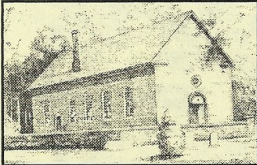


# DuVal Family News

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## Join Us In Richmond!

Some of the events include:

- *A DuVal geneology workshop/seminar*
- *Saturday brunch at Gloucester's famous Seawells Ordinary*
- *Tours of historic Richmond and Gloucester County Sites*
- *Make you reservations by calling the Omni Hotel at 1-800-843-6664.*

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## DFA: Together Again

The DuVal Family Association, inactive since just prior to World War II, has been re-formed under the direction of President Judith Anderson Hamby of Lenoir, North Carolina and Treasurer/Registrar Patricia DuVa Koenig of Littleton, Colorado.

The two "met" on the internet about a year ago and decided to revive the association by establishing the first web homepage in May 1998.

By June 6th, the site had registered 125 hits. Mrs. Hamby moved it to Geocities later the same month when more room was needed.

"Our big break came after a mailing to members of the Huguenot Society who are Daniel descendents," said Mrs. Hamby. "From that point on the ball was rolling and now we are 124 members."

"I'm proud of what we have accomplished," said Mrs. Koenig. "And we are still having fun finding cousins!"

The address for the DuVal Family Association web site is <http://www.geocities.com/Hearthland/Ridge/7508/#1>.

The DFA has also elected an initial board to serve two-year terms beginning in 1998

through 2000. Other officers include: Vice President – Roger DuVal Baskette of Nashville, Tennessee; Secretary – Regina Reedus Thompson of Sherman, Texas; Genealogist – Joseph



The DuVal Family Association in 1936

Hays of Smith's Grove, Kentucky; Historian – Cyrus Fleming Rilee Jr of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Board Member at-large – Thomas D. Dunscombe Jr. of Houston, Texas; and Board Member at-large, Sarah McKelley King of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Officers may be contacted through the newsletter editor's office (See back page).

## Richmond Meeting Set In June

The DuVal Family Association will hold its first meeting in over half a century June 3 – 6 at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, Va.

The weekend will include a genealogy work-

shop/seminar; visits to historic Ware and Abingdon churches, dinner at Seawell's Ordinary, a visit to Clay Bank where Daniel DuVal arrived on March 5, 1701; and a tour of Highgate, the site of the DuVal home near the

Piankatank River at Freeport.

A visit to St. John's Church, site of Patrick Henry's "Give Me Liberty" speech, is also on the agenda. Samuel DuVal was a member of this church and is interred on the grounds.

## Photo Album... A Dashing Young Man

This portrait of Nathaniel Pope DuVal is our featured family photograph for this issue. He was the son of Major Claiborne DuVal and Elizabeth Pope. He was born in Richmond, Va. in 1785 and moved to Kentucky when he was nine years old. He had this portrait done as a gift for his beloved sister, Caroline Pope Duval Taylor, whose own portrait appeared on the opposite side of the original.

Nathaniel Pope DuVal was named for his maternal ancestor, Col. Nathaniel Pope IV, who was killed in a duel at Taylorsville, Va. and buried at his home "Chilton" in Hanover County. The Pope Family was among the earliest settlers of Virginia.

Nathaniel DuVal was "an extraordinarily handsome gallant" of his time, according to Margaret Buchanan, author "The DuVals of Kentucky From Virginia." In September of 1808, as he was passing a street corner in Louisville, Ky., on which was grouped some of the fashionable youth of the city, he heard a loud guffaw of laughter as one of them mentioned the name of his sweetheart, Buchanan writes.

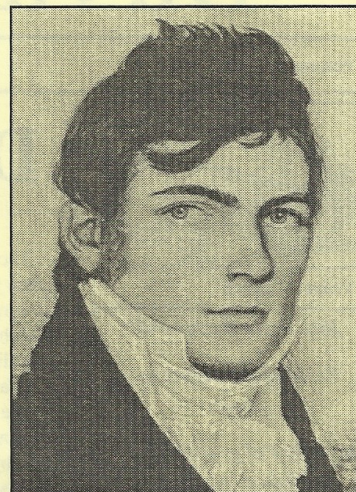
Always the chivalrous gentleman, the 23-year-old Nathaniel immediately slapped the face of the offender with his glove. A duel resulted in which he received a mortal wound. Family legend has it that the dying man sat coolly with his back against a tree and smoked a cigar until death ended the life he so readily gave in defense of the honor of the lady he loved.

Newspaper accounts of the day, however, offer a somewhat different version. An obituary from the Kentucky Gazette, Tuesday, 20 September 1808 reads: "N.P. Duval of Bairdstown (Bardstown) died 19 September 1808 of a gunshot from a duel fought at Clarksville with L. Wilcoxson also of Bairdstown."

The paper then goes on to run an account from the Louisville Gazette: "On Monday morning last, Meffeurs L. Wilcoxson and N.P. Duval of Bairdstown decided an affair of honour at Clarksville, I.T. (Indiana Territory). Mr. Duval received the contents of his antagonist's pistol a little below the right armpit. The ball took such a direction as to evade the skill of the faculty; the unfortunate youth lingered until last night, and died a victim to a custom long execrated and condemned by every gentleman of refined sentiment."

There is confusion however as to the actual date of Nathaniel's death because the papers put it on September 19, the day before the paper is published; however the account refers to Nathaniel lingering "until last night" following the duel "on Monday morning last."

"If he really did linger until last night how could they run the article Tuesday in Louisville then have it picked up in Lexington on the same day. Well, they couldn't," says DFA genealogist Joseph Hays. "That is why I believe he died on Monday the 12th."



*Nathaniel Pope DuVal*

**If you have a family photo and story that you would like to share with us, please call, e-mail or write the editor's office and we will be sure to include it in a future issue. Please be sure to send copies of your photos, NOT the originals. Old family photos are too precious to risk losing, and we want to retain copies for a newsletter photo file.**



### Bulletin Board

Need a room mate in Richmond? Joseph Hays has graciously offered to share his room with anyone who is in need. If the cost of a room is all that is keeping you away from our first reunion in over half a century, please let us know. Joseph can be reached through the editor's office, or e-mail; allenhurst@premiernet.net.

Greetings to all cousins who are descendents of Benjamin and Lucy Jennings Duval! We think we may have found the names of Lucy's great grandparents, the parents of Mrs. Daniel (Elizabeth) Carter. (Daniel and Elizabeth Carter were the parents of Sarah Carter who married Thomas Jennings in 1767). Their names were William and Ann Proctor of Spotsylvania County. William looks to have been the son of George and Mary Proctor, but we're searching this out. If you're interested in joining the hunt, I'll send you what we have! Michelle DuVal Ule. Michelle can be reached at Robertule@aol.com

*Will of William DuVal of Petsworth Parish, Va.  
Firstborn of Daniel and Philadelphia DuVal  
D. 1784*

In the name of God amen, I, William DuVal of Petsworth Parish, being in perfect sense and memory, do make this my last will and Testament in form following:

I give my soul to Almighty God who gave it to me, and my body to the earth to be decently buried and as to what worldly estate it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of as followeth.

Item. I give to my son William DuVal part of the land I bought of Porteus as he hath now in his possession to him and his heirs forever. I also give him two negroes Adam and young Charles, and all the negroes that was mine that he has in his possession, and my still.

I give to my son Francis DuVal all that tract of land that I now live on except a small piece as I shall direct. I give the land to him and his heirs forever. I give him the negroes he hath in his possession and old Charles and Jenny. I give him my case and bottles.

I give my Grand daughter Elizabeth DuVal, Daughter of Francis DuVal, my little negro John Parrot.

I give to grandson William DuVal a small piece of land beginning at a small White Oak by the draw bars (gate) as you go to the house where my son Samuel DuVal died and down along the valley to a Pine, then down the branch to the mill pond and down the pond to the mill and from the mill up the road to the small white Oak. I give it to him and his heirs forever. I likewise give him and his sister two negroes, Hampton and Dinah to be equally divided when they come of age.

I lend to my daughter Elizabeth Baker negro Samson and her death I give him to be divided between Molly Baker and Ann Baker.

I give to my daughter Mary Hall three negroes Cuffee, Dick and George to her and her heirs forever.

I give Michael Pointer's children that he had by my daughter Sarah, —— (negro) and her increase.

I give to my grandson William Pointer my negro Pegg, one horse Saddle and Bridle, one Cow and Calf and all my wearing clothes.

I lend to my daughter Ellis Stubbs negro Jack Driver, negro Page and her children, my wench Rachel and her daughter Abby, and give them to her children after her death and my desire is that they never be taken from her but that they may be to support her and her children, nor taken from her to pay any debts that Lawrence Stubbs may contract.

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# DuVal Family Association Registration Form

Established 1936

Reorganized 1998

We are pleased to hear of your interest in the DuVal Family Association. There are five classes of membership. The cost of annual membership is the same for all classes, except for Patron. Please circle the type of membership in which you are interested.

## Types of Membership

**Active** – any person above the age of 18 years and lineally descended from Daniel DuVal shall be eligible for Active membership in this association.

**Associate** – any wife of husband or legally adopted child of a descendant of Daniel DuVal shall be eligible for Associate membership, however Associate members will not be able to vote or hold office.

**Junior** – membership is available for children under the age of 18 years who are lineally descended from Daniel DuVal. Upon reaching the age of 18 years, they may be automatically be transferred to the Active membership.

**Patron** – membership is a voluntary category for those members wishing to make a larger donation than regular dues.

**Sustaining** – membership of those whose dues are paid, but whose lineage papers have not been approved by the Registrar. Sustaining members will not be able to vote or hold office until lineage is approved.

The current membership fee is \$5, plus a one-time registration fee of \$5. Please attach a check in the amount of \$10, payable to DuVal Family Association. Return this form and a lineage sheet to Patricia DuVal Koenig, DuVal Family Association, 5144 So. Taft Way, Littleton, CO 80127. E-mail at [pkoenig@pabko.com](mailto:pkoenig@pabko.com)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## A Poem From the Past: To Susa On Her B-day

This poem was written in October 1850 by Matilda DuVal Baskette (1834-1924), daughter of Alexander De La Plaunche DuVal and Margaret Gwin. Susa is believed to have been a cousin of Matilda's. It is with great thanks to her descendent Elizabeth Baskette of Nashville Tennessee, that we publish it.

**Dear Sue! This is thy natal day.  
May happiness be thine: May no  
Cloud o'er thy pathway stray  
that Would cause thee to repine.**

**You soon will leave glad child-  
hood, and remember as a  
dream, youth's fair, sunny wild-  
wood, as you float on down**

**Life's stream.**

**May many years of gladness  
ever crowd around thy path.  
May thy brow be free from sad-  
ness: And thy heart be free from  
grief.**

**Then collect unfading flowers,  
for youth, and beauty, soon will  
flee: Search in wisdom's glowing  
bowers, seek for what will use-  
ful be.**

**Then dear Sue, attention lend  
on this thy ninth birthday. Thy  
heart, and mind, in beauty  
blend, be thou a bright house-  
hold ray.**

**Care is seen on thy mother's  
brow. Oh! Let it not remain: Re-  
spect, obey, commence e'en  
now, her love fourfold you'll  
gain.**

**Then cultivate with care thy  
Mind. And ne'er forget thy  
heart; with virtue, grace, and  
love combined a happy life to  
start.**

**Remember then, in this thy  
Youth, to do always what's  
Right, and never deviate from  
Truth but live for realms of  
Light.**

*The Will of William DuVal.....continued from page 3*

I give to my Grand Children that is the children of Daniel New the negro wench Vi(o)lett and her increase to be divided amongst them when James Carter New comes to age, or at the discretion of my Executors.

If my son William should charge my estate for living on his, it must be taken out of his negroes for I gave him more than (the) rest on that account.

My desire is that my son Francis DuVal bring up my grand son William Pointer to his trade and keep his estate, and that he give him one half of working tools when he comes (of) age.

It is my desire that (if) either of my children should demand the legacies left to them by their

estate, that it must be taken out of their part of the estate that I have given to them.

My desire is that all my estate be sold and after just debts be paid and the above legacies, the remainder be equally divided amongst my children and Grand children as followeth: William DuVal, Francis DuVal, Samuel DuVal's children, Elizabeth Baker, Mary hall, Michael Pointer's children, Ellis Stubbs, Daniel New's children.

I do appoint my sons William and Francis DuVal Executors of this my last will and testament as witness my hand and seal this seventh day of August one thousand seven hundred eight three.

William DuVal (seal)

Signed and sealed in presence of John Berry, James Wortham, John Keiningham.

At a Court held for Gloucester County the 5th Day of May 1785. This will was the day proved in open Court by the oaths of John Berry and James Wortham, Witnesses thereto and by the Court admitted to record.

Teste Thomas Nelson Junior,  
Cl. Cur  
Copy Teste Arthur L. Davis, C.  
G. C.

**Editor's Note: the above document is reproduced here in the original grammar and spelling for historical purposes of record.**

A NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT THE DESCENDENTS OF DANIEL AND PHILADELPHIA DUVAL

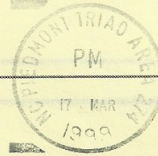
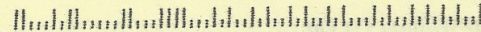
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## Editor's Note: Thanks To Judith and Patricia

This inaugural issue of the DVA Newsletter is dedicated to Judith Anderson Hamby and Patricia DuVal Koenig, two women most of us have met only electronically – via the DFA web site and through e-mail. In fact, they have “met” only through the web.

Judy and Pat re-established the DFA in 1998 and, as a result, brought us all together for the first time since 1937. This labor of love has helped put many DuVal descendants on the road to a better understanding of who we are.

Prior to stumbling across the DFA web site a few months back, my family tree existed only on paper. I’ve always know it was special; I just never knew *how* special. It is appropriate to note here that I found the web site just before Christmas as part of a school project with my seven-year-old son. We were mesmerized as this history floated into our home on notes of classical music, blending with our Christmas lights and spirits. I find myself constantly thanking Judy and Pat for their continuing efforts. But the fact is we have all been given a gift that is impossible to match.

I grew up in the rich Kentucky heritage of my ancestor, Maj. Claiborne DuVal, an early settler of the state. Claiborne DuVal was the youngest son of Samuel and Lucie Claiborne DuVal of Mt. Comfort Plantation in Richmond, Va. Claiborne DuVal’s daughter, Caroline Pope DuVal Taylor, was my great, g. g. grandmother. Her great grandson, George Phillip Taylor, was my grandfather. He owned a farm at Middleton, very near the area in which Claiborne DuVal settled and is buried. I spent a great deal of my childhood on that farm, and in the beautiful old home built in the 1860’s by Caroline’s grandson, James.

The home still stands, and much of the farm is still in the family. The stately oaks and elms planted on the lawn when the house was built are now grandfathers of the Middleton landscape. I spent many hot summer afternoons under those mighty, towering trees, just as securely rooted in this homeplace as the oldest elm.

In cold weather, my grandfather kept an eternal coal fire burning in his sitting room grate - the room in which he was born in 1888 and the room where he spent his final days in 1974. In his declining years, he sat by that fire reading from dawn until dusk. He kept a tin of King Leo peppermints in the massive bureau next to his favorite cane-bottomed rocking chair. But even better...on occasion, he’d tell a thumping good story.

It is through this oral history, now coupled with new-found family knowledge and friends, that the past has come to be such a natural part of who we are now. I’m sure many of you must feel the same. Ladies, thank you – again!