

# 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 2022 BULLETIN

Dear Family and Friends:

We are now learning that we may never be entirely Covid-free, so various ideas are being discussed about ways to lessen community and individual infection risks. I doubt that this is the outcome that any of us wanted, but for now, we all will need to develop strategies and risk tolerances for our new “normal.”

The upcoming July reunion gathering will be an example. We will follow Zion Lutheran’s guidelines for in-person use of the education hall on July 30, 2022. Last year was a comfortable arrangement for our meeting, and I would expect this year to be similar. In the unlikely event that cancellation becomes necessary, everyone who has registered will be called (or emailed) and their registration fee refunded. Invited speakers include Ken Martin, a railroad hobbyist, who will discuss the importance of rail service to Long Valley and Pastor Ingrid Wengert, who will discuss the early church and Pastor Muhlenberg’s role in Long Valley history.

I once had a neighbor named George Gipe who wrote for a comedian, and film producer named Rob Reiner. At a dinner, George told me he was working on a book of “Lasts!” Since everyone else seems to care more about firsts, he did research to find who last drove a Conestoga wagon on the Oregon Trail, or who bought the last Studebaker car. I used his idea in this Bulletin with Mike Swackhamer, who is possibly the last Swackhamer hog farmer in a long progression of farmers since Jacob Schwechheimer in 1540.

In the Communication/Genealogy section of the Bulletin there are good examples of family ancestor tracing by Society members. These efforts to identify ancestors and learn a little about their lives are a great way to engage additional family members and lessen the time it might take to find information without their assistance.

We also welcome Larry Brasher of Alabama as a reporter for the Bulletin. Anyone may submit material but having regional support can help find the interesting stories within our membership and also help members far from Long Valley feel connected to the Society.

Finally, if you have been wanting to attend a summer reunion but have just never gotten around to it, consider this year. Members present can help with driving information on the local Dufford and Swackhamer family history sites.

Sincerely,

Gene L. Swackhamer, President

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Current and past *Bulletins* are located here. Put your comments or questions in the "Guest Book." The site is monitored, and you will get a response. Throughout this issue (D) represents a Dufford connection, (S) for Swackhamer, (S & D) both families, and (F) for friend of the Society.

## Communication with Members and Friends

Michael Douglas Timothy Cramer (D) and Allie Danielle Lowndes were married on Aug 1, 2020. The beautiful wedding took place in the Cramer Family backyard. While the Corona virus canceled their wedding reception in 2020, they had a beautiful wedding reception in August of 2021 at the Historic Waterloo Village on the Musconetcong River in Allamuchy, NJ.

Also, Michael and Allie announce the birth of their son, Michael Courtland Cramer, on Nov 15, 2021. Michael Courtland is the great, great, great, great, great, great, great, great-grandson of Hans Philipps Dufforth. (that's eight greats). Congratulations Michael Courtland Cramer and your parents, Mike and Allie!

Just for an interesting fact, Michael Courtland Cramer and his cousin, Martha Lynn Serafin (daughter of Steven Serafin and Patricia Cramer (D)) are also the eighth-generation great grandchildren of John (Hans) Trimmer, Leonard Neighbor, Johannes Hager, and Matthais Sharp, and tenth-generation great grandchildren of Michael and Annie Marie Cramerin (who arrived here in America in 1710).

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Jay Scott Farley wrote: "I recently received the Winter 2021 Bulletin. I believe I am on the distribution list as the Bulletin was probably sent to my father, Jay Stanley Farley (1925-2006), and then forwarded to me as I managed his estate after his passing.

Previously, I had not paid much attention to my connection with the Swackhamer-Dufford clan. I did grow up in High Bridge, NJ, so I am familiar with Long Valley and environs.

I recently became interested in my Farley lineage and looked at the excellent genealogical reference created by Helen Farley Hintz entitled Farley Connections, August 2003. I discovered my connection with the Swackhamer-Dufford clan there.

My parents were Jay Stanley Farley (1926-2006) and Dorothy Tampier (1929-2000). My parents' grandparents were Beldon Howell Farley (1895-1974) and Helen Katherine Farley (1900-1974). Helen's parents were Charles Potter Farley (1875-1950) and Myrta Dufford (1897-1945). Aha! The Dufford connection.

In 1990, I married Lizanne Deschryver (1958-present) from Huntington, NY, and we have two children: Taylor Kristen Farley (1993-present) and Kristopher Scott Farley (1996-present).

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Beth Zang wrote that she is looking for information on any of the following ancestors to expand her genealogy tree. If you have or know of any connections, please let her know at email: [mrtobycat@yahoo.com](mailto:mrtobycat@yahoo.com)

Caroline Swackhammer, Her 2G Grandmother  
B- 1827 New Jersey, probably Hackettstown.  
M- 3 Mar 1847 to Nicholas Hapeman  
D- 23 Nov 1868 Pittston, Luzerne, PA

William Swackhammer, Her 3G Grandfather  
B- 1798 New Jersey  
M- 1822 to Jane Anguish, Trenton, NJ  
D- 23 Nov 1888, Wayne City, PA

Sarah Swackhammer  
B- 4 Apr 1822 Hackettstown, NJ (source: daughter's obituary)  
D-4 Sept 1917 Carbondale, Lackawanna Co., PA

Johnson Swackhammer  
B- abt. 1830, NJ  
D- 13 Jan 1885 Canaan, Wayne, PA

George Swackhammer  
B- 28 June 1835, PA  
D- 5 Jan 1879 Lackawanna Co., PA

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Likewise, Barbara Gregg wrote to say that her 3G Grandmother was Charity Swackhammer. Charity's daughter, Nancy Myrtle Schooley, was Beth's G Grandmother. She would like help with the missing connections to Samuel. Her contact is [barbarasexton40@yahoo.com](mailto:barbarasexton40@yahoo.com)

*As space permits within the one-ounce first-class postage limit, we are happy to post inquiries.*

## “Colonial Religion in Long Valley,” A Reunion Presentation by Pastor Ingrid Wengert

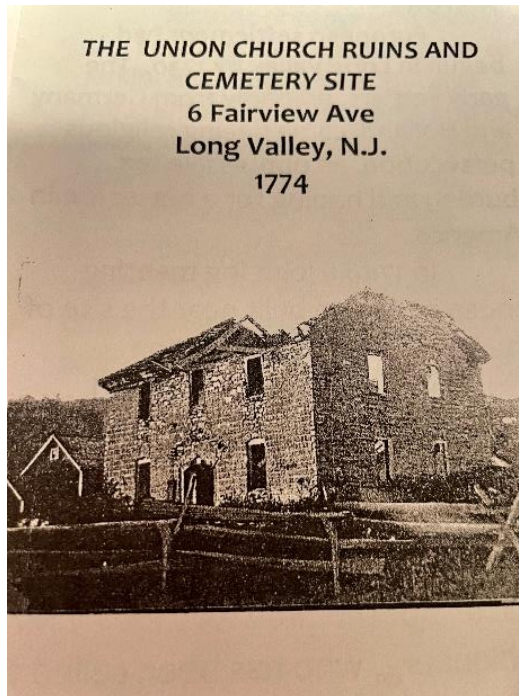
Pastor Ingrid Wengert and her husband, Reverend Tim Wengert gave this presentation on April 23, 2022, at the Washington Township Public Library. It focused on German Valley, Zion Church, and Pastor Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg.

They are the story of religion in Long Valley in the early 1700s, but there is more to the story. The Union Church in Long Valley was the joint effort of the Reformed Lutheran and Evangelical (Zion) Lutheran Churches to build a joint building (the visible ruins of today). John Schwackhammer voted for this project on behalf of Zion in 1774.

In the neighboring community (Mt. Bethel) north of Califon are the ruins of the former Mt. Bethel Lutheran Church of Lambert Swackhamer, known as the Old Swack Church. Pastor Swackhamer appears to have been a Hartwick Seminary rival of Pastor Muhlenberg, often for calls or other recognition.

Pastor Swackhamer often faced congregation resistance because of his stance against slavery and alcohol and probably his personality also. He got his cousin Jake Swackhamer to build his church and, based upon cemetery sites, must have had a congregation of sixty or so.

Other than these few references and the rosters of Zion and Long Valley Presbyterian church membership, there is little evidence of our Dufford or Swackhamer involvement in Colonial Religion in Long Valley.



*The Union church ruins of Long Valley is from the published brochure of Washington Township Historical Society*



*Photos show the condition of the old Swackhamer Church today after removal of trees and brush; these photos were taken by Gene and Sharon Swackhamer*

## **Continuous Dufford Research Project**

### **By William Cramer**

Hello, descendants of Hans Philip Dufford. This ongoing project is an attempt to update and inform the descendants of the Dufford family about their history, origins, ancestors, and 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 two contributions. The first is regarding a few updated emails I recently received from the Tuffords (Canadian Duffords). Therefore, I am requesting any Tuffords to please contact me with updated information.

We presently have and have had in the past many Tufford/TuFort/Tofort/Thiffort/Tuffer members who are part of the family. Our Society member, Kathryn Wright, a descendant of the Tuffords of Ontario, Canada, sent us a detailed two-page summary of the descendants of Elijah O. Tufford, which was published in our Winter 2009 Bulletin (see our website to read this). Mrs. Owen Mardis, a descendant of the Tuffords of Newcomerstown, Ohio, sent us an update in the Summer 1993 Bulletin (see our website to read this). Clair A. Hurlburt, of Wildwood, Florida, in a letter dated September 21, 1988, sent us an update on the line of John Tufford. She also informs us about the sons of Conrad Tufford, from Clinton Twp., NJ, and their enlistments during the War of 1812. She reports in our Summer 1993 Bulletin (see our website).

There are/were Tufford descendants in Markham, Ontario; Regina, Saskatchewan; Niagara Peninsula, Ontario; Victoria, British Columbia; Nova Scotia, Alberta, and Quebec. There are/were Tufford descendants in Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Florida, Ohio, Louisiana, Indiana, California, New York, Vermont, and Delaware.

As Norman E. Tufford from Munster, Indiana, tells us from a July 24, 1984, article: "July is the reunion month in the Tufford-Dufford family in North America. On the last Saturday of the month the Duffords and Swackhamers meet in Long Valley, New Jersey, to renew family connections and to learn more family history than anyone has been able to uncover. This is an interesting reunion. Some years ago, this writer [Norman Tufford] and his wife visited Long Valley on the reunion day as we were vacationing in that area. We picked up the necessary picnic apparatus and some food to pass in the local delicatessen and joined in the festivities. We also took a colored photograph of those assembled and, all in all, had a delightful experience which we have not been able to repeat since then."

Mr. Tufford continues, "Another reunion occurs in July (at least for the past few years) when this writer [Norman Tufford] and his wife travel to Niagara Peninsula in Upper Canada to attend the annual seminar that the Shaw Festival Theatre sponsors in Niagara-on-the-Lake during the third week in July. While we are there, some time is spent with relatives and friends west of Niagara-On-The-Lake who are participating in research on the Tufford family in North America. We have just returned from this annual trip and have begun to anticipate next year."

How interesting, the Canadian Tuffords have been meeting since at least the 1980s to share information on their family's roots and history and genealogical connectedness. Wouldn't it be great if we were able to tap into the conversations that were had then? Maybe there are presently Tuffords in Canada whose parents or grandparents were part of that Tufford family history-sharing

or still might be part of an ongoing discussion. We would love to know. Could you please share some of the rich information that has been accumulated over the years?

There are many Tuffords around North America who would like to make the connection to their ancestors who sailed across the Atlantic Ocean in the 1700s. Many are connected to the original Philip Tofort Sr., who arrived in Philadelphia, Pa., on September 11, 1738. Even Mr. Norman E. Tufford tells us: “There are many Tuffords in Canada, but we cannot connect them all together. There seem to be several principal family groups, and most of them have come from New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania and were born about 1750 to 1830.”

In this issue of the Bulletin, we are “Calling All Tuffords” to assist other family members and us in connecting, reconnecting, and learning about the history of our great family and the genealogical ancestral and descendent updates on the various branches of our family. Please pass this article on to all members of your families and, if possible, send me the updates, stories, histories, etc. You can reach me either on our website’s Message Board page; or by directly sending to my email address. (use Bill Cramer’s 2022 email address)

The second contribution is the list of superb presentations at the Genealogical Society of New Jersey Spring 2021 Genealogy Conference on May 8, 2021. You can access all the individual Conferences presentations and even join the Society by reaching out to [www.gsnj.org](http://www.gsnj.org).

This year’s great presentations included the following: Italian Genealogy 101, That’s in the Archives! Digging Deeper into the New Jersey State Archives, Academic Records and Family History Research, Ethical Dilemma’s in Genealogy, Sports-Related ties to Family History Research, Genealogical Timelines for Organization, Analysis and Problem Solving; Researching and Sharing the Journey of your Ancestors, and Loose Records, What are they? As you can see, this Conference is chock full of specialty information.

### **Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society Trivia**

1. Who designed the S-D crest?
2. Who is credited with developing the lighting for the first night baseball game?
3. Who is the Swackhamer in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame?
4. Name the author of a book of poetry titled “A Peep at Other People.”
5. When was the first S-D Bulletin (newsletter) published?
6. How many Bulletins did Shelley Heretyk produce as Editor?
7. There are at least three complete sets of Swackhamer-Dufford Bulletins. One is at the Washington Township Historical Society Library, one is in possession of Gene Swackhamer, and the third and official one is located \_\_\_\_\_ ?
8. Who among our membership once slept in the house that was Zion’s parish home and is now Zion’s office?
9. What famous Lutheran was formerly pastor of the Long Valley Union Church?
10. How many members are in the S-D Society as of July 30, 2022, excluding organizations such as churches, historical societies, genealogical groups, and businesses?

*Answers are elsewhere in this Bulletin.*



## The Last Swackhamer Hog Farmer



*Photo provided by Gene Swackhamer*

Having grown up on a hog farm, I learned from my dad why they were known as “mortgage lifters.” The three-month, three-week, three-day gestation period meant that an excellent hog farmer could turn three litters in a calendar year. Yet that was not the norm—two turns were more common because of crop production labor demands. Still, hogs carried many farmers through the depression and into the modern era before confinement economics, disease control, environmental compliance regulations, and marketing options changed hog farming. Mike can tell you much about those forces, but he has another side that made closing the hog chapter of farming sad, “the romance of hogs.”

In 2007 Mike participated in the 275th celebration of Samuel Swackhamer’s coming to America with an entry in the poetry writing competition. Of a dozen entries, his poem was selected fourth, just out of the top three placings that were read at the reunion. It seems only appropriate that we honor the last Swackhamer hog farmer by including it here.

Mike Swackhamer, Anderson, IN, is the last Swackhamer hog farmer that I know. (If I’m wrong, please send me an email). About eleven years ago, he shifted away from livestock to all grain, so he is still farming. In fact, when I called him a few days ago, he was in an air-conditioned tractor cab pulling an 8-row Messick no-till corn planter across a field 1/2 mile long. Mike is carrying on a long tradition dating from Jacob Schwechheimer, a tobacco farmer in Leussheim, Germany. It is not known if Jacob also raised hogs but given the Germanic love of sausages of all kinds, the probability that he did is high.

### THE PRINCESS & THE PIG FARMER

There once was a beautiful Princess  
who married a pig farmer.  
He promised to always love her  
and never harm her.  
He was tight with his money,  
But he took good care of his honey!  
She never knew he would become such a  
charmer.

She gave him two wonderful daughters.  
and two good sons-in-law, and  
two grandsons, most precious of all.  
She loves to cook and clean and keep  
her castle looking its finest.  
But if you get the floors dirty you  
will be in trouble with Her Highness!

She loves to plant and mow, to watch  
her flowers and vegetable garden grow.  
She loves her hair, clothes, jewelry  
and her car, but making people  
happy is more important by far.

When he gets grouchy and starts  
complaining that she is spending too much  
money and not enough good loving, then out  
the back door she starts shoving, saying  
“Now you are no Prince Charming,  
so stay outside with the animals and your  
farming.”

*(Originally printed in 2007)*

## Donations to the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society

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The following donors have made contributions since the summer 2022 Bulletin. Donations include in-kind gifts, contributions from solicitation envelopes and from a portion of the purchase price of Nancy Schane's book, Voyage of the Love and Unity, and from Gene Swackhamer's book, The Emigration of Samuel Swackhamer. If we missed recognizing your gift, please forgive us. We truly appreciate every dollar received; your voluntary gifts have sustained the Society since 1951. Family symbols included, if known, are (D) for Dufford or (T) for Tufford, (F) for friend of the Society and (S) for Swackhamer.

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## Reunion Memories

As we eagerly wait for our summer gathering, please enjoy these pictures from 2021. Don't forget to fill out and return your registration form on page ten. We look forward to seeing all of you soon!



*Pictures from left to right in the top row:  
Steffen Drees and Mike Apgar during a coffee  
break discussion, photo by Sharon Swackhamer  
Matt and Nova Martyniuk discussing the Duford  
driving tour, photo by Sharon Swackhamer  
Jill Drees and Carol Martyniuk (former Society  
President) examining family history documents,  
photo by Sharon Swackhamer*

*Photos from left to right in second row:  
Gene and Sharon Swackhamer enjoying the  
amenities of the Raritan Inn, photo by Jill Drees  
Samuel Swackhamer's homestead fireplace  
(restored), photo by Sharon Swackhamer*

*If you have pictures to share, make sure you send  
them to Gene along with the caption identifying  
the people or place and photographer credits*



## 2022 Summer Bulletin Trivia Answers

1. Frederick Q. Swackhamer in 1982. He was president of the Society. and father of current (2022) member Anita Cedervall of Pittsburg and grandfather of Tor Cedervall of Annandale, NJ.
2. Robert J. Swackhamer, Lynn, MA, June 24, 1927.
3. Noland P. Swackhamer (OH) coach inducted in 1974.
4. George Stephen Dufford published his book in 1928.
5. Winter issue, January 1953, Milton Swackhamer, Editor.
6. 26 through winter issue 2020.
7. Alexander Special Collections, Rutgers University Library.
8. Member and occasional Bulletin contributor, Barbara Hayden Swackhamer.
9. The Reverend Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg.
10. 292

*This quiz was rated "Moderately Difficult." What do you think?*

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Program fee \$20.00 per person Children under 16 free		\$	Includes morning refreshments, lunch and facility fee
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