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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 2019 BULLETIN

Dear Members and Friends:

This cover letter is offered as a summary of Bulletin highlights, some ideas on genealogy and a focus on Swackhamer Dufford Genealogy Society operations. Occasionally I will digress into a personal experience if it has relevancy to family history matters. The summer 2019 issue was a recent example as I discussed downsizing in preparation for a move to a retirement community. This topic brought forth more responses than any other I have covered. Thanks to all for the suggestions on preserving S-D records and for recommended books. I now have Marie Kondo's "Joy...in Downsizing the Family Home," Janice Novak's "Keep This Toss That," and Marni Jameson's "Downsizing the Family Home". As soon as I finish reading about how easy it is, I'll get right on it.

There are two major articles in this issue: Donn Dufford and Bill Cramer tracing the journey of their ancestor from Philadelphia by river to Long Valley in 1738 and Judge Price's memoir from Lawrence Brasher about a Middle Valley estate settlement among warring siblings. Both show the hardships and humanity of our ancestors.

At the fall meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of Palatines to America the president spoke of the many challenges faced by the chapter. With slightly over 300 members, all of the officers live out of state! Further, the membership is mostly "interested" in what the chapter does, not in being an "active" member of the chapter participating in decision making. Scan the list of officers on the next page and you will see a very similar picture for us. Our Long Valley and New Jersey roots are stretching pretty thin. It may not be either good or bad, but it is different and poses challenges for meetings and involvement.

At the next S-D reunion meeting on July 25, 2020, there will be a workshop of descendants of Love and Unity survivors. It will be a first and it will be exciting to learn about how other families fared.

Warm season greetings to all from the Swackhamer Dufford Society. In spite of virulent political times, Thanksgiving brought a reminder of our many blessings and Christmas and a New Year of renewed hope are almost here.

Sincerely yours,

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Throughout the Bulletin, (D) represents a Dufford connection, (S) for Swackhamer, (S&D) both families, and (F) for friend of the Society.

CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT by William Cramer

Hello descendants of Philip Dufford. This year, as we conclude the commemoration of the 281st anniversary of the arrival of Philip Dufford into German Valley, New Jersey (now Middle Valley), we have interesting articles.

The <u>first</u> is an article *Following the Path..." written by Donn Dufford tracing the Route of the Duffords from when they embarked in Philadelphia and made their way to German Valley (Long Valley).

The <u>second</u> is from the Dufford Archives. It is most interesting. It is the Confirmation Class from June 4, 1829 from the Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, NJ. There are 4 Duffords (spelled as Toffert) listed.

Following the Path the Original Long Valley Settlers Took in 1738 Along the Lenni Lenape Trail up the Musconetcong River to Long Valley by Donn Dufford and Bill Cramer

Donn has been a Dufford Family Historian for more than 30 years. He is a direct descendant of Philip and his son Adam Dufford, who helped settle Long Valley in 1738. Donn has traced the Dufford line back to the 13th Century. He visited the home in France where Philip and Adam Dufford and their family lived in 1738 before coming to America. Bill is the Family Historian for the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical Society. He has researched his ancestors since 1970 (Father's line - Cramer, Dufford, Hager, Sharp, Stoll, Trimmer, Weiss ... Mother's - (Ukrainian) Balnicki, Hupulu, Iwashko, Kiwtyk, Kuzyk, Makyuk, Riznyk, Stasyuk). Bill and Donn are cousins. Donn lives in Pasadena, CA and visits Long Valley annually. Bill lives in nearby Morris Plains, NJ.

In late 1738, our families traveled from Philadelphia up the Delaware River to the Musconetcong River, and on to Long Valley. In August 2019, we retraced part of our families' journey, from the Delaware River up the Musconetcong River. This is the route that was taken by five of the families who settled Long Valley in the fall of 1738. Before we tell you about our adventure along the Musconetcong, here's a little background.

Records show there were 320 passengers aboard the ship "Robert and Alice" when it landed in Philadelphia on September 11, 1738. On board, there were 102 males age 16 or older, and 218 women and children. The ship originally sailed from Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with a mandatory stop in Dover, England. The passengers included five families who became friends on the long journey, and would settle what is now Long Valley, Morris County, New Jersey.

Aboard the ship were:

- The Duffords (spelled "Duffort" in France) (8 family members) and the Terryberry/Durrenbergers (5 members). Both were German and French speaking French citizens from the Alsace region of northeastern France. They were related because Dufford daughter Anna Clara was married to Stephen Terryberry.
- The Neighbors (unconfirmed estimated 4 members) and
- The Weises (6 members) were both from what is now the Rhineland-Palatinate area of southwestern Germany, bordering France, Luxembourg and Belgium.
- Heinrich Shenckle, who was traveling alone. We're not sure where he was from, but since he was in line with the Weises when they signed the Oath of Allegiance, he was probably from the Rhineland-Palatinate also.

In this article, we use the long-established spellings of the family names, not how early mostly illiterate church and civic officials misspelled them. The names of these families were spelled at least 29 <u>different</u> ways in early 1700s records!

When new immigrants arrived in Philadelphia, it was common for them to be contacted by land agents. What was originally known as the Logan Tract was an area that was being opened up for settlement (lease) in what is now Middle Valley, NJ. Our families were probably encouraged by the land agents to acquire farm land in Middle Valley. (It is sometimes thought these five families knew the Swackhamers or Welshes who settled in Long Valley a couple years earlier. We haven't found any evidence that proves this.) The new land had plenty of trees for building houses, rocks for walls, a river running through it with plenty of fish, wild game, and was ideal for farming. For the Duffords and Terryberrys, the valley would prove to be almost identical to what they had left in their Alsace, France homeland.

Legend has it that from Philadelphia, the families were led 65 miles up the Delaware River to near the current Easton, PA, then up the Musconetcong River Indian path to Long Valley by a group of Lenni Lenape (Delaware) Native Americans who lived in the Long Valley area.

Since in 1738, nothing resembling a road existed from the Delaware to Long Valley, the settlers and their guides would follow the wellworn Indian path along the Musconetcong, through what was then a heavily wooded forest. Along the way, the only things they would pass were a handful of small Lenni Lenape villages, a fur trapper or two, and plenty of wild animals.

One sunny day last summer, we traveled the Musconetcong River to Long Valley, just as our ancestors had. Bill (top photo) and Donn (photo below Bill) began the day at the mouth of the Musconetcong at the Riegelsville Boat Ramp on the Delaware River, 6 miles south of Easton, PA. The Musconetcong flows into the Delaware just north of the trees (photo below Donn).











CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT

Confirmation Class from June 4, 1829 from the Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, NJ. There are 4 Duffords (spelled as Toffert) listed.

CONFIRMATION CLASS - 14 June 1829			
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1	TURRNE, Heinrich & Phyrun Bichler	Jakob (m)	16 Mar 1799
2	DOTTER (DOTTERER), Samuel & Cath. Eliz. Seiter	Georg (m)	10 Mar 1802
3	SCHWEHN (SWAIN), Benjamin & Christina Stauffer	Benjamin Jr. (m)	1803
4	DIEMER, Andreas & Catharine Herzel	Jakob (m)	22 Sep 1804
5	SCHROEDER, Heinrich & Catharine Fey	Heinrich Jr.	1 Aug 1808
6	ZAHLER, Joseph & Mary David	Joseph (m)	1 Aug 1809
7	SAEMEN, Joseph & Catharine Allenius	David	3 Feb 1810
8	ROTH, David & Catharine Alshaus	Elias	20 Feb 1812
9	GOEHRING, Adam & Magdalena Salzmann	Johann	30 Sep 1811
10	SAEMEN, Joseph & Catharine Allenius	Elias	20 Feb 1812
11	STAUTT (STOUT), Jakob & Elizabeth Fischer	Daniel	4 Mar 1812
12	BUECHLE (BEIGHLEY), Georg & CHristine Rubi (Ruby)	Daniel	1 Oct 1812
13	SCHROEDER, Heinrich & Catharine Fey	Joseph	21 Mar 1814
14	GOEHRING, Adam & Magdalena Salzman	Christian	15 Sep 1814
(15)	TOFFERT, Jakob & Elizabeth Rolmfeld	Mrs. Maria Toffert	9 Jun 1798
16	BONZON (BONZO), Louis & Margaret Mogneil	Mrs. Irne Zahler	1 Nov 1804
17	DIEMER, Andreas & Catharine Herzel	Margareth	9 Jan 1809
18	SARVER, &	Margareth (Mrs. Geor	g Dotterer)
19	BONZON (BONZOE), Louis & Margaret Mogneil	Mrs. Susana Diemer	5 Apr 1810
20	BUECHLE (BEICHLEY), Georg & Christine Rubi	Susana	11 Mar 1810
21	SCHROEDER, Heinrich & Catharine Fey	Elizabeth	12 Sep 1810
22	SCHWENK, Johan Jakob & Elizabeth Geissel	Hannah	27 Sep 1810
23	DIEMER, Andreas & Catharine Herzel	Anna	25 Apr 1811
24	WALZ, Johan Georg & Mary Catharine Huck	Sophia	24 Jun 1811
25	HAUPT, Conrad & Magdalena Redman	Rachel	24 Aug 1811
26	LUTHPHER, Jakob & Magdalena Kuhns	Catharine	8 Jan 1812
27	TEETS, Johan & Christine Miller	Christiane .	7 Mar 1813
(28)	TOFFERT, Friedrich & Salome Handschuh	LYdia	1 Oct 1813
29	SAEMEN, Joseph & Catharine Allenius	Lydia	2 Apr 1814
30	GOEHRING, Carl & Maria Feuerstein (Firestone)	Maria Charlotta	11 Sep 1814
:51	GOEHRING, Johann & Mary Schlosser	Mary Philippine	14 Oct 1814
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The following story of life in Middle Valley was submitted by **J. Lawrence Brasher**, former president of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society. It relates an early twentieth century experience of his friend Judge **Harold A. Price** (1893-1990) of Morristown in settling an estate between warring children in Middle Valley. The siblings could have been Duffords or Swackhamers. With time we tend to remember only the best of our ancestors, but like us, they were just ordinary people, often with blemishes. Larry suggests that it is worthwhile for us to remember how difficult life was for family 100 years ago and that not everything is driven by money. By space necessity, some of the story has been edited out, but the words are those of Mr. Price written in 1983 as a memoir of his legal life with the same firm from 1912 through 1985.

Memoir of a Middle Valley Family Dispute

I recall a situation many years ago in which Charles A. Rathbun, Esq., an active lawyer in Morristownand a former State Senator from Morris County, represented two elderly sisters living in Middle Valley. I was retained by their brother. These three children were the beneficiaries of a small estate resulting from the deaths of their father and mother.

The sisters lived in a farm house in Middle Valley, which had been the former residence of their parents. Their brother lived nearby. For the purpose of this story, the sisters, who were in their late 60s, shall be designated A and B. The brother who was approximately 15 years younger, is designated C.

The principal dispute which resulted in the events which I shall relate centered on the division of items of furniture and other chattels in the farm house. These items of furniture were of little monetary value, perhaps not more than \$500.

However, the three inheritors of this property wereunable to divide the items or agree upon any reasonabledisposition of them. None of them, neither the two sisters nor the brother, would agree to have the items sold at auction and divide the net proceeds of the sale, one-third to each.

Mr. Rathbun suggested that he and I should go to Middle Valley and arrange for a distribution as equally as possible among the respective clients if they would place the authority in our hands to do so. They would not do that. So he suggested that we go the homestead on a date to be designated and devise some means to settle the quarrel which wasbecoming intense. It should be stated that I was astounded that the feelings and disputeincident to the division of these chattels could possibly be as intense as it was. But it did exist and the respective attorneys, Mr. Rathbun and I, decided we would do our best to settle it.

Mr. Rathbun suggested that we review the items in each of the rooms in the oldfarm house. He would toss a coin in the first room to be selected and my client could call "heads" or "tails." If my client won the toss he had first choice of any item in the room. The second choice would then go to A, the third choice to B. Then again the son, my client, designated C, would select another item and so on in each room until the selections had been made.

It was a very cold day in December. I drove my air-cooled Franklin. Anyone who owned a Franklin knew it was not noted for its speed, but it was comfortable and it was all I could afford.

When I told Mr. King and Mr. Vogt, principals of the firm, about this scheduled trip, they were amused because they told me that nothing could engender as much bitterness as an attempt to divide and distribute chattels when each one of the persons involved wanted particular items.

Mr. Rathbun and I arrived at the farm house at about 12:00 noon on theselected date. My client's home was not more than a half mile away from hissisters' home. As we stopped in front of the house where the sisters lived, we alighted from the automobile and walked up a brick pathway to the door. The door was opened (it was a Dutch door so that the upper half was the portion which was first opened). On the other side of the door the two sisters stood. As they leaned over the half opened door, one of the sisters who, of course, knew Mr. Rathbun, greeted him.

Mr. Rathbun introduced me to the sisters. Sister A said, "Mr. Rathbun we know why you are here and why Mr. Price is here. We should like to let you know that we have a chicken lunch for you, but none for Mr. Price." At that moment a voice behind us said, "That's all right, Sis, my wife has a chicken lunch for Mr. Price." What had happened was that the brother, C, had parked his car behind ours on the road and, unknown to me, and had followed us up the path. He heard the remark made by A. After that welcome, which defined the attitude of the sisters not only towards my client but towards me, I went with my client to his home and had a chicken lunch. Mr. Rathbun had lunch with the sisters and by arrangement we met at 2:00 p.m. at the house.

Mr. Rathbun explained the arrangement which he had evolved to accomplish the distribution of the chattels, which generally consisted of chairs, sofas, bric-a-brac and ornaments of various kinds.

Before Mr. Rathbun started to arrange for the distribution of the chattels, one of the sisters said to my client, C, "If you win the toss, please don't take Mama's horsehair sofa." As she spoke, she pointed to an old horsehair sofa in the room. It had a crack in one of the legs, some of the horsehairs, like spines, were sticking out. I believe the total value of that sofa was not over \$10.

My client, C, said to her, "Sis, do you want Mama's horsehair sofa?" She said, "I certainly do." "Then," said he, "if I win the toss, I'll take it." The first coin was tossed. Our client called "heads," and heads it was.

From then on in the living room, the choices went as planned: one, two and three; one for my client, initially, then sister A and sister B, then my client, C, again until all the articles had been selected.

We went through the other five rooms in the house, following the same pattern of choice. In each of the rooms my client won the initial toss and selected some article he knew that one or the other of the two sisters desired. Of course, he had another opportunity every third choice to again select something he knew they desired. By the time we finished selection of the chattels in the six rooms and he had won first choice on six successive occasions, one can imagine how irate the sisters were.

After the completion of the selection of articles in the six rooms, one sister said there were some articles in the cellar. Of course, by this time it was approximately 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon and it was dark. There was no electricity in the house, so, in order to have light, we descended the stairs to the cellar, with each of the sisters having a candle, C had a lantern, I had a lamp, and Mr. Rathbun had a hurricane light.

In the cellar was a dirt floor, in the center of which, as in many of the older houses (and this house was, as I have indicated, very old), there was a spring. In the spring was a can containing cooling milk. As we reached the end of the stairs and were standing on the dirt floor, one of the sisters pointed to an old green churn and said to my client: "If you win the toss, don't take Mama's churn." He answered, "Sis, if I win the toss, I'm going to take the churn."

Mr. Rathbun, as usual, threw the coin in the air. My client called, "tails." It was "tails" and he said, "I want Mama's churn." (It should be noted that the churn had a value of not more than \$1.00.) One of the sisters addressing C, (continued on page 6)

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blurted vehemently and ungrammatically: "I wish you was dead. I wish you was buried. I wish there was a stone on top of your grave. I wish I was jumping up and down on top of it." On that note the selection of articles in the cellar ended. There was nothing of any real value there. Mr. Rathbun and I a few moments later decided to depart, after arrangements had been made that my client would come the next day with his truck and take away the things which he had selected.

As mentioned earlier in this memoir, I had an old air-cooled Franklin, and when we started to leave the house, I had great difficulty in getting the car started. I finally succeeded. Mr. Rathbun was no help because he did not know anything about automobiles. After the motor was running, I tried to turn on the lights, but they did not function.

What we did was to tie two lighted lanterns, furnished by the sisters, to the front of the car. With that method of transportation, at a top speed of 15 miles per hour, we drove the distance of approximately 17 miles to Morristown. I do not know how Mr. Rathbun was able to survive that trip from a nervous standpoint. Aside from being somewhat timid about automobile operation, the handicap of the poor lighting on the front of our car certainly made him nervous.

Thus ended the trip to Middle Valley; thus ended the attempt to settle a dispute over possessions by the toss of a coin. I have told this story frequently over the years to illustrate the point that the value of the assets of an estate has little relation to the rancor which can occur among the beneficiaries.

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The following donors have made contributions since the summer 2019 *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 or (T) for Tufford, (F) for friend of the Society and (S) for Swackhamer.

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73rd Annual Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Reunion: July 27, 2019

Members and friends gathered in the educational building (Faith Hall) at Zion Lutheran Church, Long Valley, New Jersey on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Fourteen people were present, which is down from the decade average of 15-20. Hot coffee, yummy pastries, fruit juice and fresh fruit were welcome after a long morning car ride for several. The display of ancestor information assembled by Bill Cramer and Gene Swackhamer along with photo boards of Altlussheim, Germany (Samuel Schwechheimer's homeland) and Langensoultzbach, France (home of Philip and Jacob Dufford) drew immediate interest as did a table of Long Valley history. At 9:15 Gene called the meeting to order and introduced some of the attendees and guests. He reviewed the program for the day and reported on several highlights of the past year:

- The S-D Society is financially sound
- Two excellent Bulletins were published by Shelley Heretyk, Editor
- Bill Asdal restored the original 1742 John Swackhamer house
- Marie Ernest, member, attended the Palatines to America annual program for the S-D Society
- Jill Drees became membership coordinator
- Merle Duncan and husband (of Canada) tested the Swackhamer Long Valley Driving Tour

Pastor Ingrid Wengert extended a welcome and discussed her family's migration history from Eastern Europe. She was followed by Steven Firtko who discussed the Middle Valley Community Association and Middle Valley Cemetery Association history. Following a break for more browsing and discussions, Bill Cramer, Vice President and Dufford Family Historian, provided an update of inquiries and research activity. He was followed by Gene Swackhamer who discussed his assisting Dr. Wolfgang Grams at the Indiana PalAm chapter meeting, attending the John Swackhamer 359 Vernoy Road property open house, and offered thoughts on research topics and support needs going forward.

Lunch was another gourmet feast of shrimp salad, hot German potato salad, luncheon meats, various seasonal fruits and more desserts. It was all good and made it hard to return to the program. A brief business session was held. Robert Swackhamer's Treasurer's report was distributed. It showed a June 30, 2019, balance of \$3,758.56. The Society goal is to maintain a reserve of one year of bulletin production funds if we had no revenue. Also discussed was using a credit card donation program for emailed bulletins, seeking a volunteer to test the Dufford Driving Tour, and donating \$200.00 each to four local support groups: Zion Church, Washington Township Historical Society, Middle Valley Cemetery Association and the Mount Amwell Project Foundation "Old Swack Church" Fund. All officers will continue for 2019-2020.

Following the business session Gene continued with some research proposals and a discussion of DNA usage in genealogy. He referenced a July 20, 2019, article in the Wall Street Journal about the ethical dilemma that can be encountered and called on Richard Stark of Bloomfield, NJ, to share his long personal experience using DNA tests to locate family.

Although most in attendance had visited the WTHS museum and library, we took a walk across the street to see the improvements being made. We immediately appreciated the air conditioned meeting room of the Church as the outside temperature was above 90 degrees and we were happy to return for cold watermelon and iced tea. At 3:00 pm the meeting formally adjourned, but several lingered to discuss family history and share information. We will meet again on Saturday, July 25, 2020.



2019 S-D annual reunion L to R: Vivian Logan (seated), Sharon Swackhamer, Amanda Logan (partially hidden), Mike Apgar, Bill Cramer, behind Bill is Richard Stark, Steve Firtko, Pat Barber, Mary Ann Kordys, Annette Sadloski, Eileen Stokes, and Pastor Ingrid Wengert. Jill Drees Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society 6 Beehive Place # H Cockeysville, MD 21030



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Items are needed for the Summer 2020 Bulletin. Please send material to Shelley Heretyk, Bulletin Editor, by April 15th. See page 2 for contact information.