SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGY SOCIETY

FOR THE DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL SWACKHAMER (SCHWACHHAMMER), WHO IN 1732 SETTLED IN LONG VALLEY, NEW JERSEY, AND PHILLIP DUFFORD (DUFORD), WHO SETTLED THERE IN 1738.

WINTER 2025 BULLETIN

Dear Members,

This past July, the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogical society held its first ever virtual meeting, open to Society officers. In many ways this was a test run of what a fully virtual meeting for members could be. The meeting was a success, and among the topics discussed was how this technology might be applied to next year's annual meeting. We will plan to hold the 2026 reunion meeting both in person and virtually, with our traditional guest speaker/other programs of interest to all members hosted virtually via a one-hour Google Meet hosted segment, to expand the potential for participation to our increasingly far-flung membership. Officers and anyone who is local (or who wants to make the trip) are of course invited to attend in person at Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, NJ.

More details about the program of the July 25, 2026, meeting will follow on the Society's Facebook page and in the Summer Bulletin.

One important change decided at July's officer's meeting regards the increasing costs of postage required to continue mailing of the Bulletin. Starting with the 2026 Summer Bulletin, we will require a subscription fee of $2 in order to be retained on our mailing list. Anyone who wishes to continue receiving physical copies of the Bulletin will need to send any donation by check totaling at least $2 (note - an additional $2 is not required of anyone who has already contributed a donation during 2025). Members will need to send in an annual minimum donation each year starting in 2026 in order to be included in that year's Bulletin mailings. Anyone wishing to receive ONLY an electronic copy of the Bulletin can continue to download it from our website, sdgenealogy.org, or sign up for electronic distribution of the newsletter via email by using our website's sign-up link. Please note that libraries and historical societies, and other charitable/educational organizations are exempt from this subscription fee.

It is my hope that these changes will help our Society remain strong and able to continue providing a hub of genealogical information and sharing family history for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Matthew P. Martyniuk (D), President

NOTICE OF ANNUAL REUNION MEETING JULY 25, 2025

Members and Friends of the Swackhamer-Dufford Genealogy Society will gather in the education building of Zion Lutheran Church in Long Valley, New Jersey, for an annual meeting. This will be the 77th gathering. Genealogy interests for many years focused on "from where did the Duffords and Swackhamers come?"

Now that the origin question has been mostly answered, interests and research has shifted to locating domestic ancestors in the U.S and Canada. Our annual gathering is one of the best opportunities to find others with similar interests or useful stories to tell. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am, and will conclude before 3:00 pm. A noon buffet luncheon will be served and a modest registration fee of $15.00 will help cover meal costs. The summer Bulletin will contain a registration form for this event, but registrations the day of the meeting will be welcome.

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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.

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL SWACKHAMER DUFFORD GENEALOGY SOCIETY OFFICERS' MEETING

July 27, 2025, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

1. **Welcome and Call to Order** - Opening remarks and meeting objectives
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Robert Swackhamer

   The Society expended $1,377 in the period July 2024 - June 2025

   - Postage for Bulletin is nearly twice what it was 10 years ago. Bulletin editing, printing, shipping, and mailing is our largest expense. This is sustainable at current donation levels.
   - Upcoming expenditures: Winter Bulletin mailing, editing, and printing services for Bulletin
   - Contributions to: Zion Lutheran Church $150, Washington Township Historical Society $150, Mount Amwell Project $150, Middle Valley Cemetery Association $150
3. **Fundraising and Donations**
4. **Bulletin Updates** - Bulletin Email and snail mail distribution plan, postage costs
5. **Middle Valley Cemetery** - Bill Cramer. Maintenance updates and volunteer coordination
6. **Palatine Connections** - Bill Cramer. Discussion on community partnerships and outreach
7. **Planning for Next Year's Meeting** - Ideas for possible virtual meeting open to all members
8. **Open Floor** - Comments, questions, and suggestions
9. **Adjournment**

CURSING OR COLORFUL? OUR ANCESTORS' LANGUAGE

by Larry Brasher

Here is a neglected or avoided subject. What did our ancestors say when they were angry or excited?

My wife's German American ancestors lived in Stillwater, Sussex County, New Jersey, a German settlement site about as early as Long Valley. Their surname was Kishpaugh, probably originally "Gersbach." Her great-grandfather, Martin Kishpaugh (1844-1922), was a pious Methodist. One time his wagon slid off the steep muddy Catfish Pond Road into a ditch. A passerby heard him shouting, "Oh, the De-il! Oh, the De-il!" He was devout, and careful with his language. In his frustration, he was shouting a version of "Oh, the Devil!"

My great-great-grandfather, Samuel Swackhamer (1841-1904), lived in Ironia, New Jersey. He was a prosperous farmer who made his own beer and augmented his income as an auctioneer. Miss Margaret Howell lived on a nearby farm in the outskirts of Chester. For 80 years, she remembered what Samuel exclaimed when he first saw her uncommonly large kitchen wood stove: "Holy, golly cripes! What a big stove!"

Samuel Swackhamer (1841-1904)

Our pious ancestors avoided breaking the Second Commandment. In fact, my grandmother, Bessie Swackhamer Clark Watters (1885-1972), when quoting someone else's frustration, would only spell out the exclamation she heard: e.g. "She said, 'Oh, my L-O-R-D.'"

But our pious forebears' language could be colorful. My mother said that when Bessie's devout Morristown Methodist mother, Harriet Swackhamer Clark (1864-1955), burned something on the stove, her favorite exclamation was "Oh, S _ _ T!" And when Harriet's lazy maiden sister-in-law came in old age to live with her and her husband Lewis, Harriet complained, "All she does is sit on her fat butt." Colorful, but not cursing.

CONTINUOUS DUFFORD RESEARCH PROJECT

by William Cramer

Hello, descendants of 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 our Society members. Several Dufford descendants have asked me for a bit of specific information on their/our ancestors. The information below is a partial attempt to answer some of their inquiries.

This Bulletin contains several contributions. First are specific names and dates for the ten (10) children of Hans Philipps Dufforth. This comes from a comprehensive 133-page genealogical project, by Mary I. Sliker, on the 11 generations of Dufford descendants, that she was able to gather, collate and produce. The ten (10) children of Hans Phillipps Dufforth are the First Generation. Second, we have a page from the "Marriage Records" of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran at Oldwick, NJ. - a listing of the Dufford/Duffort Marriages from 1770-1864. Third, we have a page from the "Death and Burial Records" of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oldwick, NJ. - a listing of the Dufford/Duffort's who died and were buried between 1771-1971.

These three (3) contributions contain a wealth of ancestral names and dates that I hope can help all Dufford's in their research.

First Generation

1. Hans Philipps Dufforth #5171 [UUUU] married (1) Eva Anthoni #11966, born 0-May-1692,[1] died 24-July-1732,[1] married (2) 16-Jun-1733, in Sultzbach, Germany, [1] Anna Maria Martini #11970, married (3) Catrina * #5172. Hans died 0-__-1767.[1] Philip Sr. and Jr. arrived at Philadelphia, Pa. September 11. 1738. On the ship Robert and Oliver. (E.G.) Will Probated Feb. 1, 1769 names wife Catrina, sons Adam & George & daughter. From Langensoltzback on Robert and Alice September 11. 1738. ("18th Century Emigrants from the Northern Alsace to America" by Annette Kunselman Burgert) Name also found as Tofort, Duffort, Dufford. Of Sultzback died circa 1767. (Burgert) Anna: Of Bettweiler. (Burgert).

Children by Eva Anthoni:

2. i **Jacob Dufort** #5173 born 0-___-1720-22.
3. ii **Anna Clara Duffort** #11967.

iii **Johann Georg Dufford** #11968 Baptized: 28-Oct-1728.[1]

iv **Philip Dufford Jr.** #5175 [UUUU] Baptized 9-Jul-1721, [1] married 10-Mar-1776, in Zion Lutheran Church, Oldwick, NJ, [2] Anna Schneider #5206, [UUUU]. Name as Johann Philipp. (Burgert).

4. v **George Dufford** #5177.

vi **Adam Dufford** #5174 [UUUU] Baptized: 0-Nov-1726.[1] Feb. 16,1758: Named in Tewsbury Twp. Book. Name also found as Johann Adam. (Burgert).

vii **Anna Catharina Dufford** #11969 Baptized: 19-Feb-1729.[1] Children by Anna Maria Martini:

viii **Zacharias Dufford** #11971 Baptized: 22-Jul-1734.[1]

ix **Maria Catharina Dufford** #11972 Baptized: 28-Nov-1736.[1] Children by Catrina *:

x **Mary Magdalena Dufford** #5176 [UUUU] married Andrew Mack #11918. Husband's name from Swackhamer/Dufford Bulletin.

Second Generation

2. Jacob Dufort #5173 [UUUU] born 0-____-1720-22, [3] married Elizabeth * #5178, [UUUU]. Arrived with father Sept. 11, 1738 in Philadelphia. Elizabeth: "Consort". Lenni Lenape Indian.

Children

5. i **Matthias Dufford** #1580 born 0-___-1738.
6. ii **George Stephen Dufford** #3000 born 0-___-1741.

iii Jacob Dufford #5179 [UUUU, VVVV] born 0-____-1745,[4] married Elisabeth Swackhamer #5209. [UUUU, VVVV] born 0-___-1741,[4] (daughter of Samuel Freidrich Swackhamer #1907 and Elizabeth * #1910) died 25-Oct-1823, [5] buried: Middle Valley Cemetery.[4] Jacob died 10-Jul-1822,[4] Elisabeth: "Consort". No Children.

Marriage Records of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oldwick, NJ
1770-1864

Dufford, also see Duffort/Tuffert	
Dufford, John & Elizabeth Bess	Feb 14 1825
Dufford, Margaret see Morris Naughright.	
Dufford, Ellen see Philip Karn.	
Dufford, Philip & Anna Schneider	Mar 10 1776
Dufford, William & Margaret Marilda Trimmer	Aug 22 1839
Duffort, Anna see Johannes Nachbar.	
Duffort, Elisabeth see Jacob Kern.	
Duffort, Elisabeth see Godfried Mutchler.	
Duffort, Jacob & Elisabeth Hoeger	
("Asinus fuit" i.e." he was a fool")	Jan 10 1792
Duffort, Jacob & Mary Weiss	Jan 22 1793
Duffort, Johannes & Cath: Barb; Mutchler	Apr 17 1781
Duffort, Johannes & Anna Trimmer	Dec 25 1791
Duffort, Margaret see John William Gulick.	
Duffort, Mary see John Naughtright.	
Duffort, Matthias & Maria Weise	Nov 27 1828
Duffort, Sophia see John Trimmer.	
Dunham, Aaron & Catharine Kline	Jan 20 1825
Dunham, Selly see Simon van Horn.	
Durrebergerin, Elisabeth see Adam Sager.	
Duy, Cornelia M. see John Y. Foster.	
Duy, Heurietta S. see Paul A. Davis.	
Eder, Elisabeth see Paul Milham (Milheim?).	
Edjer/Edger	
Edjer, Archibald & Catherine Werner	Nov 10 1784
Edjer, Nathaniel & Elizab. (widow) Youngs	Jan 02 1786
Ehrenman, Frederick & Bolly Evens	Feb 08 1790
Elick/Ellick	
Elick, William & Catharina Bikel	Jan 10 1782
Ellick, Elisabeth see John Hildebrand	
Ellick, John & Else Parks	Aug 25 1825
Elston, William W. & Eliza A. Lunger	Oct 21 1863
Emery, William & Clarissa Trimmer	Mar 17 1831
Emick, Christian & Catharine Seeck	Apr 18 1784
Emick, Frederick & Catharine Young (Mt Hope)	Jun 07 1789
Emmans/Emmens/Emmons	
Emmans, Caroline see John Manning.	
Emmens, Isaac & Elisabeth Abel	Nov 13 1800
Emmons, Charles S. & Mary Ann Sergeant	Apr 26 1838
Emmons, Harriet see Wm. C. Melick.	
Emmons, Jerome & Mary Ann Gulick	Apr 01 1848
Emmons, Joseph & Eliza Lyons	Nov 19 1847
Emmons, Sarah see Joseph Smith Bird.	
Emons, Garret Lawrence & Ann Henry	Jun 26 1819
Enderson, Margaret see Henry Meyer.	
Engs, Abby Ann see Rev. William D. Strobel.	
Eoff, Bolly see Aaron Wyckoff.	
Eoff, Catharine see Samuel Boylan.	
Eoff, Christian & Eleonor Phoenix (by indemnifying bond)	Feb 13 1783
Eoff, Jane see John Van Zandt.	
Eoff, John & Elisabeth Roemer	Oct 24 1808
Eoff, Mary see John Steel	
Eter, Bolly see Cornelius Boyd	
Eter, Jacob & Anna Maria Deeger	
(both living at ["bey"] New Germantown)	Oct 26 1775

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church at Oldwick, New Jersey
Records of Deaths & Burials 1771-1971

Name	Death or Burial		Cemetery	Age
Dilley, Emiline [Emma] (dau/o John & Lydia)				
	buried	24 Jul 1859	New Germantown Cem	14.5.26.
Dilley, Theo. A.	died	05 Feb 1927		78 yrs
	buried	08 Feb 1927	New Germantown Cem	
Dilly, Mrs. John		22 Dec 1889	New Germantown Cem	
Dilly, Mr. John		07 Aug 1902	New Germantown Cem	old
Dilly, Mrs. Lydia (wife/o John)				
	died	23 Jan 1882		abt 65 yrs
	buried	29 Jan 1882	New Germantown Cem	
Diltz, Ann		02 Feb 1837	Communicant German Valley	
Diltz, George	died	12 Dec 1827	German Valley	
Dippel, [blank], child/o Johannes				
	buried	07 May 1779		7 mos
Dippel, Lucas	born	? Aug 1696	in Hessisch [i.e., Hessian kingdom]	
	married	May 1722, had 12 children		
	died	14 Jan 1774		77 yrs
	buried	16 Jan 1774	Bedminster Churchyard	
Doherty, [blank]	died	? ? 1933		
Dorenberger, also see **Dorreberger**				
Dorenberger, [blank]	died	06 Jan 1776	German Valley	
	buried	08 Jan 1776		
Dorland, Delilah		06 Feb 1865	New Germantown Cem	
Dorland, Mrs. Wm.		31 May 1892	New Germantown Cem	41 yrs
Dorreberger, Widow	buried	09 Sep 1794		75 yrs
Dorreberger, Jacob	buried	18 Oct 1794	German Valley	
Dufford/Duffort				
Dufford, Mrs. Ann Mary **Trimmer** (dau/o Matthias Trimmer) [w/o Geo Stephen Dufford]				
		06 Jan 1826	German Valley	
Dufford, E. Halsey	died	22 Aug 1969		65 yrs
	buried	25 Aug 1969	Middle Valley	
Dufford, Lydia		30 Jul 1845	German Valley	
Dufford, Matthias		20 Feb 1832	Schooley's Mt	
Dufford, Nelson		04 Sep 1839	German Valley	
Dufford, Raymond C.	died	12 Dec 1958		70 yrs
	buried	15 Dec 1958	Middle Valley	
Dufford, Sarah	died	? ? 1844	German Valley	
Duffort, Anna (w/o John)	buried	04 Dec 1806	German Valley	
Duffort, Elizabeth	died	26 Oct 1823	German Valley	
Duffort, Mrs. Matthias	buried	20 Oct 1798	German Valley	
Duffort, Sylvanus (infant)		16 Dec 1829		
Dunham, Mr. [blank]	died	13 Oct 1813		
	buried	14 Oct 1813		
Dunham, Mrs. James	died	? ? 1915	Gladstone, NJ	80 yrs?
Dunham, James	died	? ? 1916	Gladstone, NJ	85 yrs?
Duyckinck, Edwina	died	24 Feb 1956		86 yrs
	buried	28 Feb 1956	New Germantown Cem	
Duyckinck, Richard		25 Feb 1935	New Germantown Cem	83 yrs
Dwight, Mr. Winthrop Edwards				
	died	03 Dec 1944		71.11.10.
	buried	06 Dec 1944	New Germantown Cem	
Dwight, Mrs. Winthrop (Mary **Van Winkle**)				
	died	26 Jul 1965		95 yrs
	buried	29 Jul 1965	New Germantown Cem	
Eddows, Margaretta F.		13 Aug 1933	New Germantown Cem	77 yrs
Eddows, Helen M. (tombstone inscription 1888-1930)				

WHAT'S IN A SIGNATURE

by Gene L. Swackhamer

Several years ago, while doing genealogy research, I tried to find how Samuel Swackhamer spelled his name in German. I located a couple of documents which he had signed: the "five chiefs" contract with Captain Loeb of the Love and Unity and his naturalization in the American Colony with a small group of friends. I next went to Steffen Drees for translation assistance. I expected the surname translation into English to be like today's spelling in Germany, Schwechheimer, but it wasn't that simple. Steffen explained that in the days of small kingdoms and electorates, that collectively represented the area that is today Germany, each had its own "old Germanic" dialects

and spellings. It would take a language specialist to develop a phonic translation. That discovery ended my quest, but not my curiosity.

How was Samuel able to retain the original spelling of his name and to also accept the English phonic spelling of Schwackhamer, Swackhamer, or Swackhammer in the American Colony?

During this period of my research efforts (2009-2011), I established contact with Dr. Brian Hamman of The Woodland, Texas, who was collecting copies of documents that Samuel had signed. Figure 1 shows Samuel's signature from a couple of these documents and Figure 1.2 shows one of his last signatures from the Janeway general store where he had an account for farm and home supplies while living on his farm, which is now the site of the Raritan Inn in Califon, New Jersey. Samuel must have thought that his given name was something that neither he nor English officials could change. It could have been the desire to retain a tie to his ancestry or Germanic stubbornness defying New World change. In any case, his name was clearly written and proudly displayed by Samuel showing a level of education better than the X-mark signatures of some later Swackhamer descendants. His signature was not as large as John Hancock, but his cursive stye was clear, confident, and represented the integrity and confidence of its owner.

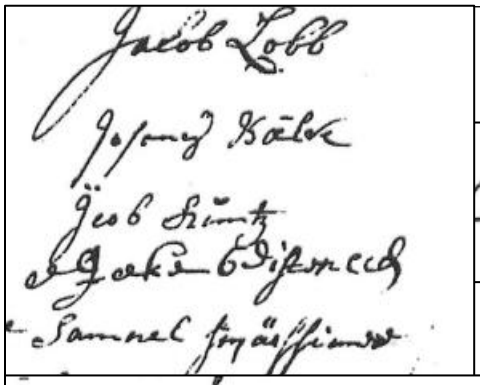

Figure 1: To the left is a reprint of the signatures of Captain Lobb and Samuel (Schwechheimer) Swackhamer from the Contract for passage to America on Love and Unity ship dated from about 1731.

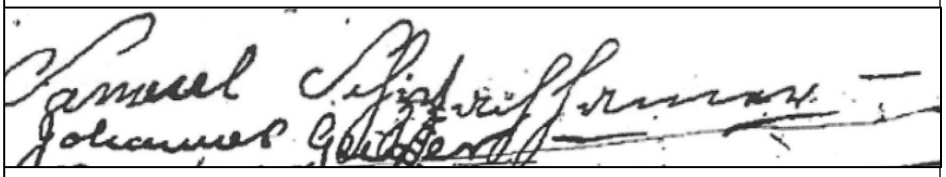

Figure 1.1: Samuel's signature above still contains 2 fs. It is from a document calling a minister to a new church in New Jersey. The text of the letter is in Old German.

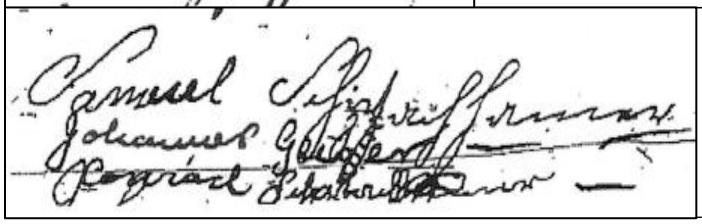

Figure 1.2: To the left are Samuel's and Conrad's signatures extracted from the Janeway General Store. The third signature between them is unknown. It appears that others in the family also used old German names even though the English authorities in the early 1740s spelled their names otherwise. These original documents are at Rutgers University Library.

THE SWACKHAMER FERN

by Larry Brasher

I have always been a collector, especially of family heirlooms. What makes them special for me is not their intrinsic or market value, but instead it's their connection to my memories of and stories about the people who enjoyed them in the past. We recently were given a "twelve apostles plant" that grows in a direct line of offspring from a plant given to a friend's grandmother in the 1880s by her Sunday School teacher. The class met in an Episcopal Church in New York City. The plant's elegant flowers last for only one day, and each flower produces only one seed for a new plant. The Sunday School teacher happened to be Alice Claypoole Vanderbilt, wife of Cornelius Vanderbilt II and matriarch of the Vanderbilt family for over 60 years. She built The Breakers in Newport and several other Vanderbilt mansions. She also benefacted the YMCA, Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Trinity Episcopal Church and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in New York. And she must have enjoyed these visually the same "twelve apostles" flowers.

We have a fern, not with such a famous pedigree, but it also has been in our family for about 130 years – the Swackhamer Boston Fern.It has a story, too. It was given before the year 1900 to my grandmother Bessie Swackhamer Clark Watters (1885-1973) of Morristown by her mother, Harriet Skellenger Swackhamer Clark (1864-1955). Harriet was born on a farm in Ironia, NJ, and moved to Morristown after her marriage to Lewis Clark in 1884. Harriet was an avid gardener and a superior cook. She canned delicious sweet Ox Heart black cherries from a backyard tree for winter desserts, baked pies from the nearby Baldwin apple tree, and was most famous for her weekly deep-fried crullers – perhaps a direct link to her German forebears. She was especially proud of her tree peony outside her kitchen door. She gave the fern to her daughter Bessie before 1900. When my grandmother Bessie married Lawrence Watters in 1910, they moved to Newark. Bessie's father, Lewis Clark, drove the fern twenty-two miles in a horse and wagon from Morristown to her new home.

Boston Ferns date from 1894 when a superior cultivar/sport was discovered in a shipment of ferns sent from Philadelphia to Cambridge, Massachusetts. That one sport was propagated, and the ferns became all the rage at the end of the Victorian era. Original Boston Ferns have fronds sometimes five feet long, not the common short-hanging ferns of today's summer porches. This fern lived in my grandparents' Morristown front hall witnessing the family's life for over fifty years. Then it moved with the family to other homes in New Jersey and finally to Alabama to our home.

Above is a photo of my mother, Lois Ann Watters (1914-2013), at the age of 97 with the fern in our home in Birmingham.

THE SWACKHAMER-DUFFORD GENEALOGY SOCIETY

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COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

This past summer a communication was received from Steve Mayberry who was reading the Swackhamer family History book at the Raritan Inn. Steve said that he grew up in that area of New Jersey and believes that his 5th great grandfather was Johannes K Swackhamer, oldest son of Samuel.

His linkage is as follows:

- His father is Lyall V. Mayberry, b. 1933, who was son of Lyall Rolf Mayberry, b. 1904, who was the son of Harry Funk Mayberry, b. 1880,
- The son of William Mayberry, (1830) and Artemintha Sliker, (1842), who is the daughter of James Sliker (1806) and Margaret Swackhammer, (1804),
- Margaret was the daughter of John (Johann?) Swackhammer (1764), who was the son of Johann/Johannes K. Swackhammer (1723) and Susanna Terryberry {1744).

If any readers have additional information about or additions to this lineage, please forward it to Steve at steve@smayberry.us.