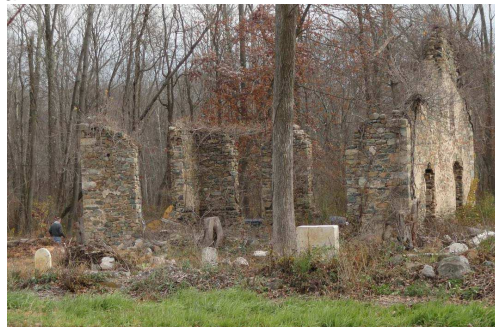
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## Swackhammer Cemetery Preservation Association Update, July 26, 2014 by Jeff Williamson

### for the Founding Board Members of the Swackhammer Cemetery Preservation Association

Thanks in no small part to donations from the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society, the Swackhammer Church and Cemetery has taken several important steps in the 2013-2014 year:

- The site continues to be cleared and graded, slowly yielding up artifacts of the last century and a half including the burial spot of an ex slave that Reverend Swackhammer allowed sometime before 1848.
- Our presentation tour in May 2014 was included in Hunterdon County's tri-centennial celebration and informed dozens of guests of the site's history and importance.
- Over two dozen gravestones have been placed in upright positions the way their owners and families intended.



But perhaps the most exciting news is what has happened off site. After news of our efforts at the church grounds reached Tom Kull, Treasurer of the New York Lutheran Synod, the decision was made to quick deed the property. Our biggest fear was that if the site was to come under some other entity, the remains of the church would be leveled. Fortunately, through a partnership with the Mt. Amwell Project, the site has been protected from such a fate for the near future: the Swackhammer Cemetery Preservation Association is a start up non profit chartered under the established non profit organization - the Mt. Amwell Project, dedicated to preserving the site for future generations. As work on the cemetery continues, we are turning our attentions towards stabilizing the church itself with the help of donated professional expertise. Finally, we will be moving ahead with the filing of the necessary paperwork with the State of New Jersey to have the site designated as an historical landmark, in order to further protect the site!

As we head into the future, many challenges still await us, and through the generous support of organizations such as yourselves, we intend to meet those challenges so that the Swackhammer Church and burial ground does not again fade into the shadows.

Note from Joan Chiu: The Swackhammer Cemetery and Church Ruins (aka the Old Swack Church) are on Anthony Road, Glen Gardener, NJ. It is actually between 110 and 108 Anthony in a bend in the road.



Pictured above are the blessing of the church by Pastor Webber of Grace Lutheran Church, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and the Cemetery Tour held on May 2, 2014.

To the left is a photograph from the Washington Township Historical Society Museum sent by Eileen Stokes. It is the Old Swack Church photographed around 1966.

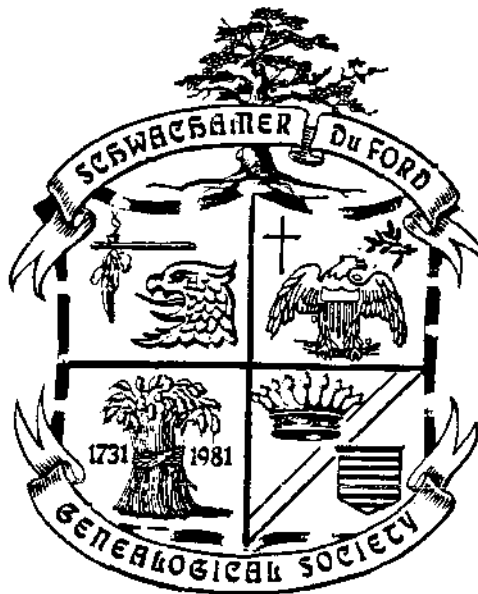
## Summary of the 68<sup>th</sup> Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion, Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, NJ

The theme and focus of the reunion in 2014 was recording and preserving family history and the stories that you heard as a child. As in recent years, attendance was in the 12 to 22 range at 15 with five first-timers and seven from states other than New Jersey including California and Washington. Sharon Swackhamer catered the Continental breakfast, summer salads luncheon and snacks, again providing a gourmet feast.

The fellowship hall in the new support building adjacent to the church was again our venue. It is wonderful to have the air conditioning, abundant display space, a modern kitchen and excellent meeting facilities. Starting promptly at 9:00 am President Swackhamer called the meeting to order having participants introduce themselves and tell a "good family story." One story was of a traditional Dufford farm picnic reunion many years ago. It seems that laundry was still hanging on a line. Also a youngster had just received a new Daisy BB gun. From time to time lady's bloomers would flutter on the line, yet it was a still day! Finally someone discovered that BBs were hitting the bloomers making small holes and the youngster got the blame until grandpa fessed up that it was he who was shooting at the bloomers (names withheld to protect the guilty). Another story came from a Swackhamer family history of Robert Edward Swackhamer, Jr. At age 80 while trying to feed a calf, Martha, his mother, was gored by a bull. While in critical condition Martha, a devout Catholic asked for last rites. Apparently her priest declined saying that she had not paid the tithe to get her deceased husband released from purgatory. Afraid of dying without last rights, she appealed to her son, Robert Jr., who had a local Baptist preacher come to her bedside. She thought that he was a priest and she died happy. Of course, there were other stories that brought laughter as the meeting progressed.

Also on the program was a report by William (Bill) Cramer (D) on family research in Ukraine, Dufford family origin—Langensoltzbach? by Gene Swackhamer, discussion of the self-guided Dufford site driving tour by WTHS, Swackhamer DNA testing to confirm genealogy, tour of the museum with Betsy Guzenski, restoration of the Old Swack Church cemetery by Joan Chiu and John O'Brien and lots of Q and As.

The Treasurer's report of Bob Swackhamer (attending his Dad's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in Missouri) was distributed and discussed by Gene Swackhamer, donations of \$150.00 each to Zion Church, Middle Valley Cemetery Association, Washington Township Historical Society, and the Old Swack Church grounds restoration project at Mt. Amwell Foundation were approved, officers were reaffirmed for 2015 and the date of Saturday, July 25, 2015 was set for the next reunion. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm, but several lingered to exchange information, make copies of documents at the museum and have one more cup of coffee for the road.



**Items are needed for the Summer 2015 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by April 15<sup>th</sup>. See page 2 for contact info.**

## Robert E. Swackhamer's 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Robert E. Swackhamer of Springfield, MO, turned 99 on July 23, 2014. Friends and family gathered at the Heritage Cafeteria on East Battlefield Street to mark the occasion with Robert, his wife Mildred, sons and grandchildren. In this photo, CPT Juan Villareal of the Missouri State Highway Patrol shares information regarding the current state of law enforcement in Southwest Missouri. CPT Villareal, as the commander of the MoSHP's Troop D, is a successor to Mr. Swackhamer who retired from the MoSHP in 1975.

**Pictured in the photo to the right are:  
CPT Juan Villareal (standing),  
Robert E. Swackhamer and his wife  
Mildred.**



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## Family Crest Update

The image shown was inadvertently omitted from the "Family Crests" article by Gene Swackhamer in the Summer 2014 Bulletin. The description of the crest used in the Bulletin and web site is reprinted on page 10. Information about the crest to the right is reprinted below.

Shields became popular family history mementos in the United States. 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 following is Gene's translation of the coat-of-arms description in English. To the right is a photo of a painting of this crest.

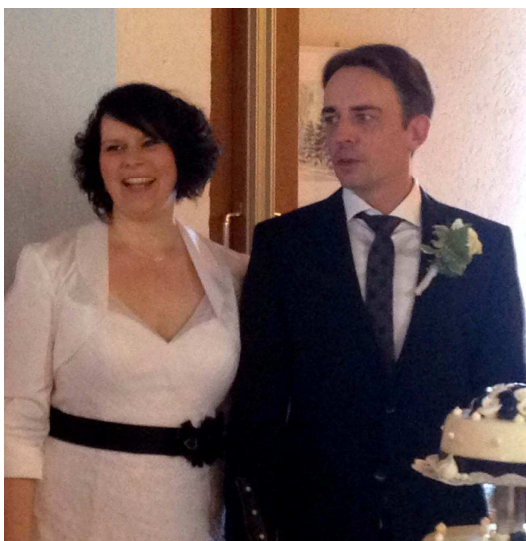
Swackhamer shield quartered: Quarters 1 and 4 of silver with three acorns of natural color; quarters 2 and 3 of blue with a crampon of gold in the shape of Z. Two facing helmets cap the shield crested with crowns: From the crown of the sinister helmet rises an oak tree with three acorns in natural state. 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.



## A Trip Home to Altlussheim, Germany by Jill (Swackhamer) Drees

This past September, 2014 (from Sept 27 to Oct 12), my husband, Steffen, and I flew back to his hometown of Altlussheim, Germany for a much-anticipated two-week vacation. Really it was much more than just your average vacation. This was the first time for Steffen to travel back to his homeland after living in the United States since our marriage nearly 2 and half years ago. So this trip was all about “homecoming” — seeing his family, attending the wedding of his sister, Christiane Drees, and meeting his new 6 month old niece, Elisa. We had the honor of becoming her godparents. That’s a full agenda, in addition to visiting with many friends and attending a requisite, local ice hockey game of the Mannheim Eagles, who won 4-0! As with life in general, most experiences come with some joys and some sorrows. This trip was the first time for Steffen to be back at his family’s multigenerational homestead since his grandfather, Joachim Blaschke, had passed away at Christmastime 2013.

The wedding and baptism were held in the Evangelical (Lutheran) Church of Altlussheim, Germany. The very same church where Steffen’s grandparents Hiltraud and Joachim Blaschke were married over 65 years ago. And where Steffen’s parents Irmtraud and Franz Drees were married 40 years ago. For those who may be wondering, the following is the connection to Altlussheim, Germany for the Swackhamer side of this genealogy society. *Samuel Swackhamer* (nee: Samuel Schwechheimer), born and raised in Altlussheim, is the oldest known, traceable relative of this line of the Swackhamer family. Samuel emigrated to America in 1731. Steffen’s great-grandmother on his mother’s side of the family, Emma Erb (nee: Emma Schwechheimer), was a descendant of another branch of the Schwechheimer family line that stayed in Germany. The town is full of Schwechheimer’s to this present day.



**Top left: Christiane and Silvio Schwarz on their wedding day, October 11, 2014.**



**Top right: Celina holding her sister Elisa Pauline Schwarz, baptized on October 11, 2014.**



**Bottom left: Jill and Steffen Drees at the wedding.**



**Bottom right: Standing are Gerline Hauenstein and Irmtraud Drees (Steffen’s mother). Seated is Hiltraud Baschke (Steffen’s grandmother).**



## Donations from Members and Friends\*

The following individuals have made contributions during the period May 1 to December 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 truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951.

Mrs. Joan L. Chiu (PA), donation through reunion registration.

Mr. William N. Cramer, Jr. (NJ), a donation to the Society and reunion registration.

Ms. Pamala Dela Torre (WA), donation to Society and through book purchases at July 26 reunion.

Mr. Donald W. Dufford (IL), a donation in memory of William L. Dufford.

Mr. Donn Dufford (CA), donation through purchase of books at the July 26 reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dufford (PA), donation through reunion registration.

Ms. Merle Duncan (ON, Canada), donation through purchase of the book, "The Emigration of Samuel..."

F. Richard (Dick) Emmons (CT), a donation in memory of Jane Saums, past S-D Society Reporter.

Ms. Patti Farley (NJ), donation through reunion registration.

Mrs. Ron (Betsy) Guzenski (NJ), donation through reunion registration.

Mrs. Angeline Hunter (PA), a donation in memory of Mary Leona Swackhamer Place, wife of Lindley.

Mrs. Tony P. (Gail) Keefer (NH), a gift in honor of Vivian Logan.

Mrs. Mary Ann Kordys (NJ), donation through reunion registration.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Logan (VA) gave a donation in memory of Ellen Dufford Logan.

Mrs. Vivian S. Logan (NJ), a donation in memory of her husband, Richard, and to honor his service as a Marine in the WWII Pacific Theater.

Dr. William D. and Anne Moyle (NH) gave a donation for Swackhamer Dufford Society programs.

Ms. Joy Newell (NY), a donation to support the S-D Genealogy Society.

Ms. Dorothea Sage (NC), a donation to the Society for its operation.

Paul Smith (MA), donation through the purchase of "Voyage of the Love and Unity" book.

Ms. Eileen Stokes (NJ), donation through reunion registration.

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Mr. Richard D. Swackhamer (NJ), a gift for *Bulletin* production in honor of Richard M. Swackhamer.

Mr. Richard L. Swackhamer (IN), a gift in memory of his cousin, James B. Swackhamer.

Mr. Robert (R. E.) Swackhamer (MO), a donation for where most needed. R.E. is father of S-D Treasurer.

Thelma Swackhammer (PA), donation in memory of her husband, Meryl

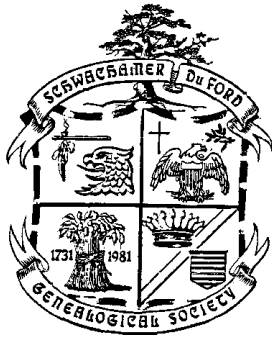
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde VerBryck (NY) gave a donation in memory of Rummerfield Swackhamers.

Ms. Kathryn Wright (ON, Canada) gave a donation to support the programs of the S-D Society.

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\* Whenever the reunion registration fee exceeds the cost of the Continental breakfast and luncheon, the difference is treated as a donation from the registrant.





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The above crest was first used in 1981-82 and is described in the Summer 1982 Bulletin:

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.

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