

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 2018 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

In spite of becoming more like a “virtual society,” utilizing electronic communication and publication, the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society annual gathering is still held in the Long Valley, New Jersey location of our Dufford and Swackhamer ancestors. It remains similar to the family picnic reunions of yesteryear in that it provides opportunity to meet cousins with the same surname, to exchange information and to see locations of family history. As an unincorporated entity, the society does not have a legal obligation to assemble, adopt a budget or elect officers as would be required if we were a 501 (c) (3) educational charity. We do, however, follow a similar business-like agenda as a matter of good operating discipline. I’ve even said to fellow officers that I would favor a Long Valley annual gathering of society officers even if no other family attended, since I believe there is value in personal contact.

It is always interesting to learn of impressions from attendees. For some, their initial reunion was as an adult, but for many they have childhood memories of first attending with a parent or relative. These initial visits often resulted in more questions than answers, but they also left an impression that my family is larger than I thought. And, so it is. Just another good reason to include a reunion as part of a family trip.

Through the years the reunion has averaged between 25-30 members, friends and guests. With a high attendance of 75 for the 275th anniversary of Samuel Swackhamer’s arrival in Long Valley held at the Raritan Inn and a low of 12 in the 1990s when meetings were held in the church’s old fellowship hall. In recent years we have incorporated a continental breakfast and a catered luncheon to make it easier for attendees with a modest registration fee. Occasional speakers on genealogy and family history have been invited. In 2017 we invited Annette Burgert to meet with us. She is the author of “Eighteenth Century Emigrants from Northern Alsace to America,” which helped in locating the origin of the Duffords. Unfortunately she became ill and could not attend the meeting. The invitation was renewed for 2018 including an offer of round-trip transportation, but late last year she fell and broke her neck and is recovering, but not traveling. I’m afraid I waited too long for this invite.

As the designated repository for Nancy Schane’s research on “Voyage of the Love and Unity,” some of the purchasers of her book have inquired about holding a workshop session on research descendants of survivors have done. We will be exploring this suggestion more on July 28, 2018.

Might this be the year you attend the reunion?

Sincerely yours,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

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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

Maria Ernest (S) has an inquiry about a Schuyler ancestor. She noted that Christopher Schuyler of Washington, DC, wrote that he is a *Love and Unity* survivor descendent. Maria's fifth great-grandfather, Jacob Schuyler, married Eve Swackhamer, one of Samuel Swackhamer's daughters. Jacob was born in 1734 in Schooley's Mountain. She has been unable to locate his parents' names or any history prior to his birth. If Christopher or anyone has information that could help Maria with further research please contact the Bulletin Editor. See above list for contact information.

George Apgar (F) wrote expressing his disappointment that the Haag, Schaefer, Apgar families did not meet in 2017. The apathy and effort apparently were just too much. As to the future he said that he has invited the Palatines to America to hold a future annual meeting in New Jersey. There is no chapter of that Society in NJ, so hosting such an event would require much support of volunteers, other genealogical societies such as the Swackhamer-Dufford, and PALAM chapters in adjacent states should New Jersey be selected.

The Washington Township Historical Society, the Amwell Project Foundation (supporting the Rev. Lambert Swackhamer Bethel Church ruins and graveyard), The Middle Valley Cemetery Association and Long Valley Zion Church all expressed appreciation for the S-D financial support.

Pat Barber (F) provided an update on the Swackhamer Cemetery/ Church ruin recovery project. Following the death of Joan Chiu (10-16-16) and the decision of her husband, Jeff, to resign as President of the newly formed Swackhamer Church Yard Preservation Association (SCPA), the Association faced an organizational and leadership dilemma—to continue as an independent charitable corporation or to become an advisory committee for the Bethel Church property and support fund as a part of the Mount Amwell Project. The latter option was selected which preserves the tax deductibility of donor gifts, provides organizational support and retains donations in a restricted fund for the Swackhamer Church ruin and cemetery maintenance. Donations can be made to the Swackhamer Church Fund at Mount Amwell Project, 97 Bissell Road, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

Deborah Hayden Swackhamer has submitted a very interesting article on "Memories of Long Valley." It begins in this issue of the Bulletin. What began as a simple inquiry over time has become a fascinating story of her life in the Village. I am reminded of a book publisher's statement to me; "There is a book in everyone and even an occasional best seller for some." Thanks to Deb for saying "I can do this."

Items are needed for the Winter 2018 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by October 15th. See list on top of page for contact information.

Necrology

Nancy E. (Sigmund) Schanes, 88, died October 29, 2017. She was well known inside the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society for her booklet, *Voyage of the Love and Unity*. Her research helped members of the Society find the Altusheim, Germany, home of Samuel Swackhamer (Schwechheimer).

On a hot summer day in 2002, Sharon and I sat on Nancy's patio in Wilmington, Delaware, sipping ice tea as we reviewed documents from her research and made plans to continue publication and distribution of her booklet through the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society. Nancy supported the S-D Society and wanted it to find a home for her original translations and to manage marketing and distribution of her booklet. Translations of trial proceedings, depositions and court rulings were laminated for protection and are currently held at the Washington Township Historical Society Museum library. A few copies of her booklet are sold annually with net proceeds going to the Society.

Nancy was a life-long resident of the Wilmington area except for college time in Pasadena, CA and several years living in Europe with Alan, a DuPont employee, whom she married in 1955. He predeceased her in death in 2012 after 57 years of marriage. She was the daughter of Merle H. Sigmund and Marion Buck Sigmund. She is survived by daughter Linda K. Schanes and son David Schanes (Stephanie) and grandchildren Stephen, Kelly and Megan. A more detailed obituary can be found online from the Wilmington, DE News Journal or Chandler Funeral Home.



Donations to the Society (November 1, 2017 through June 1, 2018)

The following donors have made contributions since the winter 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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Memories of Long Valley and Research on ancestry.com
Part I
by Deborah Hayden Swackhamer, debhayden@sbcglobal.net

Childhood in Long Valley

That warm Spring day in 1951 would have been just another day in my childhood if a photographer had not come to Long Valley, New Jersey to do a series of pictures of myself and my parents, Bob and Kay Swackhamer, for an article for **American Magazine**. Almost seven decades later, I sit in my home in California and leaf through the 8x10 glossy photographs, like a slideshow evoking another time and memories from the viewpoint of a child. I was six years old, living with my parents and my Aunt Marjory in the family homestead, a pretty white house with a veranda next door to the Zion Lutheran Church.



Bob, Kay, and Deb Swackhamer on the bridge in Long Valley.



The family home next to the Zion Lutheran Church.

I remember seeing Senator Joseph McCarthy on one of the first televisions in town. Aunt Marge took me to Hackettstown to a movie theater to see newsreel footage of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. I went to the Madison Square Garden Rodeo in New York to see Roy Rogers and Dale Evans.

In 1954 Billie Burr, a friend of my parents, took me to see Peter Pan on Broadway. Billie was Mary Martin's understudy and so that day, because Mary Martin had flown into a wall, Billie stood in at rehearsal. It was exciting to see my friend fly across the Broadway stage hanging from a wire. I played hide and seek with the seven Lost Boys in the theater. It was a very special moment when the lights went down. (I have just heard that Billie took over the Long Valley general store, which was first owned by my great-grandfather, George T. Swackhamer).



Deb and Kay Swackhamer

My father and aunt were the only Swackhamers that I knew. My grandmother, Wilhelmina Hayden, died when my father was three. My father worked with my grandfather, William T., in the Swackhamer Garage (see Summer 2015 Bulletin), and then the Ford Agency. Cars were shipped by rail and assembled and painted in Long Valley. My father returned from Bucknell University to run the agency with my aunt when William T. died in 1934.

Bob and Kay were married in 1942 in the Lutheran Church. They moved to Michigan where he was a World War II test pilot at Willow Run. I was born in Ann Arbor, March 15, 1945.

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Tintype of William T. Swackhamer

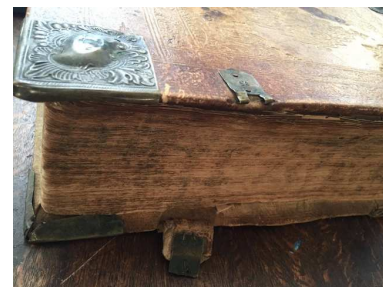


Bob and Kay Skiing

The Family Bible and Tintypes

On the bottom of a billboard beside the road coming into town was a line: "Long Valley was settled in 1731 by Samuel Swackhamer." Who was this person, I wondered— and what, if any, was his relationship to me?

I have a few relics from my family— a file of pictures and papers, a small book of tintypes from the 19th century—photographs of fifty people with their names written in pencil—and the family Bible. This Bible, written in German and lavishly illustrated with engravings, weighs twelve pounds and was published in Nurnberg in 1770.



Written in pencil in the inside cover of the Bible is "Julia L. Swackhamer." And in the tintype book there are three photographs with "Julia" or "Julia S." also written in pencil in what looks like the same handwriting. The first picture in the tintype book is a gentleman with ponderous white sideburns, identified as "Grandpa Trimmer."

On the first page of the Bible is a list of Trimmers with dates, written in delicate brown script. As I look at the tintypes and the Bible, it seems probable that the Bible was passed from one Trimmer to another and that Julia's Grandpa Trimmer passed it to her. I then remembered my father mentioning that after his mother died, he was raised by Aunt Julia. So the Julia in the tintype pictures was my great aunt.

How did this beautiful book get to Long Valley? How was it carried on a long, dangerous sailing voyage—and how has it come to be in my possession almost 250 years later? And was it used in services in the Zion Lutheran Church, which was founded more than 250 years ago? The church historian suggests that the first service was held in Long Valley in 1745, before the current church was built. The remains of the church built in 1774 can be seen on Fairview Avenue.



Julia Swackhamer

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Samuel Swackhamer

Gene Swackhamer, President of the Swackhamer Dufford Historical Society, set off on a quest to find out who Samuel Swackhamer was. In 2007 he published **The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer and the Westward Migration of his Descendants** (Gateway Press).

Gene discovered that Samuel was born in a small town in Germany, Althusheim, in 1700. When he was nine years old, he had to flee with his father, Daniel, and his mother, Eva, from an invading French army. They returned to find their home and barn burned and livestock gone.

Samuel married Eva Hoffman and they had a son, Johannes Konrad. They had three more children but they all died, as, finally, did Eva. Samuel remarried Anna Katherine Kuch and they had one child who also died.

Samuel lived during the reign of Frederick William I. Realizing he would always be a peasant growing food for a King's army, and that Protestants and Catholics would not easily make peace, he contemplated going to America, where letters home gave a glowing report of a life of freedom. Katherine was enthusiastic and so Samuel, his wife, and Johannes Konrad endured a difficult voyage, and ended up in 1731 in Long Valley, known then as German Valley. The Rhine River ran through Althusheim; the Raritan ran through Long Valley. The new land was verdant and hospitable, but not to Katherine, who died soon after arriving.

Samuel married his third wife, Elizabeth Miller, sometime after 1732 and had many healthy children. Johannes Konrad, the one surviving child born in Germany, lived to be 100 or 101 and died in Long Valley. At Samuel's funeral, the minister said that he had fathered 25 children and had many grandchildren. His progeny established branches of the family in many different places, in particular Ohio, Pennsylvania and Canada. Johannes Konrad was prolific as well. And so, from Samuel's progeny, there are thousands of Swackhamers.

Although Samuel was seeking peace coming to the new land, his descendants have fought in wars here— on this land, the American Revolution and the Civil War—and overseas WWI, WWII, the Korean War, the Viet Nam War, and the Middle East wars. William T.'s draft registration card for World War I was signed by registrar, John E.D. Naughtright. I see a John Naughtright in the tintype book. Is he the one who signed my grandfather's WWI draft registration card?

Family Tree—Discovering Ancestry.com

Having thoroughly enjoyed Gene's tales of Samuel's voyage, and wondering if I could find any connection to him in the ancestry.com data base, I went to the website and clicked on "create a family tree." It took me only a few minutes to enter the names of myself, my father, my aunt, and the grandparents I had never met. (The Irish and Latvian ancestors of my mother, Katharine Wikstrom, born August 17, 1915 in New York, are another project.) In his book Gene had warned of the difficulty of tracking one's lineage back to Samuel, given the huge number of his descendants and how far afield they are scattered. It seemed unlikely that I would be able to figure out my relationship to him without more effort than I was willing to expend. Gene wrote about the painstaking genealogical research he had done, which involved travel, locating documents, and poring over tiny handwriting.

But I was about to be very surprised.

The ancestry.com data base, which today has over 60 billion records, links census records, neatly translated from handwriting to a standardized form, data linked to existing family trees, DNA connections, and numerous other sources like immigration lists and birth and marriage certificates. Searches are instantaneous.

And so, I clicked on my grandfather, William Trimmer Swackhamer.

His father was George Trimmer Swackhamer
His father was Philip Welsh Swackhamer
His father was Jacob Swackhamer

And his father was Johannes Konrad Swackhamer—Samuel's firstborn.

So with a few taps on the trackpad, I had effortlessly found that Samuel Swackhamer was my 5th great-grandfather.

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And then, before Samuel

Continuing with ancestry records from Germany, and matching them with what Gene found, I was able to expand the tree to my 10th great-grandfather:

Samuel's father was Daniel
His father was Christopher
His father was Amandus
His father was Johannes
His father was Jacob — 1546-1606

As long as women take their husbands' names, genealogy is a patriarchal undertaking. In tracking back to Jacob, I found the names of the wives. Beginning with mine, the Long Valley wives were: Katharine Wikstom, Wilhelmina Hayden, Frances Margaretha Trimmer, Elizabeth Trimmer, Elizabeth Welsh, and Susan Margaret Terryberry. The wives in Germany, beginning with Samuel's were Eva Marie Hoffman, Eva Schmidt, Barbara Theobald, Catherine Schafer, and Margaretha Model, my 9th great grandmother.

I have not yet found the wife of Jacob, my 10th great grandmother. It is enjoyable to contemplate what this unknown peasant woman in the 1500s set in motion when she gave birth to a little boy--and to wonder who came before her.

With a little poking around, I found my own connection with Gene Swackhamer. When you begin a family tree with your own name on ancestry, it tells you what your relationship is to each new addition. Gene is my third cousin twice removed.

The family tree I set up on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) is public and can be found at Deborah Hayden Swackhamer Family Tree. With a few exceptions, I have stayed with Long Valley connections. When you search for a name on Ancestry, links to other family trees are a good source of data. I found numerous family trees with thousands of links to the people on my tree.

Having satisfied my curiosity about my relationship to Samuel, who the Julia of the tintypes and Bible inscription was, and roughly how the Bible came to me through the Trimmer family, I had one more curiosity. What could I find about my grandmother?

Wilhelmina Hayden

Looking through the pile of pictures, I see one labeled Marjory, age three. A little girl is sitting on the lap of a woman I realize must be my grandmother, Wilhelmina Hayden. All I knew of her life was that she had survived the Slocum disaster by hanging on to the paddlewheel while the boat burned. On youtube I found a documentary showing that on June 15, 1904, 1358 people, mostly women and children from Little Germany, the lower east side of New York City, gathered for a day on the water on the paddleboat steamer General Slocum for the 17th annual Lutheran Church picnic. Only 321 passengers survived.

The 1900 Census reveals that a nineteen-year-old Wilhelmina Hayden (father British, mother German) was living on 2nd Avenue in New York as a boarder with John Holthusen, a language teacher, his wife Gesina and daughter Clara. After that she married William T. Swackhamer and had two children— Marjory and Robert. She died in 1916 and is buried in the German Valley Rural Cemetery.

I once wrote a letter to the editor of **The New York Times** and signed it Deborah Hayden, thinking of my grandmother Wilhelmina Hayden, about whom I knew so little. When the letter was published, I decided to use Deborah Hayden as a name for publication and, in short, that persona took over. So today I am Deborah Hayden, who still hasn't a clue who her English great-grandfather Hayden was.

Records showed that the thirteen generations I was able to track had all lived in the Long Valley area or in the similar rural village in Germany. And all the deceased, except my father, were buried there. My father, who died on March 28, 1988, loved to fly. He requested that his ashes be strewn at sea from a small plane, a request I was pleased to honor.



Wilhelmina and Marjory

In Part II, I will write more about my parents when they lived in Long Valley and my grandfather, William T. Swackhamer.



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.

This bulletin contains (1) a short article on Local Cemeteries(Dufford burial sites); and (2) a short article on Settlement: the how and why the Duffords settled in Long Valley and their connection to Chief Tamanend, Chief of the Lenni-Lenape Indian Clan in the late 1600's.

CEMETERIES: A number of Dufford researchers, family members and descendants have asked questions regarding where certain members of their branch of the family are buried. Below is a list of the three (3) local Cemeteries that contain, by far, the largest number of deceased Duffords. The Plot Plan and/or List of Internments may be located at the Washington Township Historical Society, P.O. Box 189. Long Valley, NJ 07853 (Telephone 908-876-9696).

Those three (3) Cemeteries are:

- Old Stone Union Church Cemetery, Fairview Ave., Long Valley, NJ (also referred to as German Valley Union Churchyard, German Valley Lutheran Union Cemetery).
- Middle Valley Cemetery, Beacon Hill Rd., Long Valley, NJ.
- German Valley Rural Cemetery, 80 Coleman Rd., Long Valley, NJ (also referred to as Naughtright Cemetery).

Other cemeteries, in the area, that contain Dufford ancestors include, but are not limited to:

Union Cemetery, Hackettstown, NJ
Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Chester, NJ
Washington Cemetery, Washington, NJ
Mt. Olive Union Cemetery, Flanders, NJ
Lower Valley Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Califon, NJ
Stanhope Union Cemetery, Stanhope, NJ
Calver Family Burial Ground, Schooley's Mountain, NJ
Tranquility Cemetery, Allamuchy, NJ



SETTLEMENT: In regards to the question of why and how the Duffords, arriving from Europe, settled in German Valley (now Long Valley) NJ; there are a number of thoughts, facts and questions.

What we know is that Samuel Swackhamer and members of his family came from Germany in 1731 to the port of Philadelphia. We do know that Samuel settled just over the present Hunterdon County, NJ line; into the province that was then called West Jersey. We also do know that Samuel was the father of 23 children, from whom, came all the Swackhamers now living in America.

We also know that while living in this new area, Samuel wrote back to friends in Germany, France and Holland. I am sure he painted a wonderful picture of the New World encouraging his friends to migrate. The valley, the nearby mountains, the river running through the valley, the spectacular views, and similar weather would remind all those who joined him from the Palatine areas of what they had left.

We also know, as our Cousin Donn Dufford reports that "our [Dufford] family immigrated to America from their home in Langensoultzbach France, arriving in Philadelphia in 1738. The journey took them six months and cost the lives of the mother, daughter and granddaughter. They were simple immigrants seeking a better life. Against huge odds, they worked harder than any of us could ever imagine. Because of their sacrifices, including giving up their birth land, for nearly 300 years, thousands of Duffords have lived good, productive lives. We're thankful for the immigrants who have made America great." (Thank you for your inspirational thought, Donn).

What can we deduce about **how** the families, arriving on the Robert and Alice (Duffords, Durrenbergers/Terryberry's, Nochper/Neighbors, Welsh's, and others), **ended up joining the Swackhamers**?

Well. This brings us to an interesting story. Chief Tamanend was a chief of one of the clans that made up the Lenni-Lenape nation in the Delaware Valley at the time Philadelphia was established. Chief Tamanend was best known as a lover of peace and friendship who played a prominent role in the establishment of peaceful relations

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among the Native American Tribes and the settlers from across the sea. Legend has it that Chief Tamanend took part in a meeting of the Lenni-Lenape nations and the leaders of the Pennsylvania colony that both would “live in peace as long as the waters run in the rivers and creeks and as long as the stars and moon endure.” It is believed that Chief Tamanend died around 1698.

What we do know is that when the Duffords and other families arrived in Philadelphia aboard the Robert and Alice, they were met by a party of Indians, led by one of the descendants of Chief Tamanend, possibly one of his sons, Quenameckquid (Charles) Tamenend, or Yaqueekhon (Nicholas) Tamanend. The Indian party led them north, up the Delaware River; and east, along the Musconetcong River and brought them to the area where Samuel Swackhamer had settled. It is generally assumed that Samuel Swackhamer was friendly with the local Leni-Lenape tribe; and asked them to travel to Philadelphia to greet the Duffords and others and lead them up to the Valley.

This information does answer the question of **how** the Duffords and other families ended up settling in what would soon become “German Valley”. **It does not answer** the question of **why** the Duffords and others, connected with the Swackhamers.

Could they have known each other in Germany? Probably not since they lived over 60 miles apart on the opposite sides of the Rhine River. Was Samuel Swackhamer’s wife, related to one of the other families? Was one of their 23 children married to a family that was on the Robert and Oliver? These are questions still to be answered.

Obviously we do not have the entire story yet. If anyone has information on the connection of these two families or on the friendship between Samuel Swackhamer and Chief Tamanend, please let us know. Stay tuned for additional information!



Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion
Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley’s Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853
Saturday, July 28, 2018, 9am to 3pm

THEME: What Did Grandpa Do?

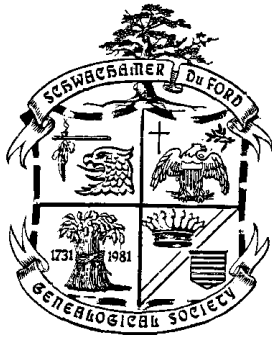
Everyone is invited to attend the annual reunion of the S-D Society on Saturday, July 28, in Long Valley. Members of the S-D Society have been gathering in Long Valley for over 60 years to share family information, to assist others with genealogy questions and to learn more about our respective family histories.

The program will begin informally at 8:30 am with visitation, coffee, tea, pastry, fruit juice and introductions. Once again I am sorry to inform you that Annette Burgert’s health prevents her from attending. We will have a speaker, but arrangements are not final at this time. There will be a discussion of holding a workshop in 2019 about family history research by descendants of *Love and Unity* survivors. 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 3:00 with desserts.

Please use the registration form on the back page 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 ggswhack@cs.com. If cancellation becomes necessary, please call or email Gene Swackhamer by July 24 at 410-771-4437 or ggswhack@cs.com for a full refund.

Please turn to page 10 for the Reunion registration form →

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