

# 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 2018 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

At the national meeting of Palatines to America in Buffalo, NY, in July 2018, I listened to story after story of people descended from Germanic language speaking regions of Europe. Some had ancestors that worked the pine tar camps of NY in 1709-1710, some came for other reasons as did Samuel Schwechheimer (1731-32) and Philip Dufford (1738). In the 1800s waves of Germanic speaking emigrants came to America along with Irish, Scandinavian, and Southern and Eastern Europeans. In the 1900s emigration continued much of it being war related and still today in the great American experiment of democracy, the "poor and down trodden" still seek the opportunity that America represents. Immigrants are not always welcome. They often live a life of struggle for acceptance. In the long run, however, research shows that their success and failure rate is nearly the same as the population present when they arrived.

Also, throughout all these years, the last one to arrive tends to be one of the first to argue for closing the door whether it is on rural farmland, in suburban living or from perceived infringements on custom and culture. The process of self-governance that appeals to many is not an easy process for inter-generational transfer. Change is often very difficult. I spent a weekend in October at Purdue University and was again reminded of a statement by France Cordova, Purdue's former president, who said that Purdue has transitioned from a majority Caucasian student-body to a majority non-Caucasian. That may be true from a numbers count, but the student leadership and student participation does not yet reflect the massive change now underway. While on campus I saw a men's Glee Club celebrate its 125th anniversary with a concert of 76 mostly all-white male voices, but photos of the student union governing board revealed a 50/50 split—white and non-white, with 5 women and 2 males reflecting leadership transfer.

As we look back to family history, ancestry and genealogical roots, it behooves us to learn the lessons of change, adaptation and acceptance. Each generation needs to pass on its best ideas and mores. Closing the door to change never has worked very well over time. My great grandfather, Elijah Swackhamer, as a 50 year-old farmer, loaded his family and possessions into a wagon and in 1884 left Roseville, Ohio, on the National Road for Indiana. It was a trip of 11 days. He settled in Clinton County near Kirkland. Today, I can drive from Roseville to Kirkland in a little over 3 hours! That is symbolic of dramatic change. From 1540 to date, there has always been a Swackhamer farmer, but that too is changing as the number has dwindled to only one in the U.S. that I know. Does it matter? Perhaps not. We are an adaptive species. Genealogy teaches us that.

Celebrate your family history. Dance with the family skeletons. Pass on the stories that add richness to life. Be your family's historian. Cherish old memories and make new ones. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a wonderful Holiday Season.

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

**Patti Farley (WI)** has relocated from her East Coast home to Brookfield, WI, just 20 minutes west of Milwaukee, to be nearer to her sister. Due to the relocation she did not attend the July 28 reunion and now will find it more difficult to attend in the future. She said the summer there is delightful, but she is being cautioned to wait until she has experienced winter before lauding the virtues of Brookfield.

**Barbara J. Rudy (S)** is living in Dover, PA and is now a widow. She continues to work as a volunteer (over 30 years) at the York Library, mostly on Fridays and Saturdays. She also is related to Hendershots, Colvers and Kerns.

**Mrs. Adelia (Dee) Swackhamer** attended the July 28 reunion; her first return since the 1950's. She is a spry 89 year old who donated several items to the S-D Society for display at the Washington Township Historical Society museum. One was a very old song book that had been a family possession for many years. She also had genealogy records for **Charlene (Swackhammer) Harris** (b. 10-12-32 Afton, Chenango County, NY; d. 10-4-2000, probably Avoca, NY). She is the daughter of **Roy L. Swackhammer** (b. 1-16-03 in Montrose, PA; d. 7-14-91 in Hornell, NY; m. Virginia L. Burelson (b. 6-24-24 Savona, NY; d. 2-12-91 Bath, NY).

**Steven F. Firtko (F)** in doing some Dufford searching for Donn Dufford came across a business ledger of the Jacob Janeway store transactions with **Samuel Swackhamer** from 1737 to 1742. This was an impressive finding in that it represents confirmation of several things believed about Samuel, but hard to confirm. Purchases show that he bought sundry farm supplies. It is believed he was a farmer but there are no farm records. He bought items for an Indian, thus showing he did have relations with the native people and might well have prevailed on them to go down the Delaware River to Philadelphia to guide the Duffords and others to German Valley assuring their safe passage.

**Bill Asdal (F)** did the restoration of the Trimmer house that became the current Raritan Inn B & B. In the process he discovered that Samuel Swackhamer had homesteaded in the structure now preserved in the basement of the Inn—the foundation of a simple stone house that was on land leased from Budd. He is now involved in the preservation and restoration of a 1747 house on Vernon Road that was once the home of John Swackhamer, son of Samuel. If you are a descendant of this John or have information about his life in German Valley, Bill would like to know. So would the Editor of this Bulletin. It might add to our knowledge of early Swackhamer life in the valley and contribute another location to the driving tour.

**Dr. Wolfgang Grams (F)** of Oldenburg, Germany, and the group leader of the 2009 and 2010 Swackhamer-Dufford tours to Altussheim, Germany, was the speaker at the October 20 fall meeting of the Indiana Chapter of Palatines to America. Sharon and Gene Swackhamer assisted him in his presentations discussing the fateful voyage of the Love and Unity and the genealogy tour experience.

## Necrology

**Mildred Bernice (Johnson) Swackhamer**, widow of Robert E. and mother of our Treasurer, Robert L. Swackhamer, died 8-12-18 at age 94. A memorial service was held on August 18 and the burial service and interment was at the Missouri Veterans' Cemetery next to her husband of 67 years, a Marine Corps veteran.

Mildred was born 1-31-24 in Pleasant Hill, MO and graduated from Smith Cotton H.S. in Sedalia, MO in 1942. In 1946 she graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. She completed a MS degree in Education in 1962. She was an accomplished violinist and played in the Jefferson City Symphony. She loved to play bridge and was still doing so the week before her death. From 1962 to retirement in the 1980s, she taught math and science in Missouri public schools.

She is survived by her brother, Charles Johnson of Jefferson City, by her sons Robert L. of Toms River, NJ and Thomas Swackhamer of Flower Mound, TX and by her grandchildren Brian Swackhamer, Elizabeth Davidson and Robert W. Swackhamer plus numerous nieces and nephews.



### Donations to the Society (June 1, 2018—November, 2018)

The following donors have made contributions since the summer 2018 *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*, and the net of reunion registration after expenses. 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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Gene and Sharon Swackhamer (MD), postage for summer *Bulletin* and a portion of reunion registration.

Leon J. Swackhamer, III (PA), a donation for operation of the Society in memory of Diana & Leon J. Swackhamer, Jr. and a portion of his reunion registration fee.

Dale and Peggy Tufford (OK), a donation to the Society in honor of Wanda Janice Tufford Groves celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Dr. Richard G. and Sheri Zingmark (SC), a donation for operation of the S-D Society.

**Items are needed for the Summer 2019 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by April 15<sup>th</sup>. See the top of page 2 for contact information.**

## 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Reunion Summary

After weeks of rain along the Eastern Coast, July 28, 2018, broke to sunshine and reasonable summer temperature. The nice day seemed to impart a sunny disposition as members and friends gathered for breakfast and discussion around the display tables. At 9:15 President Swackhamer called the meeting to order with introductions. Mrs. Laura Hamilton, Administrative Secretary for Zion Church, extended greetings on behalf of the church and Pastor Daniel Schroeder, who was on vacation. President Swackhamer then gave an overview of the plan for the day as printed in the program. He encouraged everyone to look for “take home value” as their reward for attending the reunion.

A presentation was given by David R. Reading, Executive Director, of the Mount Amwell Project, Inc., a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charity that specializes in saving historic structures and sites such as the “Old Swack Church” formerly the Bethel Lutheran Church of Reverend Lambert Swackhamer. He reviewed the process of securing clear title to the property and efforts to clear trees and brush, improve site parking, locate graves and continue the evaluation of the remaining stone walls that are crumbling. William (Bill) Cramer, Vice President and Dufford Family Historian, followed with an update on the “Ongoing Dufford Family Research Project.” Mrs. Annette Sadloski, President of the Washington Township Historical Society (WTHS), spoke of its goals, repairs and improvements beginning this week to the school house museum, and the challenge of getting members to volunteer time to the society. A group photo concluded the morning. Nineteen members, friends and guests attended all or parts of the meeting.

Sharon Swackhamer again served a great luncheon of summer salads—shrimp and pasta, mixed fruit and warm German potato salad. In addition there was ham, other luncheon meats and accoutrements for sandwiches, plus homemade cookies and cakes for dessert. As the luncheon was concluding a brief business session was held. All present were welcome to attend. A moment of silence was held for those members who died in the past year including Nancy Schanes and Mrs. Sadloski’s husband. Robert Swackhamer, Vice President and Treasurer, reported \$3,800 in the Peapack-Gladstone banking account. He said our largest cost annually is the donation to community organizations of \$600.00 followed by *Bulletin* production and distribution of about \$600.00 per issue, with the postage portion of that cost currently being donated.

The traditional survey of those present revealed that Adelia (Dee) Swackhamer was the oldest, Steffen Drees was the youngest and Jill and Steffen Drees traveled the furthest for the meeting—198 miles from Cockeysville, Maryland. It was agreed to continue financial support of \$150.00 each to four organizations—WTHS, Zion Church, Middle Valley Cemetery Association and the “Old Swack Church” fund at Mount Amwell Project. All officers will continue for 2019.

In the afternoon session Jill and Steffen Drees gave a power point slide presentation of their recent trip to the German locations of Martin Luther’s life. Bill Cramer provided an update on how war in Ukraine has complicated his family genealogy research. Gene Swackhamer led a discussion of the pros and cons of holding a special research meeting of descendants of *Love and Unity* at the 2019 reunion. With only 5 known interested participants to date of the 31 surviving family units, it was suggested that more development time might be beneficial. The afternoon concluded at 3 with a tour of the WTHS school house museum, more desserts, ice tea and coffee and discussion.



**Seated l to r: Eileen Stokes, Adelia (Dee) Swackhamer and Vivian Logan.  
Middle Row: Annette Sadloski, Robert Swackhamer, Pat Barber, Jill Drees  
and Sharon Swackhamer.  
Back Row: Gene Swackhamer, Steve Firtko, Barbara Schinkel, Leon  
Swackhamer, William (Bill) Cramer, Mary Ann Kordys, Amanda Logan  
(hiding behind Mary Ann) and Steffen Drees.**



**Pictured above are Leon and Adelia Swackhamer. Leon is Adelia’s nephew and both live in Montrose, PA.**

## 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 one contribution: a listing of most all the Duffords listed in the index of the County Clerk in Warren County, NJ. (submitted by **Donn Dufford**). This is a rather extensive listing of our ancestors residing, at the time, in Warren County, NJ. It includes information from Hans Philip Dufford up to Duffords in the 1990's. Hopefully this will provide us with some information that we may not have already. Good hunting!

<http://www.warren.cc.nj.us>

Adam DUFFORD ( - )  
Agnes N. DUFFORD (15 SEP 1884 - 4 OCT 1957)  
Aida G. DUFFORD (26 MAR 1877 - 29 MAY 1959)  
Alfred DUFFORD (12 MAY 1841 - )  
Allen DUFFORD (21 FEB 1870 - 4 APR 1870)  
Althea DUFFORD (13 JUL 1894 - 5 APR 1965)  
Andrew P. DUFFORD (4 JAN 1842 - 30 APR 1910)  
Andrew S. DUFFORD (Private - 14 JUN 1981)  
Andrew T. DUFFORD (5 MAR 1857 - 27 DEC 1906)  
Ann DUFFORD ( - )  
Ann DUFFORD ( - )  
Ann H. DUFFORD ( - )  
Anna DUFFORD (17 FEB 1769 - 31 JAN 1837)  
Anna DUFFORD ( - )  
Anna B. DUFFORD ( - )  
Anna Catharina DUFFORD ( - )  
Annie DUFFORD ( - )  
Arlene Cora DUFFORD (Private - )  
Armin A. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1881 - 0 \_\_\_ 1886)  
Arthur B. DUFFORD (7 SEP 1881 - 16 AUG 1892)  
Augustus DUFFORD (1 OCT 1835 - 13 MAY 1919)  
Belle Louise DUFFORD (11 AUG 1896 - )  
Benjamin VanDerVoort DUFFORD (8 NOV 1840 - )  
Caroline DUFFORD ( - )  
Caroline Elizabeth DUFFORD (22 SEP 1842 - 13 OCT 1923)  
Carrie M. DUFFORD ( - 14 DEC 1954)  
Catherine DUFFORD ( - )  
Catherine DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1753 - )  
Catherine DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1752 - )  
Catherine Sophia DUFFORD (22 OCT 1838 - 17 JUL 1931)  
Cecil DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1892 - )  
Charles C. DUFFORD (11 JAN 1891 - 9 DEC 1955)  
Charles Crissie DUFFORD (17 SEP 1866 - 18 NOV 1895)  
Charles Mace DUFFORD (Private - )  
Charles Oliver DUFFORD (18 FEB 1856 - 0 \_\_\_ 1919)  
Charles S. DUFFORD ( - )  
Charlotte DUFFORD (Private - )  
Christie DUFFORD (25 DEC 1890 - )  
Clara DUFFORD ( - )  
Clara Belle DUFFORD (16 JAN 1868 - 0 FEB 1900)  
Clara Woodruff DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1854 - 0 \_\_\_ 1924)  
Clyde W. DUFFORD (2 MAR 1890 - 5 SEP 1971)  
Constance I. DUFFORD (Private - )  
Courtney Ruth DUFFORD (Private - )  
Cynthia L. DUFFORD (Private - )  
Daniel Leigh DUFFORD (Private - )  
Darla Jean DUFFORD (Private - )  
David DUFFORD (Private - )  
David DUFFORD (Jr.) (Private - )  
David DUFFORD (23 MAR 1811 - 11 NOV 1886)  
David William DUFFORD (Private - )  
Deanna Kaye DUFFORD (Private - )  
Delia C. DUFFORD (25 AUG 1888 - 28 OCT 1969)  
Dianna Lynn DUFFORD (Private - )  
Donald Bruce DUFFORD (Private - )  
Donald William DUFFORD (Private - )  
Doris DUFFORD ( - )  
Doris J. DUFFORD ( - )  
Doris Jean DUFFORD (Private - )  
Douglas Ralph DUFFORD (Private - )  
Earl LaRue DUFFORD (1 DEC 1911 - 11 FEB 1996)  
Earl Raymond DUFFORD (Jr.) (Private - )  
Edgar Leroy DUFFORD (9 JAN 1874 - )  
Edward Halsey DUFFORD (Private - )  
Edwin DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1877 - 24 OCT 1965)  
Edwin A. DUFFORD ( - )  
Eleander DUFFORD (Private - )  
Eleanor DUFFORD (24 MAY 1837 - )  
Elijah DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1883 - 0 \_\_\_ 1924)  
Elijah DUFFORD (5 OCT 1828 - 4 DEC 1908)  
Eliphalet W. DUFFORD (23 MAR 1840 - )  
Elisabeth DUFFORD ( - )  
Elisabeth DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1767 - 29 SEP 1829)  
Elisabeth DUFFORD (15 FEB 1820 - 0 JUN 1894)  
Elisabeth DUFFORD (22 OCT 1848 - )  
Elisabeth W. DUFFORD (1 NOV 1847 - 27 MAY 1928)  
Eliza DUFFORD (13 AUG 1845 - 5 MAY 1867)  
Eliza M. DUFFORD (13 MAR 1863 - )  
Eliza Mae DUFFORD (28 DEC 1886 - 26 DEC 1975)  
Elizabeth DUFFORD ( - )  
Elizabeth DUFFORD (24 JUL 1793 - 0 \_\_\_ 1855)  
Elizabeth D. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1829 - )  
Elizabeth N. DUFFORD (21 NOV 1886 - 10 DEC 1956)  
Ella DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1876 - 0 \_\_\_ 1887)  
Ella M. DUFFORD (23 MAY 1876 - )  
Ellen Agnes DUFFORD ( - )  
Ellen D. DUFFORD (6 JAN 1838 - 5 MAR 1901)  
Elmer DUFFORD (28 SEP 1885 - 28 FEB 1962)  
Elnetta June DUFFORD (Private - )  
Emma DUFFORD (20 OCT 1873 - )  
Emma DUFFORD ( - )  
Emma Delilah DUFFORD (10 AUG 1857 - )  
Emma Lizzie DUFFORD (14 SEP 1871 - 22 JAN 1897)  
Ephraim Deyoe DUFFORD (30 AUG 1845 - 19 OCT 1907)  
Eric Randolph DUFFORD (Private - )  
Esther A. DUFFORD (4 FEB 1894 - 4 JAN 1984)  
Farmdella DUFFORD ( - )  
Flora Gertrude DUFFORD (04 NOV 1861 - 9 APR 1884)  
Francis C. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1884 - 0 \_\_\_ 1885)  
Frank DUFFORD ( - )  
Frank DUFFORD ( - )  
Frank DUFFORD ( - )  
Frank Ray DUFFORD (15 FEB 1894 - )  
Frank S. DUFFORD (19 FEB 1861 - 19 SEP 1862)  
Frank W. DUFFORD (5 NOV 1872 - 7 MAR 1955)  
Frank W. DUFFORD (Jr.) (Private - )  
Frank Weber DUFFORD ( - )  
Frank Weise DUFFORD (Private - )  
Freida Cregar DUFFORD (Private - )  
George DUFFORD ( - )  
George DUFFORD (12 NOV 1794 - 24 JUL 1864)  
George DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1856 - 0 \_\_\_ 1924)  
George Chester DUFFORD (Private - )  
George Chester DUFFORD (Jr.) (Private - )  
George Ernest DUFFORD (16 MAY 1772 - )  
George Gulick DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1864 - 10 MAY 1869)  
George Henry DUFFORD (13 JAN 1768 - )  
George M. DUFFORD (5 JUN 1837 - 24 MAY 1924)  
George Mars DUFFORD (M.D.) (13 JUL 1845 - 7 MAY 1881)  
George Raymond DUFFORD (Private - )  
George Robert DUFFORD (13 JUL 1866 - )  
George Stephen DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1741 - 23 JAN 1817)  
George Stephen DUFFORD (3 AUG 1854 - )  
George Stephen DUFFORD (31 JUL 1864 - 26 AUG 1945)  
George W. DUFFORD ( - )  
Gilbert DUFFORD (16 JAN 1849 - 16 JAN 1926)  
Gladys DUFFORD ( - )  
Gregory S. DUFFORD (Private - )  
Harold Appar DUFFORD (Private - )  
Harry DUFFORD (10 DEC 1874 - 3 FEB 1918)  
Harry DUFFORD (15 OCT 1879 - 24 MAR 1960)  
Harry DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1872 - 0 \_\_\_ 1873)  
Harry DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1908 - 0 \_\_\_ 1908)  
Hattie I. DUFFORD (Private - 0 \_\_\_ 1971)  
Henrietta DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1859 - 0 \_\_\_ 1954)  
Henrietta Hiller DUFFORD (12 JUN 1889 - 29 OCT 1935)  
Henry Clay DUFFORD (26 JUN 1833 - 6 NOV 1921)  
Henry H. DUFFORD ( - )  
Henry Payson DUFFORD (16 SEP 1894 - 26 JUL 1971)  
Henry Pohlman DUFFORD (7 MAR 1840 - 23 MAR 1906)  
Hollaway Whitfield DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1864 - )  
Ida May DUFFORD (21 MAY 1856 - 5 AUG 1856)  
Ila Louetta DUFFORD (Private - )  
Inez DUFFORD ( - )  
Jacob DUFFORD (16 JUL 1829 - 25 NOV 1869)  
Jacob DUFFORD (11 JAN 1823 - )  
Jacob DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1745 - 10 JUL 1822)  
Jacob DUFFORD ( - )  
Jacob DUFFORD ( - )  
Jacob DUFFORD (7 JUN 1805 - 22 NOV 1842)  
James DUFFORD ( - )  
James DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1832 - "YOUNG")  
James DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1851 - 0 \_\_\_ 1936)  
James Oliver DUFFORD (18 SEP 1840 - 0 MAY 1864)  
James W. DUFFORD (5 JUL 1834 - 11 SEP 1906)  
James Walker DUFFORD (Private - )  
Jayson Michael DUFFORD (Private - )

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Jean Margaret DUFFORD ( - )  
 Jeannette DUFFORD ( - )  
 Jennie Meeker DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1861 - 0 \_\_\_ 1918)  
 Jere Robert DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1939? - )  
 Joan M. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Joann Marie DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Joe William DUFFORD (13 FEB 1901 - 5 NOV 1921)  
 Johann Georg DUFFORD ( - )  
 John DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1835 - )  
 John DUFFORD (19 OCT 1847 - )  
 John DUFFORD ( - )  
 John DUFFORD (12 OCT 1807 - )  
 John DUFFORD (5 JUN 1837 - "YOUNG")  
 John DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1799 - 29 JUN 1864)  
 John J. DUFFORD (24 MAR 1799 - 19 JAN 1874)  
 John S. DUFFORD ( - )  
 John S. DUFFORD ( - )  
 John Stephen DUFFORD (7 AUG 1844 - 25 SEP 1891)  
 Joseph DUFFORD ( - )  
 Joseph Pohlman DUFFORD (Private - 8 AUG 1913)  
 Joshua David DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Judi Beth DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Kathy R. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Laura DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Laura L. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Lauren Elizabeth DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Lawrence DUFFORD (4 DEC 1826 - 20 JUN 1886)  
 Lena DUFFORD (22 OCT 1796 - 18 AUG 1874)  
 Lenora DUFFORD (6 JAN 1860 - 2 MAR 1863)  
 Leonard A. DUFFORD (11 MAR 1874 - 29 MAR 1947)  
 Leonard Neighbor DUFFORD (4 OCT 1822 - 6 MAR 1854)  
 Leroy Edgar DUFFORD (23 APR 1909 - 15 FEB 1911)  
 Lewis V. DUFFORD (9 APR 1865 - 25 JUL 1940)  
 Lillia E. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Lillian DUFFORD (15 MAY 1905 - 15 SEP 1981)  
 Lillie Hager DUFFORD (18 JUL 1887 - 29 NOV 1973)  
 Lizzie DUFFORD (28 MAR 1875 - 0 \_\_\_ 1942)  
 Lois DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Louisa C. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1875 - 0 \_\_\_ 1921)  
 Louise DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1862 - )  
 Louise Deborah DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Lucille DUFFORD ( - )  
 Luella DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1873 - 0 \_\_\_ 1873)  
 Lydia W. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1870 - )  
 Mabel DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1879 - )  
 Magdalene DUFFORD (27 JAN 1779 - 10 MAR 1865)  
 Margaret DUFFORD (15 AUG 1815 - 0 \_\_\_ 1867)  
 Marguerite Fritts DUFFORD (1 JUN 1856 - "YOUNG")  
 Maria DUFFORD ( - )  
 Maria (Mariah) Weise DUFFORD (17 SEP 1833 - 10 OCT 1888)  
 Maria Catharina DUFFORD ( - 3 FEB 1738)  
 Marian Linnice DUFFORD ( - )  
 Marilda Ann DUFFORD (31 JAN 1849 - )  
 Marilyn DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Marilyn Jeanne DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Marion DUFFORD ( - )  
 Marjorie DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1895 - )  
 Marjorie DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1901 - 30 SEP 1978)  
 Martha Ann DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1844 - 0 \_\_\_ 1920)  
 Mary DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1888 - 0 \_\_\_ 1891)  
 Mary DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary DUFFORD (5 JAN 1810 - 21 JUL 1884)  
 Mary DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary (Polly) DUFFORD (16 DEC 1795 - 25 MAY 1876)  
 Mary A. DUFFORD (3 DEC 1872 - 25 FEB 1873)  
 Mary A. DUFFORD (12 JUL 1835 - 19 JUL 1902)  
 Mary Alice DUFFORD (22 SEP 1870 - )  
 Mary E. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1910 - 0 \_\_\_ 1910)  
 Mary E. DUFFORD (9 DEC 1838 - 5 JUN 1906)  
 Mary Elisabeth DUFFORD (15 JUN 1834 - 12 MAR 1854)  
 Mary Elisabeth DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1830 - 0 \_\_\_ 1911)  
 Mary Elizabeth DUFFORD (29 JUN 1857 - 15 OCT 1958)  
 Mary J. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1858 - )  
 Mary Jemima DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary Magdalena DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary Ruth DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Mathias DUFFORD (8 JUN 1858 - )  
 Matthias DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1738 - 27 MAY 1818)  
 Matthias DUFFORD (14 OCT 1808 - )  
 Matthias DUFFORD ( - )  
 Maude DUFFORD (23 JUN 1872 - )  
 Maude Florence DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Max Henry DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Michael James DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Mildred DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Minnie DUFFORD (23 DEC 1863 - 23 SEP 1865)  
 Minnie Louisa DUFFORD ( - )  
 Miriam Rose DUFFORD (18 JUN 1896 - 0 \_\_\_ 1918)  
 Morris DUFFORD ( - )  
 Myrta DUFFORD ( - )  
 Myrta DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1879 - 0 \_\_\_ 1945)  
 Myrtle V. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Myrtle W. DUFFORD (8 JUL 1890 - )  
 Nelson DUFFORD (25 SEP 1832 - 4 SEP 1839)  
 Nelson DUFFORD (7 NOV 1881 - 27 MAY 1940)  
 Nelson DUFFORD (24 FEB 1855 - 0 \_\_\_ 1923)  
 Norman DUFFORD ( - )  
 Patricia Ann DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Paul L. DUFFORD (14 MAR 1917 - 28 OCT 1995)  
 Paul L. DUFFORD (Jr.) (Private - )  
 Paul Richard DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Philip DUFFORD (4 APR 1776 - )  
 Philip DUFFORD (4 OCT 1820 - 9 JUN 1883)  
 Philip DUFFORD (Jr.) ( - )  
 Philip DUFFORD (26 FEB 1808 - 05 DEC 1864)  
 Philip A. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Philip G. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Philip Swackhamer DUFFORD (24 SEP 1857 - 16 JAN 1857)  
 Philip W. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Randall E. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Ray Theodore DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1891 - )  
 Raymond A. DUFFORD (22 JUN 1881 - 15 FEB 1971)  
 Raymond C. DUFFORD (27 MAY 1888 - 12 DEC 1958)  
 Raymond Gibson DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Reba Aleta DUFFORD (11 AUG 1901 - 18 SEP 1996)  
 Rena DUFFORD (14 JUL 1882 - 0 \_\_\_ 1950)  
 Richard A. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Richard D. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Richard F. DUFFORD (27 DEC 1875 - 26 AUG 1880)  
 Robert William DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Ronald La Rue DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Russell Todd DUFFORD (7 DEC 1893 - 9 MAY 1967)  
 Russell Todd DUFFORD (Jr.) (Private - )  
 Ruth A. DUFFORD (19 SEP 1902 - 2 JUN 1990)  
 Ruth E. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1886 - )  
 Ruth Esther DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Ruth P. DUFFORD (14 MAY 1896 - )  
 Samuel W. DUFFORD ( - )  
 Sarah DUFFORD (28 NOV 1829 - 0 \_\_\_ 1844)  
 Sarah A. DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1860 - )  
 Sarah Alice DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1866 - 0 \_\_\_ 1956)  
 Sarah Augusta DUFFORD (24 DEC 1859 - 3 JUL 1860)  
 Sarah H. DUFFORD (13 MAR 1890 - )  
 Sharon Mae DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Sherry DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Shiela Jeanne DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Shirley DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1918 - 0 \_\_\_ 1918)  
 Shirley Faith DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Sophia DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1776 - 0 NOV 1799)  
 Sophia DUFFORD (16 DEC 1801 - 4 FEB 1853)  
 Sophia DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1844 - 0 \_\_\_ 1917)  
 Stanley DUFFORD ( - )  
 Stephen DUFFORD ( - )  
 Stephen DUFFORD (18 APR 1822 - 29 DEC 1850)  
 Stephen A. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Stephen Jacob DUFFORD ( - 0 \_\_\_ 1832)  
 Susanna Catherine DUFFORD (6 APR 1778 - )  
 Sylvanus DUFFORD (30 AUG 1827 - 16 DEC 1827)  
 Theodore DUFFORD ( - )  
 Theodore DUFFORD (19 FEB 1826 - )  
 Theodore Franklin DUFFORD (20 AUG 1861 - )  
 Theodore King DUFFORD (2 FEB 1843 - 21 SEP 1915)  
 Tyler Michael DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Virginia DUFFORD ( - )  
 Virginia Grace DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Virginia Kay DUFFORD ( - )  
 William DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1849 - )  
 William DUFFORD (28 JAN 1803 - 4 DEC 1882)  
 William DUFFORD (26 SEP 1852 - 18 DEC 1936)  
 William DUFFORD (9 SEP 1838 - )  
 William DUFFORD ( - )  
 William E. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 William E. DUFFORD (23 DEC 1879 - 12 DEC 1909)  
 William G. DUFFORD (13 JUN 1824 - 18 FEB 1909)  
 William Henry DUFFORD (1 MAY 1859 - 25 AUG 1934)  
 William J. DUFFORD (Private - )  
 William Levering DUFFORD (18 JUL 1893 - 14 NOV 1965)  
 William More DUFFORD (27 SEP 1851 - 14 SEP 1915)  
 Wilma Mary DUFFORD (Private - )  
 Wilson DUFFORD (20 JAN 1872 - 23 MAR 1873)  
 Winona DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1937 - 23 MAR 1974)  
 Zacharias DUFFORD ( - 0 \_\_\_ 1723)  
 Anna Clara DUFFORD (0 \_\_\_ 1717 - )  
 Ellen Rebecca DUFFORD (10 MAR 1843 - )  
 Johannes (John) DUFFORD ( - )  
 Mary Elizabeth DUFFORD (28 JAN 1830 - )  
 Morris DUFFORD (5 JUN 1825 - 23 MAY 1894)  
 Hans Philipps DUFFORTH ( - 0 \_\_\_ 1767)  
 Jacob DUFFORT (0 \_\_\_ 1720-22 - )

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RootsWeb had a security problem and its host Ancestry.com took everything off-line. Many thanks to S-D Webmaster **Matthew Martyniuk** for donating space on his private server and moving the S-D web site there.

## **Swackhamers Associated with Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley** **Researched by Jeanette Baker, member of Zion**

For 67 years the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society has been meeting annually in Long Valley, mostly at Zion Lutheran Church. Prior to combining the two family history groups, the Dufford reunion was held on George Dufford's farm and the Swackhamers met on the lawn at Zion Church under the trees. Now that most of the descendants of the two families live away from Long Valley, reunion attendees know very little about the church or prior family church associations. Thanks to the efforts of Jeanette Baker, the following presents data on previous Swackhamers in the church.

### **Attendance: Sunday School Register**

Lori Swackhamer 1894 to 1900  
Emma Swackhamer 1894 to 1900  
Daniel Swackhamer 1894 to 1900  
Will Swackhamer 1894, 1895  
Mrs. G. Swackhamer 1894 to 1900

### **Burials**

Ms. Marjorie Swackhamer (non-member)  
died August 3, 1965 of heart/diabetes  
disease; buried August 6, 1965 German  
Valley Rural Cemetery.

### **Deceased Members (1938 Summary)**

Mrs. Sarah Swackhamer  
Mrs. George Swackhamer  
Mrs. W. T. Swackhamer  
Ms. Julia Swackhamer

### **Military**

Robert H. Swackhamer, Honor Roll 1942-43 U.S. Army

### **Missionary Society: Charter Member**

Mrs. Daniel Swackhamer, Vice President 1881

### **Missionary Society: Memorials**

Ms. Julia Swackhamer  
Mrs. Elsie Swackhamer

### **Missionary Society: Financial Journal of Giving**

Mrs. George Swackhamer 1900 to 1905, 1913 through 1915  
Mrs. Daniel Swackhamer 1901 to 1905, 1912 (Memorial Member 1913)  
Ms. Julia Swackhamer 1911 through 1927  
Mrs. William Swackhamer 1912 to 1916 (Memorial and Honorary Member 1916), 1919 to 1927



## **Memories of Long Valley and Research on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)** **Part II** **by Deborah Hayden Swackhamer, [debhayden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debhayden@sbcglobal.net)**

In the Summer 2018 issue of the Bulletin, I wrote about tracking my Swackhamer family history on [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) by entering the names of my father and grandfather and then following the trail from there. I easily tracked back thirteen generations to Jacob (1546-1606). What made the search effortless was that all thirteen generations had lived either in Long Valley or a small town in Germany. What started my search was a ponderous family Bible, published in Nurnberg in 1770 and carried to the United States on a perilous sea voyage.

The following is the story of my parents, Bob and Kay Swackhamer, and the small business they ran in Long Valley.

### **Willow Run**

My father developed an interest in machines when he worked with my grandfather, William T. Swackhamer, assembling Ford cars that were shipped as parts to Long Valley. He attended Bucknell University, returning to Long Valley to run the Ford Agency when my grandfather died.

He married my mother in 1942 in the Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley. They moved to Michigan where my father was a civilian test pilot at Willow Run air base. I was born in Ann Arbor on March 15, 1945.

Mother told me that test pilots' wives never said goodbye—always “so long.” I had imagined my father taxiing down a short runway, flying a small fighter plane, so it was a surprise when I googled Willow Run and found a documentary showing that it was an 80 acre manufacturing and assembly factory for the production of B24 fighter aircraft, planes made of 1,225,000 parts. With eighteen-hour shifts, one plane was completed every 55 minutes.

I discovered that the plant was conceived of and built by Henry Ford. So my father went from assembling Ford cars in Long Valley to testing planes built in a Ford plant. I knew that Hitler had a picture of Henry Ford next to his desk and that he pinned a medal on Ford's chest. Hitler was **Time Magazine's** Man of the Year in 1938. How Henry Ford changed to the man who produced fighter planes to defeat Hitler is a story that deserves more research. Ford built 6,972 of the 18,482 total B-24s and produced kits for 1,893 more to be assembled by other manufacturers.

At the end of the Willow Run documentary, a pilot and three crew members walk out of the hangar to board a plane to test. I realize the pilot climbing into that enormous plane could have been my father. I wonder what it was like to feather an engine on one of those huge planes that had never been flown.

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## The Braiding Machine

When the war ended we moved to Oakland, California and bought a ranch style house with a rose-covered picket fence for \$7,000. The post-war times were optimistic. Bob got a job as regional sales manager for Stinson aircraft. The Stinson newspaper reported that he had 2,000 hours in the air, beginning in 1932. He trained as a co-pilot for Penn Central Air Lines and instructed Naval cadets in a private contract school. He held commercial, instrument, instructor and multi-engine licenses.

After traveling for Stinson for some time and wanting to spend more time with his wife and new baby, Bob started a flight school with Kay. They bought a small plane. They told me I squealed with delight when they let me take the stick and make the little plane dive.

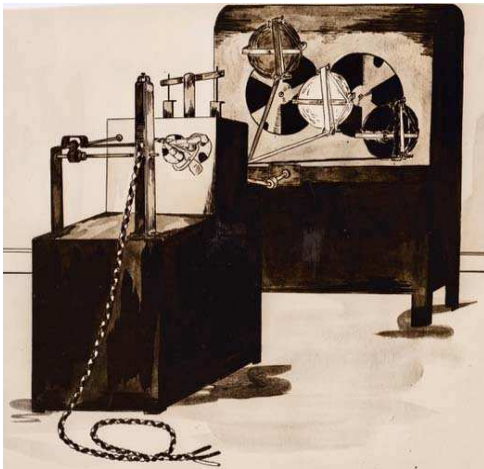
In 1950 we went to Damariscotta, Maine for my aunt's wedding. My grandfather owned Bay Shore Machine Shop, which had made parts for, and won awards from, the navy during the war.

My father, who already had mechanical ability from assembling Ford cars in Long Valley, worked with my grandfather, Fred Wikstrom, learning to use the lathes and drill presses in the machine shop. I remember the sweet smell of machine oil and the pin-up posters in the bathroom. My grandfather let me run the lathe, but he joked that I had to stand on a sheet of newspaper because I was so short. My Irish grandmother, who had been the receptionist at the Algonquin Hotel in New York during the flapper round table times, cooked lobster which cost \$.25/pound.

My grandmother, my great aunts and my mother were adept at hand-crafts, one of which hand-braided rugs. My father, observing them work, wondered if he could design a machine that would duplicate the art of hand-braiding. This is a picture of my great aunt Annie sewing rugs.



Working in my grandfather's shop, he designed and built a machine to do that. Hand-braiding involves using ten fingers to alternate three strands of wool, one over the other. Bob's machine used three large spools moving in a figure eight pattern to feed wool to a front unit of three smaller cones that folded the wool and moved in synch with the back to create the braid. The machine when finished was 16 feet long and weighed half a ton.



This picture is an ink drawing of the braiding machine. It shows the front of the machine with the cones that folded and braided the strands coming from the large spools in the back. I remember an especially pleasing repetitive clicking sound as the cones circled one another.

In 1952, we moved back to Long Valley and again lived with Aunt Marge in the white house next to the church. My parents started a business designing and producing rugs made by this machine. They rented a two story building on the other side of the stone bridge a short walk from the house. The bottom floor had been a blacksmith shop, the top a big meeting hall, where I played with other children. I recently discovered it was where the KKK met. There was a real skeleton in the closet. The cottage industry business was called "Contour Braided Rugs." They designed, produced and sold beautiful wool rugs, up to 9x12 in size.





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Downstairs Bob wound the wool onto the spools and I helped. The strand of braid that came from the front cones fed upstairs through a hole in the ceiling to where Kay sat at a sewing machine. She started with sewing one piece of braid folded back on itself and kept sewing until a 9x12 rug was completed. Bob designed and built a metal table with a fan underneath that blew air through holes to float the rug so that it could be easily turned while sewing. He later sold a number of these tables to carpet manufacturers in the south. We called it the flying carpet machine.

They calculated having produced a million feet of braid.

While New England hand-braided rugs were made from scraps and rags, these rugs were made from the finest wool, dyed to order for designs created for individual homes. And while hand-made rugs ended with a tapering butt end, my mother figured how to splice two ends of a circle of braid into an invisible seam that made the rug reversible—a technique that came to her in a dream. Kay also made handbags out of the braid and one day she put a bag on her head and came up with the idea of a braided hat. Both sold well in the upscale department stores of New York.

Bob was granted a patent in 1955.

The October 1956 issue of *Better Homes and Gardens* featured one of the rugs on their cover.

There was an article in *American Magazine*. The journalist romantically summarized the business “Love Braids a Rug.”

After Long Valley, we moved back to Maine, and then to Laconia, New Hampshire, where I went to high school. My father continued to invent under the company name “Mechanical Motions.”

In 1963 I followed in my father’s footsteps and enrolled at Bucknell University. On holidays I visited Aunt Marge in Long Valley.

One visit that stands out in my mind is Thanksgiving, 1963. We watched the John F. Kennedy funeral with Ann Metz in her stone house by the bridge. Marge died in 1965, having lived her whole life in Long Valley, except for the years she spent at Douglass College.

While researching my ancestry, I did a virtual street tour of Long Valley. Very little has changed since I lived there as a child. I see the white house that was my family home has been painted yellow and red and now houses the Zion Lutheran Parish Center.

A longer version of this article can be found under “Articles—Long Valley” on my website [spiralmemoir.com](http://spiralmemoir.com).



Pictured above are Bob and Deborah Swackhamer working at the rug braiding machine. Below is Deb spooling.

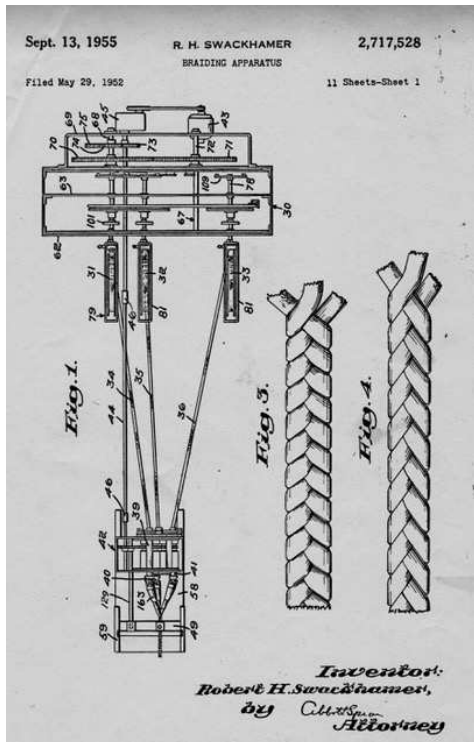


The patent and “Love Braids a Rug” from *American Magazine* are shown on page 10.



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To the left are the patent for Bob Swackhamer's rug braiding machine and a reprint of the *American Magazine* article where it was featured.

See page 7 for Deborah Hayden Swackhamer's story about her family's business and other memories.