

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 2017 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

I have always thought of old age as a state of mind more than a chronological number. I still do, but, now in my third week of hip replacement recovery being still tethered to a walker, I do have moments of doubt. The phone is too far away to reach before it goes to the recorder. The TV remote seems always to be on the other side of the room. And, how can I carry a cup of coffee and still drive the walker? These little frustrations are all solvable tasks, requiring just a little more effort. A benefit has been that I do have more time to rest, reflect and think about priorities. It also has sharpened my focus on and appreciation for things I enjoy. I hope no one is surprised that I include the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society among the things I enjoy.

I believe the Society has transmitted much useful family history during its existence from numerous contributors. Each year there are a few responses of appreciation for discoveries made easier and surprise findings such as the tombstone of a relative in the "old stone church graveyard" or the name of a missing relative on the information display table at the reunion. Thanks to all the volunteers who participate—donors, story writers, those sharing family histories, those seeking information and those offering suggestions for future programs or inquiry. In taking a moment to engage, you, too, help ensure the relevancy of the Society and build a data base for future generations.

A statement that I hear often is "someday when I have more time I would like to learn more about my family history." For many that day never arrives. Too many visualize something like a new full time job in retirement called genealogy. Unless you aspire to become a professional, the process will be intermittent with a time of activity and weeks of inattention. Life is just that way. One suggestion for a place to start would be to attend a reunion, just to see the big picture and determine where your interests lie. One attendee once told me that she had decided that when she got home she was going to put names, dates and locations on the back of old photographs. That would be her contribution to family history. What is yours?

Sincerely yours,

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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

Dawn Dufford of Bellevue, WA wrote in May 2017 seeking advice on how to preserve family genealogy materials and where she might send family history items for retention. Her questions are common to many and were discussed at the summer reunion. Here are some suggestions from that meeting.

1. Always make a back-up copy of important family information and give it to a family member for safe keeping.
2. Send genealogy material and family trees to the S-D Society for publication. That will assure retention in Special Collections at Rutgers University Library and with the Washington Township Historical Society. They have a collection of Bulletins since 1953.
3. Ask a computer savvy friend to scan your important documents and put them on a flash drive. Condensing photos and text to digital storage saves space, but remember even that storage with time becomes obsolete.

Karen Johnson Griffin (D) wrote that she is the granddaughter of Myrtle Wauneta Dufford Johnson. Karen was born in Wichita, KS and currently lives in Portsmouth, RI. Here is her Dufford connection as she believes it exists. If you have a connection with this tree, she would love to hear from you at griffinkk@aol.com

Her parents are Martin Lind Johnson and Earlene Maphet

Her father is the son of Simon Johnson and Myrtle Wauneta Dufford

Myrtle is the daughter of William Dufford and Mell Bullock

William is the son of Henry Clay Dufford and Isabelle Bridel

Henry is the son of Phillip Dufford and Clarissa Dickerson

Phillip is the son of Stephen Jacob Dufford and Mary Weiss

Stephen is the son of George Stephen Dufford and Anna Trimmer

George is the son of Jacob Dufford and Elizabeth, of the
Lenni Lenape tribe

Jacob is the son of Hans Phillip Dufford and _____

Donations to the Society
(June 1, 2017 through November 1, 2017)

The following donors have made contributions since the summer 2017 *Bulletin*. Donations include in-kind gifts, contributions from solicitation envelopes, 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*. If we missed recognizing your gift, please forgive us. We truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951. Family symbols included below if known are (D) for Dufford, (F) for friend of the Society and (S) for Swackhamer.

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<p>Items are needed for the Summer 2018 Bulletin Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by April 15th. See page 2 for contact information.</p>

CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT

by William Cramer

Hello descendants of Hans 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 we have 2 contributions:

The **1st article** is from **Dawn Dufford** of Bellevue, Washington. She has written a brief, witty and most interesting article regarding her family line from Hans Philip. They include Dufford ancestors traveling from New Jersey out west; including settling in Iowa, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Washington. Enjoy Dawn's contribution. Thank you Dawn.

The **2nd** is from **Robert Todd Dufford of Sterling, Virginia**. Todd reached out to our Society trying to find the connection between himself and his direct ancestors back to Hans Philip. Todd's entire line descends from Adam Dufford. Todd has contributed an email from his Uncle Bill Dufford, who had researched his Adam Dufford connection. Uncle Bill's email to Todd is an excellent and thorough read about one of the lines of Adam Dufford. Enjoy the read. Thank you Todd and Uncle Bill.

1: Family Line from Hans Philip by Dawn Dufford

Piecing together the story of Jacob Dufford's family is not an easy task. There is agreement that he was the son of Philip Dufford who settled in Long Valley, New Jersey in the mid 1700's. Being disinherited (according to legend) for marrying a Lenni-Lenape Indian did not prevent him from producing more Duffords, to whom I owe my name and origin.

My brother, Philip W. Dufford (called Wick to avoid confusion with three other contemporary Philip's) and I were told this legend and we grew up proud to have Native American roots. We were disappointed as we became adults to recognize that our "Indian Blood" is scant indeed, due to dilution of time and genetics. Our family's understanding was that, after farming in New Jersey around the time of the American Revolution, our direct ancestors migrated to Iowa, possible to run a hardware business. This gets us up to Eliphalet Dufford (mercifully referred to as E.W.) in the late 1800's. From Iowa, Eliphalet's son Samuel went to Greenriver, Utah, to grow peaches. He and his wife, Grace, produced two sons, Edwin and Philip.

This brings us to my living memory. Our family branch – Sam's son Philip and wife, Janet – moved to Grand Junction, Colorado and produced four children, one of whom (oddly enough named Philip) ultimately became a Justice of the Colorado Court of Appeals.

Edwin, my grandfather, moved his group to Pocatello, Idaho, where he was manager of a cement plant. Pocatello is the birthplace of my brother and me. As small children, our parents, Philip and Audrey, moved to Boise, Idaho where we grew up and eventually married.

Over 40 years ago, both my brother and I moved to Bellevue, Washington, where he has pursued a career as a lawyer and I spent many years as a teacher. Each of us has two children. My offspring live in Washington while Wicks live in Utah and the U.K. For reasons unclear, none are named Philip.

Only this year have we addressed the mysteries of our ancestry. Over our lifetimes we have been unaware of any kin outside our small western tribe. It would be more that interesting, even joyful, if we were to learn of other Duffords who might have similar stories.



2: Family Line from Adam Dufford by Robert Todd Dufford and Bill Dufford

"Hi Todd, I have been intending to compile all the info I've gathered into a detailed narrative for a few years now. Maybe your inquiry will be the trigger that finally gets me to do it before it is too late. In thinking about doing so, I realize it will likely take some time to put it all together in as accurate and complete package as it should conscientiously be done. My notes and findings, though a little more organized than your Aunt Betsy's findings are still in bits and pieces nonetheless. So in the interest of not making you wait for the finished product, I will try to provide you here as much info as I can from memory without referring to all the actual documentation I have found through the years.

As you may know, for years, because of the last name (Dufford) we had been led to believe that the first Duffords, **in our lineage**, to come here were 2 French brothers Phillip and Jacob. Jacob married an Indian girl and we were descended from him. This is NOT factual. Phillip was actually the patriarch of the family, his first wife, whose maiden

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name was Anthoni died in Europe before the family came to America. Phillip and his children, including the brothers, Jacob and Adam **[Todd's lineage is descended from Adam Dufford]** departed the Alsace Lorraine region between France and Germany and arrived on the ship named "Robert and Alice" in the port of Philadelphia in 1739. From memory, not guaranteeing the accuracy here, but there were probably 5-8 children of Phillip all together in that group including a married daughter and her husband's family. Phillip went on to marry twice more and had anywhere from 5 to 8 children with each new wife. Needless to say there were Duffords all over the place. The ship, as I recall reading somewhere, was actually supposed to make port in New York, but didn't miss by much. Any way Indian guides were sent to lead them to what, at the time, was known as German Valley in New Jersey. I know that they belonged to the German Reformed Church, where sermons were given and church records were written in the German Language. Speculating here, I am guessing, they may have left Europe to escape persecution by the Catholic Church. Jacob, older than Adam by a few years, did in fact marry a Leni Lenape Indian girl and as far as I know lived the rest of his life in New Jersey.. Adam married a girl named Susanna in about 1752. Susanna was somewhat of a mystery for the longest time as to her maiden name. I suspect she was considerably younger than Adam, perhaps by as much as 20 or more years. They had 2 or 3 children in New Jersey, the oldest being a son named Jacob. At some point Adam's family migrated to Northampton County, Pa. in Fork's Township right on the Delaware River, the site of the City of Easton, Pa. The Leni Lenape Indians among other tribes were all over that area. It was difficult to track down Adam and Susanna here because their names were seldom listed as Dufford in many of the records kept there. They were recorded in English under several variations of names similar to Dufford such as Tuffart, Doffert, etc. It wasn't until I came across, on line, a record of Jacob Difford, Adam's oldest son, mustering with the troops in Fork's Township to go off and fight in the Revolutionary War. I later found a record of Jacob Dufford listed as missing or killed in the Battle of Long Island, New York in around August of 1776. Meanwhile, Adam and Susanna and their children, are listed many times in the German Reform Church records, as translated from German to English, and located in the Easton, Pa public library. At some point during my searching. I finally found a reference that listed Susanna's maiden name as Berlin. I wasn't sure about this until I more recently found that a Berlin Family was listed among the earliest settlers in that Fork's Township area. All I've found to date is that Berlin is a Jewish name, although from all appearances if she was Jewish, she did in fact convert to the German Reform Church. It can only be speculated, as to why they migrated to Pa. from New Jersey. Was it because she had family ties there or if she was Jewish could they have been snubbed for that reason in New Jersey. It also might be speculated that Adam went to Pa. by himself at first and then later brought Susanna and his kids there. Adam died in 1778 at about the age of 58, he and Susanna had 2 or 3 children in New Jersey that were born in the 1750's. It wasn't until the late 1760's up until about 1776, they were popping out about one kid a year. This also leads to my speculation that Susanna was likely several years younger than Adam. Adam helped build a new church in 1775, that is still standing today on Church Street in Easton, Pa. Adam's Will written in 1778 is on record in the Easton, Pa. Courthouse. It lists all of his children, including Jacob, a daughter named Susanna, after her mother, sons Frederick, born in 1772, George, I believe Henry, and perhaps 1 or 2 more. I don't know if the fact that Jacob was listed in the will means that he actually survived the war or if it was just wishful thinking on his father's part.

Frederick married Salome Handschuh, a fine Pa. Dutch name, in about 1795. Knowing this, I lucked out and found Salome's father's will while I was at the Courthouse under the name variation, Hanshy. In his will he listed his children's names and two of his daughter's husbands George and Frederick Dufford. Frederick and Salome had a son named Frederick born in about 1795 or 1796. Among several other children they also had a son named George born in 1811. Frederick II eventually married and had a son named Ephraim who was born in 1823. At some point, not clear, Frederick, Frederick II and their families migrated to Butler County, PA. near Pittsburgh. From Butler County history there were also several Duffords there and in surrounding Counties from as far back as about 1814. Most of them seemed to have come from Eastern Pa. so they were likely relatives of the 2 Fredericks. How they all got there. Is a big question. I'm not sure from history, when the Erie Canal was actually built, but if it was built back then, that would be the most likely way, because if would have been a grueling, (but possible) trip to come through the Mountains that separate Eastern and Western Pa. Frederick II son, Ephraim, at some point departed Pa. to attend Seminary school in South Carolina. He settled there and became the progenitor of the Duffords in South Carolina. Ephraim is listed as a private in his late 30s and early 40s in the Army of the Confederacy. Some things of note, there is a Dufford House on the campus of Newberry College in South Carolina, and the headquarters of the CSX Railroad is located in the Dufford Building in Jacksonville, Florida. I diverted on Ephraim, because his Uncle George and his wife (I can't remember her name without digging) had a son Andrew (Andre, Ephraim's first cousin). Andrew, my Great Grandfather, was born about 1840 and was in Company I of the 7th Pa. Cavalry during the Civil War. I have a copy of his Military Service Record which is quite interesting. He was captured and became a POW very early in the war. The Southern Army didn't have the resources to handle prisoners at that time and place so they issued him a parole, which was apparently done by both sides from time to time. The Parole meant they were not supposed to be allowed to fight for a certain period of time. He apparently assumed, if he wasn't allowed to fight, he could just go home. He, as a Private was brought up on charges of desertion for Court Martial, but somehow it all got straightened out and he was reinstated in the Cavalry. He was later wounded in Georgia, during Sherman's March to the Sea. By the time the War was over he had reached the rank of Sergeant. His wife had the good old Irish name of Love. To make a long story shorter, among their children was Herbert, my grandfather, he married Mary Jane Birch, and one of their sons, Howard who married Annamary Elizabeth Sutton is of course your Grandfather."

-Uncle Bill Dufford

Finding Samuel Schwackhammer's* Homestead by Gene Swackhamer with Bill Asdal

In 1998 I traveled in the Middle East with a business group. One of the most interesting places I visited was Beirut, Lebanon, a city standing on the ruins of 17 distinct civilizations and the victim of numerous civil wars. What was so impressive was that following each period of destruction came a rebuilding—bigger, better and smarter than the prior structures. Law required contractors to stop digging any time that they encountered evidence of a prior civilization, which was quite often. Under the law they had to report the discovery to the Department of Antiquities, which then had 48 hours to inspect the site and determine if the structure discovered was important enough to preserve or could be demolished. If it was deemed inconsequential or if Antiquities failed to meet the 48 hours deadline, the contractor could proceed. However, if Antiquities found the structure worthy of preservation, then the contractor had to amend the building plan to include the discovery. Because of this law I walked on glass floors over Roman baths in a bank and saw Byzantine artifacts encased in wall display cases from the street.

Bill Asdal while rehabbing the old Trimmer Victorian house (now the Raritan Inn) on West Mill Road between Long Valley and Califon discovered an odd 18 inch thick stone wall under the house that did not appear to be load bearing nor of functional purpose. Why was it there? Many contractors would have just removed it, used it or worked around it since Morris County does not have an Antiquities department. But, Bill's sense of history and curiosity lead to his discovery of the homestead of Samuel Swackhamer, a 15' by 30' one-room, stone bank house foundation built after Samuel Schwackhammer had acquired 180 acres on the South Branch of the Raritan River in 1732 from the original English grantee, John Budd. Bill did not have to excavate and restore the foundation, but he did. He did not have to take the time to research titles to determine the original owner, but he did. He didn't have to investigate unique features of construction such as cantilevered chimneys, the absence of a quoin corner for a door jamb suggesting that it was a later cut to access the room, the tapered stone window jambs for better rifle use etc., but he did. Thanks to these efforts an important part of the Swackhamer family history has been preserved and incorporated into life within the Raritan Inn.

It has always intrigued me why Samuel acquired land in a flood plain and why he built his home there. As a mid-west farm boy, I would not have done that. When I learned more of the history of Altusheim, Germany, Samuel's home village, it became clearer. Altusheim was established at a Rhein River crossing in a marshy flood plain. The river meandered through many smaller channels before it was straightened and levees were built to facilitate commerce and to better control flooding. The Indian trail crossing of the Raritan must have looked like home to Samuel. Further, research by Asdal shows that originally to the north was a swale to divert flooding and the river crossing of West Mill was to the south of Samuel's house. He was able to build a bank house because he chose the highest spot on the farm and benefitted from natural gravity drainage. The location of the cart-way (now West Mill Road and Route 513) was moved a couple of times to facilitate mill usage and the hand-dug mill race and eventually moved to the north side of the stone house. In the 1920s the bridge crossing grade was raised, which compounded the flood exposure of the buildings on the property by ensuring that all the water to the north at flood stage would cross under the bridge and then spread east onto the property. Twice since then there has been major flooding, most recently in the hurricane flood of 2011.

Knowing of this history, Bill incorporated the Bernoulli Principal of 1738 with an educator system to utilize the flow of the raceway and a cistern to create pressure differentials that will have the effect of "pulling water" from the stone foundation and interior if flooded into the raceway as a drainage exit. Bill is using technology to expedite the foundation dewatering similar to Samuel's gravity and loose stone foundation ditches.

Thanks to Bill Asdal's interest in history and his engineering skills, the Raritan Inn has given the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society a valuable historic link to Long Valley.

* The English spelling of the German name, Schwachheimer, in the 1730s produced several variations such as Schwackhamer and Schwackhamer. The Americanized spelling Swackhamer has become the most common.



Pictured left is the full 18 inch thick center wall discovered in the basement during the cleanout phase.

The photo on the right shows flooding on the property caused by Hurricane Irene in 2011.



Summary of the 71st Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion, Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, NJ, Saturday, July 29, 2017

Seventeen friends and society members gathered at "Faith Hall," formerly called the administrative and educational building of the Zion Lutheran Church campus in Long Valley, New Jersey. Again, they were greeted with a continental breakfast of coffee, tea, assorted pastries, fresh fruit and fruit juice by **Sharon Swackhamer**, caterer. Attendance was the same as for 2016. A program of the day's events and speaker bios was distributed.

Shortly after 9:00 am **Gene Swackhamer** opened the meeting with a summary of the activity of the past year. He explained that Dufford Family Historian, **Bill Cramer**, would be absent due to travel in the Ukraine and the initially featured speaker, **Annette Burkert**, would be absent due to health complications although she has committed to 2018 if at all possible. Each attendee introduced themselves and gave brief statements about their interests in family history. Gene then reviewed the program for the day and introduced the group to his Swiss cowbell, which was the signal to reassemble after breaks.

Pastor **Dan Schroeder**, a UCC ordained pastor serving as an Interim Pastor for Zion, extended a welcome and gave a presentation on the history of the UCC/Lutheran association and his own family's journey from Germany to Posey County Indiana. **Pat Barber** provided an update of the Old Swack Church grounds clean-up and recovery and the group's formal association with the Amwell Project Foundation in Lebanon, NJ, for more stable organization, legal protection and tax exempt donation support.

Following a coffee break, discussions with new friends and a review of literature on display, the group reassembled for a presentation by **Jan Williams**, who explained her work in Morris County as its Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist. (See information on her Dufford and Swackhamer participation in WWI in the summer 2017 *Bulletin*). Following a group discussion of items of interest regarding family history research, a special presentation of a commemorative clock was given to **Shelley Heretyk** with much appreciation for her ten years of volunteer service as *Bulletin* Editor.

In an effort to capture most attendees in a group photo, it was taken just prior to Sharon's lunch of summer salads, sandwich 'fixins' and numerous side dishes. Her "guess again" cookies were a big hit all day long! As lunch drew to a conclusion, a brief business meeting was held. Gene explained that as a non-incorporated organization we did not need to follow the same rules as a tax exempt corporation, but that a similar format was the practice. Treasurer, **Robert Swackhamer**, reported a healthy Peapack-Gladstone Bank balance of just over \$3,700. The goal is to hold at least enough for one year of operations should we have no donations. Bulletin production and distribution requires around \$1,100 per year and donations to local support groups has been averaging \$600.00 per year. Gene reported that there were no officer vacancies to fill, but anyone can be a *Bulletin* reporter. It was decided to donate \$150.00 each to Zion Church, WTHS, Middle Valley Cemetery Association and the Old Swack Church Fund.

At 1pm **Eileen Stokes** led the group to the Washington Township Historical Society museum, which is the repository for numerous Dufford & Swackhamer donated items. At the museum, **Patty Farley** read a **George Stephen Dufford** Poem titled "*Long Valley*". Upon return to Faith Hall Gene Swackhamer concluded the meeting with a workshop presentation on "Finding, Recording, Retaining and Presenting Family History." The group engaged in an active discussion about things known and unknown about our family histories: All good ideas for future programs and *Bulletin* stories. **It was announced that the next reunion will be at Zion on Saturday, July 28, 2018.**



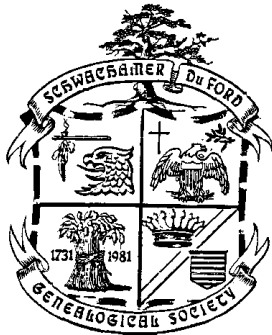
Front row seated:
**Jan Williams, Vivian Logan
and Shelley Heretyk**

Middle row standing:
**Meredith Swackhamer,
Betty Bank, Pat Barber and
Mary Ann Kordys**

Back row standing:
**Robert Swackhamer,
Mike Apgar, Patty Farley,
Amanda Logan,
Sharon Swackhamer and
Gene Swackhamer**

**Not in photo: Eileen Stokes
and a member of WTHS
assisting with the tour and
taking photo.**

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Special *Love and Unity* Program for July 28, 2018 Reunion

As part of the 2018 Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society annual reunion meeting, descendants of survivors of the ill-fated ship are being invited to attend and participate in the sharing of knowledge about the ship, its Captain Lobb, the voyage, the support of Ben Franklin and the trials in Massachusetts. Samuel Swackhamer and family members were among the survivors. Samuel was one of the five captains elected by passengers to represent them in the contract for the voyage. Details of this crossing are documented in Nancy Schanes' book, *Voyage of the Love and Unity*. Highlights of the story were published in the German periodical, GEO, (similar to the U.S. National Geographic), titled: Mort en de Atlantic by **Christina Krätzig** (F) of Freie TV Autorim in Ahrensburg, Germany.

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