

# 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 2019 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

The day finally arrived. I knew it was coming; I just wasn't sure when it would be. It was Monday April 1, 2019—no fooling! It marks the official beginning of downsizing for Sharon and me. I took a couple of boxes of unneeded clothing to Goodwill Industries. We have several tons of "stuff" yet to go. We have committed to leave the farm for a CCRC, continuous care retirement center. The clock is ticking so excuses and procrastination will no longer work. We've decided storage will not be an out. We must divest of stuff to condense 7,000 feet of space to 2,000. Of course, this is not a unique challenge; many of you may have already faced this day, but it is a first for us. I just hate the thought that much past family history stops with me the day I dispose of many of these things.

I am the oldest surviving Swackhamer male in the Indiana branch of the family. I have the letters, photos, official records, memorabilia and personal memories of family members most others in the family have never met. What should I do with them? Then there are outdoor sculptures, inside art work, farm equipment, and tools of all kinds to be disposed of. Letting go of these things will be easier for me because they can be replaced if circumstances ever warrant.

I have 3-4 banker boxes of Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society records—background for bulletins, correspondence, submitted family histories, detailed genealogy charts, etc. Where should they go? In the past the easiest solution has been to just discard such items believing that they mostly mattered to the person submitting them who also most likely kept originals. Perhaps this is still the best "letting go" solution. In this issue of the summer 2019 Bulletin is a "belated, posthumous" communication from James W. Swackhamer (1920-2008). It is a one-page example of the material I'm describing.

At the July 27, 2019 annual gathering we will have an opportunity to explore further how best to deal with family history artifacts—How to transfer family lore to younger generations and where to display and store such items. Have you seen the 30 foot long genealogy chart of the Dufford family? If you are a Dufford descendant you may be on it. Now, all we need to do is figure out how to display and update it in the Zion Lutheran Church educational building. Come and share your thoughts at this summer family outing. A registration form is available in this Bulletin.

At the 2018 July meeting we spent some time exploring whether there was sufficient interest of descendants of survivors of the *Love and Unity* voyage to launch a special work session at an annual meeting. To date only 4-5 of 30 plus surviving families have expressed an interest, which was determined to be insufficient to schedule a program in 2019. The topic will remain under review.

In this issue is a story of the Duncan family's experience using the Swackhamer driving tour guide for a first-time visit to Long Valley. There is also a Dufford family driving tour guide. Who among the Dufford descendants will give it a test and share with readers your story? It is a great way to make your visit fit your vacation schedule when July 27 is not convenient.

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

**Joyce MacRae (S)**, ON, in October, 2018, bought the Samuel Swackhamer immigration book. Joyce is the daughter of **Harold C. Swackhamer** and granddaughter of **Arthur C. Swackhamer**. **Leon J. Swackhamer**, Montrose, PA, also bought Swackhamer books for Christmas gifts to sisters. **Ricarda Swackhamer (CA)** purchased Samuel Swackhamer books for herself and a relative.

**John Lawrence Brasher**, emails of photos and comments to **Debra Hayden Swackhamer** in response to her story of living in Long Valley in 1950s. He also sent a story of a lawyer friend's memoir of settling a chattel estate in Middle Valley shortly after 1912. This story is scheduled for the winter 2019 *Bulletin*.

**Bill Asdal** continues to find former Swackhamer properties for preservation. This one was the home of John Swackhamer in 1747 at 359 Vernoy Road across the South Branch of the Raritan River from the Raritan Inn.

**Merle Duncan (S)**, (Ont.) and her husband on a fall trip south, gave the Swackhamer Long Valley Driving Tour a good test and supplied feedback for its improvement. Her story of the visit is in this issue.

The Society was informed that **Mrs. Joseph (Swackhamer) Bryan** of Dayton, OH died on November 6, 2015. Condolences are extended to her son and family.

At the summer 2018 reunion **Adelia Swackhamer**, (PA) presented to the Society an old family song book and her genealogical descendency from **John C. Swackhamer (1851-1900)**. A condensation of this chart is in process for the 2019 winter Bulletin.

Also at the 2018 July meeting **Steve Firtko (F)** gave the Society a copy of his discovery of **Samuel Swackhamer's** ledger account at the Jacob Janeway general store in Middlebrook, NJ 1737-1742.

An alert reader noticed that in the winter 2018 *Bulletin* on page 4 there is a summary of the 72<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting and then on page 7 it says that the Society has met at Zion Church for 67 years? Is this an error? No, the joint Society was formed in 1951 with a merger of the two family reunions, which had been meeting for several years, and not all gatherings have been at Zion Church.

## Necrology

Phyllis Mary Swackhammer b. November 26, 1936, d. January 23, 2019 of complications from Alzheimer's disease at age 82. She was the daughter of Harold and Elizabeth Febes. She was a life-long resident of Hocking County, Ohio and a long-time member of Laurel Hills United Methodist Church. She retired from the Logan Elm School District with 20 years of service.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, F. E. (Bud) Swackhammer, children, Gary and Gayle; brothers Charles, Tom and Lawrence Febes, and sister, Doris Disbennett. She is survived by children Steve (Jonnie), Tracy (Mary), Trent (Marilyn) Swackhammer and Sandra Zwayer (Walter); grandchildren, Jake, Gabe, Leah and Colin Swackhammer, Brittany (Lance) Canterbury, Madison (Allen) Plants, Rachel (Christopher) Peterson, D'Lani (Nick) Rinehart, and Ian Zwayer; three great-grandchildren, Maci and Ridge Canterbury and Evelyn Peterson; sister, Patricia Hettinger, and brother, Robert Febes, sister-in-law Jeannie Tarpey plus many nieces, nephews and friends.

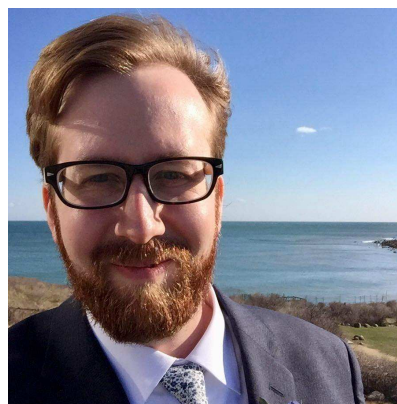
Funeral services were conducted by Wellman Funeral Home in Laurelville and Pastor Dan Coy with burial in Green Summit Cemetery.



### Meet Your Webmaster: Matthew Martyniuk

Matthew Martyniuk (D) is the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Webmaster and has been involved with SDGS since high school. In 1999, his grandmother, Audrey McCaffrey, was the SDGS President and she recruited Matt to fill the vacant position of Bulletin Editor. He started the web site a year later in 2000.

Matt is the 7<sup>th</sup> great-grandson of Hans Philipp Dufforth. He is the son of Carol and Peter Martyniuk and grew up in Vernon, NJ. Matt has a sister, Christie Annunziato, and a brother, Michael Martyniuk. Matt became interested in genealogy when his mother found a hand-drawn family tree on old draftsman's paper in a steamer trunk belonging to Alden M. Wert. They spent many hours digitizing those "scrolls" using the old Family Tree Maker software. Matt's maternal grandparents were Audrey and Herbert McCaffery. Audrey was the daughter of Grace Cappy Wert and Alden M. Wert (1882 – 1962). Alden was the son of John C. Wert (1842 – 1921) and Ann Martha Dufford (1844 – 1920). Ann Martha was the daughter of George Dufford (1794 – 1866) and Elizabeth Neighbor (1800 – 1886).



Matt and Rashida Atkins were married in 2009 and have two children, Nova (age 5) and Kai (age 2). They live in Columbia, NJ and run a small hobby farm, raising goats and chickens. Matt is a science teacher in Mine Hill and in addition to genealogy has a long-time interest in paleontology. He has published two books on prehistoric animals: "A Field Guide to Mesozoic Birds" and "Beasts of Antiquity: Stem-Birds in the Solnhofen Limestone".



### A Swackhamer Descendant's Driving Tour of Family Sites in Long Valley, New Jersey by Merle Duncan

About August 2018 my husband and I began planning an October road trip from our home in Stouffville, Ontario, Canada to Myrtle Beach, SC. Due to my interest in genealogy and family history I try to research any family related sites along our route. Having done some research on my 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather Samuel Schwechheimer (Swackhamer) for a 2017 Rhine river cruise and seeing his hometown of Altusheim, Germany, I knew he had immigrated to New Jersey. It seemed to me that a route taking us through New Jersey would be possible. My husband and I struck a deal. I would research these New Jersey sites and know EXACTLY where I wanted to go and what I wanted to see. The internet searches began and it wasn't hard to come up with the fact that the Raritan Inn at Long Valley, New Jersey was the site of Samuel's farm. There was some confusion as to his burial site being Middle Valley Cemetery or the Zion Lutheran Church in Oldwick (Germantown). I thought immediately of Gene Swackhamer who has helped me on several occasions with all things Swackhamer. He did not disappoint. He was working with the Washington Township Historical Society of Long Valley to develop a "Driving Tour of Swackhamer Historical Places in Long Valley" and provided me with a copy. I was in family history heaven!

We arrived in Middle Valley, NJ in the early afternoon of Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> on an unusually hot and humid day. We had a lot to see so our first stop was the Middle Valley Cemetery. A Memorial gravestone to Samuel as an early New Jersey pioneer is here as well as the graves of many Swackhamer descendants and as we discovered it is also the home of swarms of mosquitoes. If you visit wear long pants and bring bug repellent. The grass is long and as with

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## A Swackhamer Descendant's Driving Tour (continued from page 3)

so many old cemeteries it must be dependent on volunteers for maintenance and upkeep. The lichen covered memorial stone was easily located thanks to Gene's brochure instructions and a quick tour of the rest of the cemetery for photos was completed.



Pictured left is the memorial gravestone to Samuel Swackhamer.

Right is the Swackhamer Family Plot at Middle Valley Cemetery.

Our next stop was our home for the night, the Raritan Inn, owned and operated by Bill and Marcia Asdal. Beautifully renovated and in a picturesque location, it is also the site of Samuel Swackhamer's homestead. In the renovation process, the foundation and fireplace were found in the basement of the home and they have been proven to be those of Samuel's homestead. It was quite a thrill to think that I was in the same room that my 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather and family had lived in. The Asdals are quite knowledgeable on their property history and willing to share their information. In talking to Bill we discovered he was just finishing renovations on the home of John Swackhamer (Samuel's son) who had property across the South Branch of the Raritan River at 359 Vernoy Rd. John is my 4<sup>th</sup> great-grandfather so with Bill's approval we arranged to visit it the next day.



Above is Merle Duncan in Samuel Swackhamer's Homestead. To the left is the Raritan Inn, Califon, NJ.



After a walk around the grounds of the Inn, following the directions of our brochure we were off to the Old Swack Church. The route there is through some beautiful countryside and I spent the short drive to the site imagining my ancestors travelling these same roads – with different transportation, of course. It was built by a Swackhamer descendent (Stuttering Jake) for another Swackhamer descendent (Reverend Lambert Swackhamer) in about 1844. A dedicated group of volunteers has cleaned up the site of the ruins and did a wonderful job.



The Old Swack Church



On our way back to the Inn, a stop in Califon at Max's Market and Eatery for a delicious Italian dinner was a chance to go over our day of Swackhamer discoveries and plan our following day. After a good night's sleep and a wonderful breakfast the next morning we were ready to see more Swackhamer sights.

As planned, we went to see the John Swackhamer property on Vernoy Road, which is the first road once across the 513 bridge just west of the Inn. The remnants of a large group of lime furnaces are by the road entrance to the property. Lime was used to "sweeten" soil by reducing acidity, thus enhancing yields. I was feeling lucky to have seen, not only one ancestor's property, but two. A tour of the inside was not possible, but our talk with Bill had indicated original flooring, fireplaces and woodwork were being kept and restored.



**Shown right are lime kilns at the entrance of the John Swackhamer (son of Samuel) Property, 359 Vernoy Rd. Left is the John Swackhamer home, presently being restored by Bill Asdal.**

We then took a quick trip into Long Valley and noted the Zion Church and the parsonage, home of Swackhamer descendant Debra Hayden Swackhamer. It is a historic landmark and a meeting place for the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society. The Washington Township Historical Society Museum is nearby but only open on Sundays and by appointment. A walking tour brochure is available there which identifies former Swackhamer homes and businesses in the picturesque village of Long Valley. Due to time constraints we missed this portion of the tour.

Before leaving the area, we wanted to see where Samuel was buried. He was a member of the Germantown (now Oldwick) Zion Lutheran Church and that is where he was buried. The gravesite is now unidentified. With a little help from our GPS we made our way through misty countryside to the quaint village of Oldwick. The cemetery is old but well maintained and well worth a visit.



**Pictured right is the Zion Lutheran Church and Cemetery in Oldwick, NJ. Left is Conrad Swackhamer's grave marker.**

Our time in the area had drawn to a close but we had seen so many things in such a short period of time that it couldn't have been done without the help of our "driving tour brochure". My many thanks to Gene Swackhamer, the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society, the Washington Township Historical Society, Bill and Marcia Asdal and all the volunteers who go unsung for keeping our ancestry alive and available for us to explore. It was a trip that I recommend to all. I hope to return some day.

**A Belated Genealogy Tribute**  
**by James W. Swackhamer (b. 7-13-20; d. 4-19-08)**  
**from Gene Swackhamer**

In the process of downsizing I was going through Swackhamer-Dufford materials I inherited from James W. Swackhamer and came across this genealogy communication he had intended for the Bulletin. It never made it in his lifetime, but is genealogy ever too old? I've submitted it on his belated posthumous behalf.

James wrote:

"In late August 1994 I received a letter from Mrs. Lawrence Harris of Avoca, NY giving me the details of what she knew of her family. At the time I was fighting arterial sclerosis and eventual by-pass surgery while my wife was suffering with terminal ovarian cancer, so I set her letter aside. I just recently found the letter and called her to see if I could include her information in our Bulletin. I was sad to find out that she had passed on, but her husband was gracious in allowing me to publish her information. Charlene (Swackhammer) Harris died 4 October 2000. What follows is from her letter and attachments, subject to some interpretation on my part."

**David Swackhamer**, b. PA (from Daniel Swackhamer official death certificate)

Nancy Seeley, b. PA (from Daniel Swackhamer official death certificate)

**Daniel Swackhamer**, b. 10 Feb. 1845; d. 23 Dec. 1926; buried Montrose PA Cemetery.

m. Delilah Davis b. 9 April 1855; d. \_\_\_ Dec. 1924; buried Montrose PA Cemetery.

Children:

Frank Swackhamer, b. 8 Sept. 1875; d. 24 Nov. 1924

**Morris L. Swackhamer**, b. 15 April 1877 in Auburn Twp., PA; d. 16 Feb. 1953 in Bath, NY, buried 20 Feb. 1953 Montrose PA Cemetery; m. Lottie Jones 20 March 1901 in Montrose, PA (presumably this Lottie Jones is also Charlotte Lottie Jones noted below). Lottie was b. 10 Dec. 1879 in Neath, PA; d. 10 Sept. 1969 in Bath, NY and was buried on 14 Sept. 1969 in Montrose PA Cemetery.

Llewellyn Swackhamer, b. 28 Mar. 1879; d. \_\_\_ 1945; m. Rachel Jones b. \_\_\_ 1881; d. \_\_\_ 1957.

Iva Swackhamer, b. 26 Feb. 1884; d. \_\_\_; m. Blain Sterling

Mabel Swackhamer, b. 13 Sept. 1889; d. \_\_\_; m. Fred Shoemaker 5 April 1918 (?)

Fay Swackhamer, b. 14 May 1892; first wife Hazel Stevens; second wife Adelle.

**Morris L. Swackhamer** and Charlotte (Lottie) Jones m. 20 March 1901 in Montrose. They had one child, a son, Roy L. Swackhamer. Charlotte Lottie Jones was the daughter of Nathan Jones (1840-1914) and Henrietta Stockholm Jones (1853-1906).

**Roy L. Swackhamer**, b. 16 Jan. 1903 in Montrose, PA; d. 16 Mar. 1971 in Hornell, NY; buried 20 Mar. 1971 in Bath, NY Nondaga Cemetery. He m. Virginia L. Burelson 24 June 1924 in Savona, NY. Virginia Burelson was b. 30 Sept. 1902 in Eldred, PA, the daughter of Frank G. Burelson and Roxie Douglas Burelson. She d. 12 Feb 1991 in Bath, NY and was buried 16 Feb. in Bath Nondaga Cemetery. Roy and Virginia had two children.

Frank B. Swackhamer, b. 16 Mar. 1925 in Afton, Chenango County, NY; d. 14 July 1991, m. Kathleen Clancy in 1945.

**Charlene V. Swackhamer**, b. 12 Oct. 1932 in Afton, Chenango County, NY d. 4 Oct. 2000, m. 30 April 1952 to Lawrence Harris.

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

## Donations to the Society

The following donors have made contributions since the winter 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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### 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 a **very special contribution**. It was sent to our President Gene Swackhamer, who in turn mailed it to me, the Dufford Family Historian. It is an article from the Kossmann Scrapbook that was in possession of the Washington Valley Archives. It is a newspaper article from the Hackettstown Gazette; entitled: "Dufford Family Holds Reunion at Middle Valley (1935)". It provides great tidbits (the tenth anniversary of our picnic) and details of many of our family's questions (114 attendees and election of officers). Another example is the plotting of the Dufford trip from beginning to end. Their travel began in and from Le Mans, France to Langensoultzbach, Germany to Amsterdam, Holland where they set sail for Philadelphia; Pa., then up the Delaware River to the mouth of the Musconetcong River, where they traveled along the ages old Indian trail going north of the town of Hackettstown, over Schooley's Mountain to the village of Long Valley where they established their homes along the south branch of the Raritan River (later becoming known as Middle Valley). There are many other vignettes, insights, clues and answers to a number of our family's questions. A most interesting read! Enjoy!!!

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## HACKETTSTOWN GAZETTE

### ----- DUFFORD FAMILY HOLDS REUNION AT MIDDLE VALLEY -----

Saturday - July 20, 1935  
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#### **114 members of Family present---Same Officers Elected**

Saturday, July 20, last, marked the tenth anniversary of the Dufford family reunion, held as usual in the old apple orchard on the farm owned by Philip S. and George S. Dufford at Middle Valley.

Although an exceedingly warm day, 144 Dufford's and their friends enjoyed a basket picnic lunch, coffee being made and served by Mr. C.C. Dufford of Glen Ridge, N.J., representing the Beach Nut Packing Company.

After the luncheon, President George S. Dufford called the meeting to order, and a motion to continue the present officers consisting of G.S. Dufford, President, P.S. Dufford vice-president, George B Wert, treasurer, and Frank Dufford, secretary, was adopted.

Mr. Edsen J. Neighbor, representing the Neighbor family, made a few remarks relative to that family and their relation through marriage to the Duffords, and the community spirit that obtained, when these descendants of the old Pioneers, stood shoulder to shoulder in the maintenance of their rights, sharing each other's sorrows and joys, the same spirit was now being fostered through this and other family reunions.

President Dufford then, by request, read extracts from the family history he had compiled, a synopsis of which follows:

September 20<sup>th</sup> coming [1935], will mark the 197<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the coming to Long Valley of the Dufford, Neighbor, Weise, Trimmer, Sharp, Hoffman and Welsh families. The DuFords had left LaMans, France in 1650; being French Huguenots they had fled their native land, because of religious persecution, finding an asylum in Holland from whence they sailed out of Amsterdam, on the Ship, Robert and Oliver, Captain Roberts, master, landing in Philadelphia September 11, 1738.

Here, after taking the Oath of Allegiance to the English King, and buying from traders the necessities for the establishment of their various homes, these pioneers made their way up the Delaware River to the mouth of the Musconetcong, where they followed up to where the ages old Indian trail crossed that stream, about where the present bridge spans it, northeast of the present town of Hackettstown.

Over this old trail they crossed Schooley's Mountain, to the present village of Long Valley, and established their homes along the south branch of the Raritan River; the DuFords on the farm now owned by Mr. Corwin, the original lease, dated May 20, 1747 now being in the possession of George S. Dufford, the family historian and writer of the verse.

Here on two hundred acre tract, leased from John Budd and his wife, Sarah, Philip DuFord Sr., Philip Dufford Jr., Jacob, George and Adam, sons, and Mary Magdalena the only daughter, together with the wife of Philip Sr., Catherine by name, and a grandson, George Stephen, the son of Philip Jr., they established their log home, the foundation of which today [July 20, 1935] is a jumbled heap of stone.

Here, during the winter 1738 Jacob DuFord, incurred the life-long enmity of his father and entire family through his marriage to a Delaware Indian maiden of the Unamis tribe, and was cut off in his fathers will and not even mentioned, because of this fact.

Three children, Matthias, John and David sprang from this union, freand from these three boys, descended all those who bear the English pronunciation of the name of Dufford.

Through a friend who, last Winter, visited the small remnant of the once powerful Delaware's now located in Oklahoma, Mr. George S. Dufford, tried to learn, if possible, the name of this Delaware maiden who was his paternal grandmother seven generations ago, but to no avail, and both Jacob and his Indian wife, now sleep in unmarked graves, probably in the sitting position, placed there, by their brothers of the Red, rather than the White skin.

Strange as it may seem, shortly after their arrival in the Long Valley, all of Jacob's brothers and sisters, drop out of the historical picture, with the exception of Adam, whose name appears of the records of Tewksbury Township, Hunterdon County, as a taxpayer, under the date of February 16, 1753.

To the ordinary reader, this fact may seem peculiar, but when we pause to think, that at that time no bureau of vital statistics existed, that West Jersey consisted of but two counties, Burlington and Hunterdon, with the present town of

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# Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Annual Reunion

**Zion Lutheran Church, 11 Schooley's Mountain Road, Long Valley, NJ 07853**

**Saturday, July 27, 2019, 9am to 3pm**

Everyone is invited to attend the annual reunion of the S-D Society on Saturday, July 27, 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. Bill Cramer will provide an update on Dufford family research as will Gene Swackhamer, Swackhamer Family Historian. 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](mailto:ggswhack@cs.com) If cancellation becomes necessary, please call or email Gene Swackhamer by July 24 at 410-771-4437 or [ggswhack@cs.com](mailto:ggswhack@cs.com) for a full refund.



## **Continuous Dufford Research (continued from page 8)**

Burlington as the capital, where these old pioneers had to go to record their deeds and leases, hence when the historian, is confronted with a lack of statistics, that of necessity, are largely a matter of deduction.

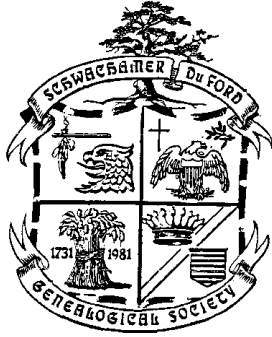
Family histories were kept, usually in the Family Bible, frequently neglected until actual dates were forgotten, names were spelled as each writer thought they should be; hence, when a historian of today begins a search of these old records, he is at once lost in a maze of conflicting facts and dates that are distracting.

In 1781 Jacob Du Ford bought the homestead farm from John Budd, passing it on to his son, George Stephen [Dufford], from whom it was bought by Nathan Anthony [Dufford], later owned by his daughter, Mrs. John Swayze, who sold it to the present owner Mr. Crowin.

The farm on which the reunion is held, was first leased by John Budd, to John Dine, who built the old house in 1747, while living in a log house just across the present road, and was bought by George Dufford, a son of George Stephen, and a grandson of Jacob, great grandfather of the present generation, over a hundred years ago.

Recently, Mr. George S Dufford, who occupies a part of this old house as a summer home, cut a doorway between two of the rooms, finding four walls, the inner walls were formed by slotted 4x6 inch, axe hewed, white oak studding, set three feet apart, between these studs' fence rails of chestnut had been placed in the slots, the space between the rails, being filled with yellow clay and oats straw and wainscoted lengthwise, instead of up and down, the wainscoting being name of half-inch oak boards about twelve inches wide. Outside or on either side of this inner wall, a false wall had been built, consisting of hand split red-oak lath, with an inch thick coat of plaster, so hard, it almost defied removal.

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**Annual Reunion Registration**

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Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_ at \$25.00 per adult for total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Children under 16 attending (free) \_\_\_\_\_. Voluntary donation to the S-D Genealogy Society \$ \_\_\_\_\_. Total amount of my enclosed **check payable to Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society** is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Here is a suggestion for a future Bulletin or annual reunion.**