

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 2017 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

For a long time I have sensed the ever increasing acceleration of time. It shows up in subtle ways like writing the wrong month on a check a week after the month changes or putting the past year date on a letter several months into a new year. I recently referred to the "new" Mackey Arena at Purdue University and a nephew reminded me that it was over 20 years old! Further, I have felt that my generation was riding the crest of a wave of change that was just about to break with new ideas and events replacing the old and familiar. That has been and continues to be the situation. Some examples: In high school I was active in a male youth organization called FFA; Two years after graduation, women were admitted into the organization. Now, it is thriving with many units having an all-female officer team. In college, Military Balls and campus-wide dances were popular; Two years after graduation (in 1960) they were passé. In my first job after graduate school with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, I "borrowed" Hallmark's mainframe computer at night to process research data. The Fed only used computers to process checks; when my night-time processing was discovered, change followed embarrassment and within two years personal computers became available to research. Now, wrist watches are as powerful as those early desk tops computers.

Thomas Friedman in his book "Thank you for Being Late" tries to explain the disruption of many lives caused by the rapid acceleration of technology, a changing world weather climate and a shrinking world of employment and communication. His reference to "Being Late" is the silent screams of exasperation and angst that make any breather welcome. Well, as interesting as all this might be for the technocrat, does it have any relevance for the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society? My take is yes it does have relevance. To be successful (meaning of benefit to those interested in family history) we too must be nimble and receptive to change lest we face a struggle not unlike Sears, Macy's or J.C. Penny to survive their on-line competition. Our challenge is not unlike that of local newspapers, libraries, churches and bookstores serving older and declining populations. Each is seeking ways to redefine themselves for broader and more youthful appeal. And it can be done.

Younger people often tell me that they aren't into genealogy, but they are interested in family history. They don't care about family trees, but they are interested in what their ancestors did for a living. Many will not read a lengthy *New York Times* article about a world event, but they do like the short *USA Today* story of a few paragraphs and an accompanying photo of the same *New York Times* event. Some cynical commentators have described this as the "dumbing down" of America. In some cases that may be true, but for most it is nothing more than changing tastes! Look at the progression from folk music to square dancing to big bands, jazz and rock and rap and new age! One is not better than the next. Preferences change with each new generation and so it will be for our genealogy society.

If we manage the society well the transition will be seamless and the mission uninterrupted. More members will rely on the web site and e-bulletins for information, regional gatherings may emerge where new clusters of Swackhamers and Duffords live and video conferences will be used to share information on common interests.

Sincerely yours,

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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.

Communications with Members and Friends

JoAnn C. Youngman (WI), a descendant of a passenger on the voyage of the *Love and Unity* ordered a copy of **Nancy Schanes'** book. She will be traveling this fall to Hockenheim, Germany, to learn more about the origin of her immigrant family. Also ordering the book was **Christopher Schuyler** of Washington, DC. He also is a *Love and Unity* survivor descendant.

D. Ptak (S) (NY) wrote to the Editor offering several suggestions for future *Bulletin* topics. Some are listed here with an open invitation to anyone reading this *Bulletin* to submit a story on any of them.

Information on Samuel's original home now encased within the Raritan Inn.

Any artifacts from Samuel?

Photos of sailing ships such as *Love and Unity*.

What would have been Samuel's route from MA to Long Valley?

Images of the court transcripts from the *Love and Unity* trials

Story of Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick (Germantown) where Samuel communed

How Samuel and associates were Naturalized.

Gail Keefer wrote of her travels between Vero Beach, FL and Falmouth, MA. They do the "snowbird" travel in reverse spending fall into winter on the Cape and then traveling to FL for spring and summer. With this travel timing, she will again miss the July reunion.

Donald W. Dufford of Sullivan, Illinois, wrote that he recalled his father driving their family back to NJ, but that he didn't know at the time that it was the first Dufford family reunion held on August 21, 1926. He further said that they have a family gathering every two years, which will be at his son's home in Garland, Texas, with about 21 expected to attend.

Ms. Jan Williams, Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist, Department of Planning and Public Works, Morris County, is working on a WWI centennial history of involvement by Morris County citizens. She wrote requesting further information on the life of **Clyde Weise Dufford**, b. Washington Township, Morris County 3-11-1890; d. Morristown, NJ, 9-5-1971. [note: various records show date of birth to be March 2, 4, 11, 20 and year to be abt. 1889 and abt. 1890]. His parents were Louis V. Dufford and Annie Barkman Todd Dufford. He was drafted into service and served as a Corporal in HO Co. 310 FA 79 Div. The locations of active duty are unknown, but the consequence of service seems to be what one record called "nervous complaint," which today might be called "post traumatic stress syndrome." Clyde was the brother of Russell Dufford, whose son Russell Dufford, Jr. was formerly Dufford Family Historian for the S-D Society.

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Communications with Members and Friends (continued)

In commemoration of their service to our nation, Ms. Williams has listed the citizens of Morris County, NJ, that served in the various military units of WWI. (<http://morriscountynj.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/World-War-I-Soldiers.pdf>) **Clyde Dufford** is included as well as **George Swackhamer**, a casualty of the battle of Argonne Forest. Here are their stories:

“**Clyde Weise Dufford** was born in Washington Township, Morris County, N.J. March 11, 1890. Drafted, Mr. Dufford served as a Corporal, attached to HO Co. 310 FA 79 DIV with service in France. His service during the war is unknown, but from the census data years 1920, 1930 and 1940, Mr. Dufford is residing in V.A. homes. Mr. Dufford died in Morristown on September 5, 1971 and was buried in German Valley Rural Cemetery.”

“Killed in Action **George Swackhamer** was born March 9, 1891 in the Flanders section of Mount Olive Township, New Jersey. A graduate of Dover High School, Class of 1910, his last known residence was New York City, working as an Assistant Bookkeeper for Chase National Bank. Private Swackhamer served with the 307th Infantry Division, and was promoted to Corporal. He was Killed in Action at the Battle of Argonne Forest, September 14, 1918. Corporal Swackhamer is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, remembered on the Dover Dough Boy monument and the Budd Lake Veterans Memorial.

Do you have a relative who served in WWI? If so let us know and we will continue the story in the Winter 2017 *Bulletin*.



**World War I Soldiers
1 East Mill Road
Long Valley, NJ**

World War I
Top Row
Alonzo Court
Charlie Rockfellow
Chris Ader
Vernon Bard
Linden Sweet
P.B. Swackhamer
Steward Fode
Dr. Wm James (standing)
Bottom Row
Herman Riley
Burd
Arump Burd
Charlie Naughton
Charles Anpoch
Edo Messler
Ken Hoffman
Paul Stone
Before going overseas, 1917

Courtesy of the Washington Township Historical Society



Items are needed for the Winter 2017 Bulletin
Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by October 15th.
See page 2 for contact information.

Summer 2017 Donors
(for the period November 1, 2016 to June 1, 2017)

The following members and friends have made contributions since the winter 2016 *Bulletin*. We appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951. If we missed recognizing your gift, please forgive us. Family symbols below, if known, are (D) for Dufford, (F) for friend of the Society and (S) for Swackhamer.

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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 family about their history, their origins, their ancestors and their descendants. Any Society members who have new Dufford branches or updated information on their specific Dufford branch, please get that information/tree/line to me so that we may update all of our Society members.

In this bulletin, on page 5, we have a contribution from Donn Dufford containing exciting information about the EARLIEST ORIGINS of the Duffords. Robert and William de Ufford owned a Tudor Manor Estate called Peyton Hall, in Boxford, Sudbury Suffolk, England in the 1200's. The Manor is now on England's list of historical properties. Donn gives a picture tour of the outside along with its history. In our next bulletin, Donn will give us a picture tour of the inside rooms of the mansion along with a history of how the de Uffords of England made their way to southern France and then to the Alsace Region where they settled in Langensoultzbach. If you have any questions or information you would like to share with Donn, feel free to email him at donnduff@aol.com.

Peyton Hall, Boxford, Sudbury, Suffolk
This is the home of our first ancestors. Robert and William de Ufford.

The family name was originally Peyton, taken from the manor where they lived, as was the custom in those days. The manor was Peyton Hall in Boxford, Suffolk. This is the front of the house. The family crest can be seen above the doorway. The mantle over the fireplace dates to the 16th century (I don't know how much of the home was around during the 13th century) and depicts Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream." The structure to the right of the house on the other side of the hedge is a carriage house. It's zoned for a three-bedroom house.



The house is 6,864 square feet. There's a mile-long "driveway" that leads from the street to the house. The house, and some outbuildings, sits on 14.5 acres and include a lake and several ponds. Thomas Peyton was the author a "The Glasse of Time," a long poem from which John Milton is thought to have found the inspiration for his "Paradise Lost." The family was rich. Why? They raised sheep. LOTS of sheep. I haven't found it yet, but I assume they had a mill for producing yarn.



The gardens and grounds are a particular feature of the house and surround the property on all sides. There are formal box beds at the front of the house, a mature wood along the southern boundary, kitchen garden, old paddocks that are now wild meadow land but fenced and a young mixed wood along the western boundary, 2 spring fed ponds and a lake at the bottom of the property which flows into the Box river. The house/property is on England's list of historical property. It recently sold for 2 million pounds, which is a little over \$2.5 million dollars. A bargain. It would probably be worth 10 times that here.

Peyton Hall is a beautiful Grade II listed Tudor Manor House being of Architectural or Historical interest. Peyton Hall is constructed from timber frame under a peg tiled and slate roof enhanced by leaded windows and the Peyton family Coat of Arms picked out in par-getting. The upper storey has exposed timber framing with rendered elevations.

Peyton Hall enjoys a secluded setting down two private long drives through fenced parkland along the Box River valley. The charming village of Boxford has a village shop, post office with shop, a butcher and two public houses. **Directions:** From Colchester take the A134 towards Sudbury. Bypass Nayland and turn right in Leavenheath to Boxford, turn left and at the beginning of the small hamlet of Stone Street turn first right and continue straight on to the drive, which is approximately one mile long.

A DNA Story by Clay Swackhamer¹

If you were going to write a “blueprint” for a human being, what would you write down?² And, how much would the “blueprint” for one person match with another? One way to answer these questions is by using DNA, which is a set of instructions that makes a person who they are. By looking at the DNA of a person we can tell a lot about them. We can tell if they are a male or female. We can tell their hair and eye color, their chances of being an early riser or a night owl, and even the likelihood that they enjoy roller coasters³. One of the most interesting things that we can tell, however, is who they are related to. In 2007, society member Gene Swackhamer began a journey of understanding ancestry using the tools of DNA. Since then, several society members have joined the project, including me. All that you need to do is take a cotton swab of your cheek to get some DNA and then send it away to be analyzed. This has led to some interesting discoveries. For one, even though there may be no paper trail between Samuel Swackhamer and some current lines of Swackhamers (like the Ohio line), there is another trail of records linking them- one written in DNA! I always knew that I was descended from my father, and from my grandfather, but now I know that I am also descended from a specific human being, Samuel, who lived a long time ago. Even though we will never meet face to face, I have part of his DNA. That makes *his* history feel a little bit more like *my* history, and makes it feel like the blueprint that makes me who I am was started long before I was even born.

1. Clay is a 2016 Biological Engineering graduate of Penn State University now in graduate school at the University of California—Davis pursuing a PhD in Biological Engineering.

2. The total amount of genetic information in a single human’s body in computer terms is roughly 150 trillion Gigabytes, which is more than you could store in 100 billion average home computers.

3. Derringer, et. al. 2010. “Predicting Sensation Seeking From Dopamine Genes.” Psychological Science Vol 21, Issue 9, pp. 1282 – 1290.

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“Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken” by Shelley Heretyk

The United States formally entered the first World War a hundred years ago on April 6, 1917. The waterfront in Hoboken, New Jersey, was central to the war effort as it was declared the main point of embarkation for American troops. “Heaven, Hell, or Hoboken” became a slogan for troops hoping for a safe return home.

Hoboken was a major port for transatlantic shipping lines. At dawn on April 6, 1917, US Army soldiers seized the many German ships sitting at the Hoboken docks. Two weeks later the German shipping companies’ piers were taken over by the government and army encampments were established there. The prize ships of the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines were turned into massive troop transports.

The first convoy carrying American troops to war left Hoboken on June 14, 1917. Fourteen transport ships carrying around twelve thousand officers, enlisted men, and civilians departed the city. A total of 936 voyages to France and England were made from Hoboken during the war. Approximately two million servicemen passed through Hoboken between the spring of 1917 and the fall of 1918.



Photos Courtesy of the Washington Township Historical Society

Scores of soldiers passed through Long Valley presumably on their way to Hoboken. The top photo shows a WWI medical group at the corner of Fairmount and Mill Roads, looking west. Women provided food for the troops as shown in the bottom photo, also in the center of town. Soldiers stayed over night at Welsh meadow, a short distance west.

Source: Hoboken Historical Museum
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Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion
Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853
Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9am to 3pm

THEME: A hobby for all ages

Everyone is invited to attend the annual reunion of the S-D Society on Saturday, July 29, 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 reunion will begin informally at 8:30 am with visitation, coffee, tea, pastry, fruit juice and introductions.
- The morning program will feature **Annette Burgert**, author of "*Eighteenth Century Emigrants from Northern Alsace to America*," She provided a vital clue to location of the Dufford clan. Her presentation will be a discussion of lessons learned in researching family history.
- A luncheon of summer salads, sandwiches and desserts will be served by **Sharon Swackhamer** at noon.
- Following lunch will be a brief business session , a workshop on preserving family history and a tour of the Washington Township Historical Society Museum across the street. 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 3pm 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 more detailed information on the program, local hotels, inns, restaurants or local sightseeing, email ggswack@cs.com If cancellation becomes necessary, please call or email Gene Swackhamer by July 24 at 410-771-4437 or ggswack@cs.com for a full refund.

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Courtesy of the Washington Township Historical Society

Pictured is a World War I rally in Long Valley (then German Valley). The parade is crossing the stone arch bridge that was built in 1870. The Post Office is on the right. Zion Lutheran Church, the location of the Swackhamer-Dufford Annual Reunion, is on the left but not visible.

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