



**SUMMER
1985**

S U M M E R I S S U E

For the descendants of Samuel¹⁹⁸⁵ Schwachhammer (Swackhamer) who, in 1731, settled in Long Valley, New Jersey and Philip DuFord (Dufford), who also settled there in 1738.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS USED TO DESIGNATE FAMILY CONNECTION

(D) Dufford (S) Swackhamer (B) Both D and S (F) Friend

These symbols will not be used where the connection is obvious or if there is uncertainty of connection. - Ed.

U R G E N T A N N O U N C E M E N T

With this issue of the Swackhamer - Dufford Bulletin your Editors are resigning. I am also resigning as Secretary. Annette is in failing health and I feel that 10 years is sufficient for one person to volunteer. I am confident that there will be someone in the family who will care enough to continue the Bulletin. I must also confess that Annette and I have become very discouraged in recent years with the lack of material that is mailed to us to put this bulletin together. Hopefully, you will all join together to provide encouragement and information to keep this bulletin alive.

It is your bulletin and it is your reunion, and when only a handful of people turn out or show an interest there is a very important ingredient missing and that ingredient is YOU.

Annette has made arrangements with the Church in Long Valley to hold the Reunion there this year on the last Saturday in July, that is the 27th.

The reason it is being moved back too the Church is that the Park was unavailable this year and not that many young people seemed to attend when the reunion was moved to the Schooley's Mountain Park. So again it will be held this year in the Zion Lutheran Church at the foot of Schooley's Mountain. The Reunion has been held at this site for decades.

Excerpts from the Minutes of the 37th Annual Meeting held at Schooley's Mountain Park July of 1984:

Motion was made and seconded to send a letter of good wishes for improved health to our Co-Editor and Treasurer Annette Hart. Motion was made and seconded to nominate Bert Swackhamer as Vice President, and one vote was cast to keep the remaining officers the same for one more year.

Silver Dollars were awarded to Jeanette Dufford Pierson for being the oldest member present and to Christie Ann Martyniuk for being the youngest member present. James V. Wert from Nineveh received the Silver Dollar for coming to the Reunion from the greatest distance.

Motion was made and seconded to continue to contribute to the same 3 organizations: Zion Lutheran Church, Middle Valley Cemetery and the Washington Twsp. Historical Society.

President's Message

As much as we dislike looking ahead to the belt tightening regime which is in store for us, we can be thankful that we live in the most plentiful and most blest country in the world. The old hymn "Count your blessings, name them one by one" is so very appropriate, even now as it has been down through the years. Keep the Faith. - James V. Wert, Pres.

Bits and Pieces

Our President James V. Wert writes that he has taken two extensive trips during 1984. During April he took "The Marco Polo Tour" This trip retraced some of the route that Marco, his father and his uncle took on returning from Venice, Italy from which they had departed 26 years earlier. This trip was on the Golden Odyssey a 460 passenger cruise ship. James relates that they had many stops such as Malaysia, Belawan and Indonesia. Stops were also made at Aden, Yemen, at the entrance of the Red Sea. He also passed through the Suez Canal with stops at Safaga and Port Said, on each end of the Canal. He visited Israel, Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Last but not least were stops at the Acropolis, the Parthenon, Mars Hill (where Paul preached). Flying home from Athens he realized that he had been around the world.

In October James visited China. Another Bulletin perhaps.

A very nice note from Lou Dunkin - We continue to be so grateful to all of you who maintain the lifeline among us. We took a "roots" trip east last year and traced all we knew of every line. One of our happiest stops was in German Valley and how nice it was to see the lands of our fathers. The cemeteries, Old Union Church, Schooley's Mountain---all had been just maps before. One stop was in Ontario, Canada to search the Karn line. Catherine Schwackhammer married Christopher Karn 3 July, 1750. Here we heard of the difficult trek to Ontario, with the old folks dying along the way. Is there, somewhere, a book or short story, a history of this incident? Also I am wondering if anyone in the family associaion has any information on Sarah Dawes, who married Christopher Karn 13 March, 1785? He was a son of Catherine Schwackhammer. Her grandson, Jacob, son of Christopher, married Catherine Lampman and we got that family story while we were in Ontario. Are all the known decendants being collected in one place or are there too many? Is anyone contemplating a book?" (Good question - it could be a TV mini series) ED. Lou continues "Good luck and our thanks to all of you. I wish we could be at one of the picnics but the distance and the hot summers make it very nearly impossible."

Dorothy Schultz sent us information about the STANDING STONE Swackhamer's Reunion which was held on August 12, 1984 at the home of Jack and Alyce Coates Bradford County, PA. Dorothy thank you for sharing.

A note from SARAH COLLEBRAN tells of a lovely holiday they spent in Scotland, Wales and England last year in May and June. Sarah kept a 54 page log of her journey and really enjoyed the trip which was an AARP travel program. Sarah also thanked us for the Bulletin and enjoys the work people have put forth to tell her who her ancestors are.

DEATHS

Walter C. Farley passed away on August 14, 1984 after a 20 month bout with cancer. Mrs. Jeanette Farley asks that her name be taken off the mailing list.

Martha E. Sammond (Editor's sister) passed away on February 16, 1985. Martha was a regular at the Reunions and she will be sorely missed. She was the daughter of Alden Martin Wert, and he was the son of Martha Dufford Wert and John Christie Wert.

BIRTHS

James W. Swackhamer of Wheaton, Illinois sends word of the birth of a grand-daughter - April June Charlett was born on April 9th to his daughter June Lillian Charlett and husband Mark. James and his wife Lillian now have 7 grandchildren.

GENEALOGY

THE ACCOUNT OF SAMUEL SWACKHAMER'S FUNERAL FROM THE ORIGINAL CHURCH BOOK:

"Sunday, February 3, 1782 - Our Lord decided to end the long life and six weeks of illness of our oldest member and father Samuel Swackhamer, we hope graciously. He came in the year 1731 into this American wilderness, and made the bitter experience of the truth of the saying: In the sweat of thy face thou shalt earn thy bread from the soil that lies under the uncertainty, for the Lord has blessed him unusually with a numerous family. Three times he entered into matrimony, and fathered 25 children, of whom in turn were born 73 grandchildren, and in turn from them 25 great grandchildren whom he has seen all. The total amount of those that descend from his blood were 123, 18 of which passed on into eternity before him, thus there were those surviving him in the amount of 105. He surrendered in his 82nd year of a hardship loaded life his soul into the hands of our heavenly father, who will judge him in the graciousness of Jesus Christ. I preached in his home in the valley before a very great assembly and his body was escorted by a very large number to New Germantown and placed to rest in our cemetery of the Zion Church."

The above is taken from the 1965 Summer Bulletin so this is the second time of printing.

Over the years there has been much debate where Samuel Swackhamer was actually buried. His daughter Catherine who married a Kern is buried at "Old Union". Her marker still stands. After our group started, since there was no marker for Samuel Swackhamer, George S. Dufford, Everitt Swackhamer and G. B. Wert (father of co-editor Annette Hart) purchased a nice marker and put it on a high spot in Middle Valley Cemetery. This is a tribute to him and not his actual burial site. This is a personal opinion of Annette Hart. ED.

During World War I, the name German Valley was changed to Long Valley, the name New Germantown was changed to Oldwick. According to the late Eleanor Romaine, the D.A.R. made a list in 1909 of all the graves in these old cemeteries and should be able to locate the exact site of Samuel Swackhamer, the first.

I am also having printed in their entirety a report of a Reunion held in Canada at Niagara On The Lake. Following that write up is a very nice story about a University of Pennsylvania alumni - Roy Dufford Ribble a Penn Dental graduate of 1912.

Remember the Reunion will be at Zion Lutheran Church on July 27, 1985 in their Fields Hall from Noon until 3 p.m. Bring a box lunch and enjoy.

For Annette and myself we want to thank all who helped make this bulletin a reality for the past 10 years. Especially those who supported us with contributions towards the bulletin and most importantly those who sent us material for the bulletin. I certainly hope we will have successors. Annette has told me by telephone today 5/26/85 that she will continue to be Treasurer if the Bulletin continues.

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FOR THE SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD BULLETIN - JULY 24, 1984

July is reunion month in the Tufford-Dufford family in North America. On the last Saturday of the month the Duffords and the Swackhamers meet together in Long Valley, New Jersey to renew family connections and to learn more history than anyone has been able to uncover. This is an interesting reunion. Some years ago this writer 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 color photograph of those assembled and all in all had a delightful experience which we have not been able to repeat since then.

Another reunion occurs in July (at least for the past few years) when this writer and his wife travel to the Niagara Peninsula in upper Canada to attend the annual seminar 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's trip.

This writer's father was born near Paris, Ontario. His great grandfather owned a farm near Beamsville which was sold to another Tufford family and is still in the hands of the descendants. My grandfather was probably born on this farm. We visit there often and the present occupant (Miss Muriel Tufford) is one of our team of researchers. Last year she gave us a limb from a locust tree that was living and probably planted on the farm when my great grandfather Henry Tufford owned the property.

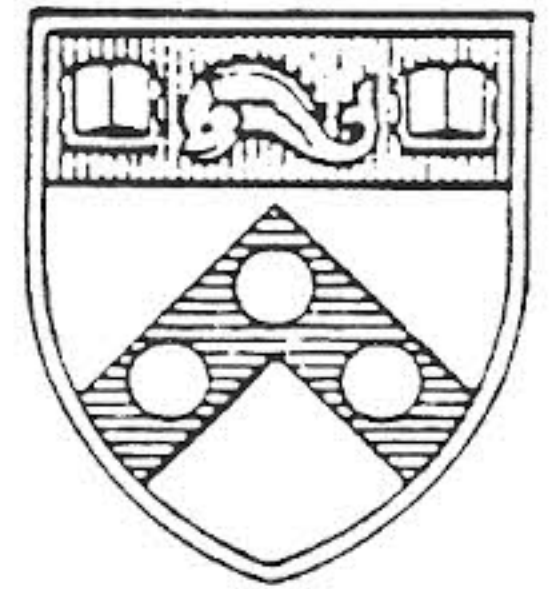
Two or three miles Northeast of this farm is another farm and a house built by another Tufford family some 100 to 150 years ago. The farm was given to the family under a patent of the King of England probably about 1786. The house is occupied by a descendant of that family who is also one of our research team, Miss Elma Tufford.

This farm is on Tufford Road and a little farther down the Road North, on the shore of Lake Ontario, stands the second or third version of the original Tufford homestead which is over a hundred years old. This home is occupied by Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Taylor and has been restored by them. Mrs. Taylor (Corky) while not a Tufford has taken a serious interest in the Tufford family because of their home and is one of our research team.

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. The first record we have is of Conrad Tufford who came up with his wife and daughter, Mary, in 1786 from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. We have been able, however, to make direct connection with the original Tuffords of Chamber's, Early Germans of New Jersey. The Duffords of New Jersey seem to have made the connection but the rest of us have not. There are also large groups of the Tuffords in Minnesota and in Ohio which must be connected somehow. There was a large family group which started in Niagara Falls, New York and spread West into Nebraska and eventually Portland, Oregon. The head of this family also came from New Jersey.

Harold L. Gunther did a lot of work on the Dufford Family in New Jersey and we have a copy of his charts which he published about 1970. We don't know if he discovered anything further about other parts of the family or not.

If anyone has any information about the Tuffords in New Jersey between 1750 and 1830, we would be glad to know about it.



**ALUMNI PROFILE
 #2 IN A SERIES**

**ROY DUFFORD
 RIBBLE, D'12**



Alumnus Roy Dufford Ribble is currently engaged in spending his ninety-fifth year as he has spent the previous ninety four: moving forward, adding to his already tremendous fund of knowledge; cherishing the familiar, but always seeking to understand the new.

He came to Penn Dental as a graduate of the Washington, New Jersey, high school. At Penn he joined Psi Omega, worked on the Penn Dental Journal, went out for football and the swimming team. The 1912 yearbook said of him, "He was born December 8, 1889, and to this day he has never stopped growing in one way or another... He will be growing to the day of his death."

Three years after graduating, Dr. Ribble opened an office in the famous Woolworth Tower in Manhattan. During the next forty years, he was dentist to Wall Street magnates and Broadway celebrities. But this statement of course does not quite sum up all he was doing.

Besides helping to edit the *New York Dental Journal* for ten years and serving for six on the borough council of his residential community of Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, he was on the high seas (all of them) for two and a half years. That time represents a half-dozen world cruises on Cunard luxury liners as dentist to the passengers and crew.

During World War II, he organized dental services for the New York Seaman's Mission, serving thousands of sailors of many nations aboard British ships. In 1948, his efforts on their behalf were recognized in a ceremony on the Queen Elizabeth. There Dr. Ribble was awarded the King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom.

While he was winding down his practice in the early 1950's, he was also instrumental in founding the Dental Hygiene School of Fairleigh-Dickinson University, in New Jersey. He served the school as its Dean for several years before "retiring" to La Jolla, California in 1957.

Once settled in, he wasted no time in enrolling for a year at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Following that he began to choose from course offerings at various other institutions of higher learning near his home.

In 1963, Dr. Ribble was once more aboard ship crossing the Pacific. This time he was bound for Korea at the request of the United Presbyterian Church's missionary board. His task was to assess the possibilities for inaugurating a School of Dentistry in connection with Yonsei University and Severance Hospital in Seoul. At that time in Korea, the ratio of dentists to populace was 1:24,000. As a result of the trip, a Dental Hygiene School was founded, and plans laid for a full Dental School.

Returning home after four months in Korea, Vietnam, and Thailand, Dr. Ribble continued his educational pursuits. By the time his record came to the attention of the national press in 1972, he was enrolling in his 34th and 35th extension courses.

In the last few years, he has had to curtail his class attendance. He is adjusting to life without his wife Ruth, a gracious lady of nearly 90, who succumbed in April to an illness of long duration.

Dr. Ribble still takes his daily walks on the beach. (He tells us he finds, as Plato observed, that "Walking is so relaxing.") He continues to be active around his house and garden, to enjoy reading and his contacts with staff and students of scientific institutes and universities nearby.

"I live next to a blossoming new university (U.C.S.D.), the Salk Institute and the Scripps Institution," he says. "I am surrounded by the thinking of another age group and so am able to see the point of view of younger generations. That is most helpful to me in keeping independent, in avoiding stagnation..."

We vote with the yearbook writer that there is little danger of Roy Ribble's stagnation; and while doubtless he draws a great deal from the younger people around him, we are equally sure that he is a continuing source of enrichment to them.

It is fitting to conclude with what Dr. Ribble identified as his favorite aphorism. It is from the Chinese, whose country and culture he found the most fascinating of all he visited in his wide travels.

"An old Chinese philosopher was asked, 'What is the greatest joy you have found in life?' He replied, 'A child going down the road singing, after asking me the way.'" □

*Hi
 our Betty
 here now,
 Roy*