

The DuVal Family News

for the descendants of Daniel DuVal

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SHARSHOOTER IMAGING

DuVal cousins gather on the decks of the Annabel Lee for a cruise along the James River, a highlight of the recent DFA reunion

DuVals Ahoy!

The descendants of Daniel DuVal, a refugee from religious persecution in France, returned for a few days in June to Virginia, where their Huguenot ancestor established the family after his arrival in 1701. About sixty members of the DuVal Family Association, representing three of the four lines of descent from Daniel's sons, gathered for the third biennial reunion since the association was reconstituted in 1998.

The weekend's events at the Richmond Omni Hotel began with a genealogy session conducted by DFA genealogist Joseph Hays. In the registration area, DuVal descendants were able to examine detailed genealogy charts, one for each line descending from Daniel's four sons. There have been so many descendants over three centuries that each chart was nearly 20 feet long! At Thursday evening's reception, there was much lively conversation as cousins renewed acquaintances or met for the first time.

At the membership meeting on Friday morning, officers

and board members were elected (*see story on page 6*). DFA president Judy Hamby made a plea for each person to contact other DuVal descendants who are not already DFA members and encourage them to join (*full story on page 7*). Joseph Hays reported on the progress of the new, updated book of DuVal family history. The deadline for sending in pictures, letters and family stories to be included in the first printed edition is Dec. 31, 2003.

At lunchtime, Joseph gave a talk on "DuVals in Richmond: The First Hundred Years." The early Richmond DuVals were an enterprising lot; a map handout showed DuVal business establishments on every block of East Main Street from 10th to 14th streets before the middle of the 19th century, and other businesses elsewhere. Most of them were apothecary shops.

Friday afternoon we headed by bus for historic Tuckahoe Plantation, northwest of the city. Then it was on to a barbecue (*story continues on page 4*)

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Board Considers Projects Current and Future

By Susan Blair

DFA board members were up early on the first morning of the recent reunion to discuss association business before the general membership meeting began. Attending the meeting were president Judy Hamby, secretary Gina Thompson, genealogist Joseph Hays and board member at large Katherine Lewis. Vice president Roger Baskette and treasurer/registrar Pat Koenig were unable to attend; also absent were historian Cy Rilee and board members at large Tom Dunscombe and Sarah King. Legal counsel Henry Davis, Jr., DFA member James P. Duval, Sr. and newsletter editor Sue Blair were also present.

The meeting got under way with a discussion of the membership categories defined in the bylaws. No changes were made, although Joseph suggested that we consider the addition of a paid-up life membership for those who might want to make a one-time lump-sum payment. The board agreed to consider the proposal and what the one-time fee might be, and to take the matter up again at the 2004 board meeting.

Several changes in the organization and makeup of the board were announced. Pat Koenig made a request to resign as DFA registrar, but the board is grateful that she will continue the duties of treasurer. Gina Thompson graciously agreed to add the job of registrar to her responsibilities. Cy Rilee had advised members by e-mail that he felt the job of historian of the association would be better served by someone else, and the board accepted his resignation with regret. It is the duty of the historian to record all the history of the association since its inception. Gina has unofficially kept a scrapbook of all DFA activities since the organization was reconstituted in 1998, but it was decided to look for another person who would be willing to step into the office.

Gina Thompson distributed membership statistics showing a total of 240 DFA members, of whom 191 are active members. (An active member is one over 18 who is directly descended from Daniel DuVal, Huguenot immigrant to Virginia in 1701.) The treasurer's financial report was distributed and accepted as presented. A summary of it will appear in the next issue of the *DuVal Family News*.

Genealogist Joseph Hays reported that data is still being gathered for the DuVal Family Association book. He has decided to change to a numbering system that will not affect data already submitted. He has also gotten information about a publishing company that will print

books in small numbers. The motion was made and carried that the final submission date for information to be included in the first edition of the book be set as Dec. 31, 2003. Of course, the database will always continue to be updated thereafter as later information is received.

Joseph also reported the postponement of placing a plaque at the site of the Benjamin DuVal pottery in Richmond. The committee preparing to erect the marker has concluded that it would be better to do so under the auspices of the state, county or city historical society, rather than through the current owner of the property. Katherine Lewis is assisting Joseph in the process of applying for a historic marker, and we expect to be able to dedicate it at the 2005 reunion.

Sue Blair reported on the cost of publishing the quarterly newsletter and expressed concern about having enough stories and pictures to keep the letter interesting. There was brief discussion of making the newsletter available, with password protection, on the association website, but it was decided not to do so at this time.

Katherine Lewis reported that the nominating committee would submit to the general membership the names of James P. Duval, Sr. and Susan Blair to replace outgoing board members at large Sarah King and Tom Dunscombe.

The next reunion and general membership meeting will be held in Richmond, Va., in 2005. Other "DuVal rich" locations, such as Austin, Houston and San Antonio, Texas, and Tallahassee, Fla., were considered, but having someone on site to make arrangements for the meeting and the pottery plaque dedication outweighed other considerations. Katherine Lewis has generously agreed to be the Richmond coordinator once again, for which the board is deeply grateful.

Other business raised at the meeting included:

- > a proposal made by Joseph to conduct a DNA study of the DuVal family;
- > cleaning the plaque honoring Samuel DuVal at St. John's Church in Richmond;
- > the possible donation of books regarding the DuVal family to the Gloucester County Library;
- > obtaining property rights to the graves of Stephen and Lucy DuVal, on a small plot located in a residential area of Richmond.

Future issues of the newsletter will report on the progress of these projects.

Sagas of Two Families Come Together Again

By Rebecca Price Emmet (S)

What do John Price, Welsh carpenter, and Daniel DuVal, French Huguenot, have in common?

In the early years of the 18th century, John ap Rhys was growing up in Wales, a land that offered no promise. (Family tradition says *Price* was an "Americanization" of *ap Rhys*.) When young John sailed to Virginia, he did not bring a fine family name, influential backers, a land grant or even any other family members. In Colonial records (as early as 1735) he is John Price "of Wales." He brought a willingness to work with his hands, and had a "handsome face," both of which would set the stage for our DuVal Family reception at Cool Water on June 20, 2003.

John Price's skill brought him work as builder, handyman and carpenter. His personal attributes attracted Mary Randolph, daughter of Elizabeth Beverly and Colonel William Randolph of Turkey Island. In spite of the bitter disapproval of Mary's powerful brothers—a commoner, a *Welshman*, forsooth!—the two were married.

In 1735, John Price built the first Price family home, Cool Water, across a four-mile vista from Scotchtown. By 1800, the Price family had been well established by John and Mary's four children and 23 grandchildren.

Meanwhile, in Gloucester County, Virginia, Daniel DuVal and his wife had been raising their family of four fine sons. At about the time John and Mary Price were beginning their family, Samuel DuVal, Daniel's youngest son, married Lucy Claiborne, daughter of Elizabeth Whitehead and William Claiborne IV. Samuel's older brother Benjamin married Ann Kay of Caroline County.

John and Mary Price's descendants included judges, university professors and presidents, soldiers, farmers, ministers and other distinguished and ordinary people. Among the famous were Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart, a great-great grandson, and Irene



President Judy Hamby proclaims Frank DuVal Hargrove a Lifetime member of DFA

Langhorne Gibson, a great-great-great-granddaughter, who became her husband's model for "the Gibson Girl."

By 1874, Cool Water was no longer a Price home, and John Price's great-great-grandson, Emmet Russell Price, was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia.

And what of the DuVals at this time? They had prospered, suffered the fortunes of war and begun their own large families. We are all familiar with at least some of their histories.

In 1905, Emmet Price, a professor of journalism at Virginia Polytechnic University in Blacksburg, married Lucy Helen McLean Boorman of Fauquier County (*Lucy Helen was the great-great-*

granddaughter and namesake of Lucy Claiborne, wife of Samuel DuVal). They would become my grandparents.

In 1905, Lula Hunter DuVal, great-great-great-granddaughter of Ann Kay and Benjamin DuVal, was a small child in Chesterfield County. She would become the mother of Frank DuVal Hargrove, the present owner of Cool Water.

On June 20, 2003, the strands of these family sagas were woven together as we DuVals gathered at Cool Water for a lovely reception provided by Delegate Frank D. Hargrove. We spent a wonderful evening with Frank and Oriana Hargrove, their daughter Dale Hargrove Alderman, and their grandchildren. Cool Water is a charming home situated in breathtakingly beautiful grounds. The rain held off, the evening was pleasant, and the company of cousins was the best!



Cool Water, now the home of Virginia delegate Frank Hargrove, was built in 1735



Sunshine Corner

More happy news! Please send announcements of your DuVal family events to molly_d_oleary@hotmail.com.

GRADUATED

Brandy Alajandro, from the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass., with a B.A. in graphic design; on May 15. Brandy is the daughter of James Anderson Bradshaw (S) and Kristy Thatcher Bradshaw of San Diego, Calif., and the granddaughter of DFA President Judith Anderson Hamby.

William LaFayette Norton, from Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., with a B.A. in history; on May 19. The previous day William was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He will be stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga. William is the grandson of former DFA board member Sarah King (D).

MARRIED

Allen David Hahn, son of DFA newsletter editor Susan Blair of New York, to **Karen Elizabeth Keagle**, daughter of Barbara and William Keagle of Decatur, Ill., on May 17, at the James Millikin Homestead in Decatur.

William LaFayette Norton, son of Sallie King Norton (D) and William Norton of Nashville, to **Heather Kristin White**, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Jeff White of Winston-Salem, N.C., on May 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of Winston-Salem.

DuVals Reunite in Richmond (continued from page 1)

supper at Cool Water, the historic home of Virginia Delegate Frank DuVal Hargrove, Sr. (B), who was made a Lifetime member of the DFA in a proclamation read by Judy Hamby.

After Saturday's cruise on the riverboat Annabel Lee, some cousins took a tour of Magnolia Grange in Chesterfield County, a property in the DuVal family for a time in the 19th century. Built in the early 1820s, it has been restored with wallpaper and other finishes correct for the period, as well as furniture that Joseph Hays says is arranged with historical accuracy.

But the highlight of the weekend for many was getting to extend our families. Deana Snow (S) had the pleasant surprise of meeting her cousin Thomas DuVal Roberts II (S). Both are descended from William Pope DuVal, the first territorial governor of Florida. They enjoyed comparing tales that have been handed down in the family, talking about old photos they have and the William Pope DuVal materials Thomas has inherited. Deana reports that since then, she has mailed to Thomas and his wife Marty a stack of materials "a mile high" about William Pope. Surely Daniel DuVal would be pleased.



THURSDAY, JUNE 19: Early arrivals at the DuVal Family Reunion were able to pore over detailed and colorful genealogy charts prepared by Pat Koenig and Joseph Hays. It was the perfect chance to answer those "How I am related to ... ?" questions.



SATURDAY, JUNE 21: Before boarding the riverboat Annabel Lee for a cruise on the James, DuVal cousins split into their family lines. Samuel's descendants are above; those of Daniel II are at right and Benjamin's below. No William descendants were present.



DFA genealogist Joseph Hays, right, showed a video about conserving family archival materials. He discussed historic photographs and how to date them, and provided a display of old pictures, as well as shards from the Benjamin DuVal pottery.



Below, newsletter editor Sue Blair and Virginia Price (S) admire a scrapbook of recent DFA activities.





FRIDAY, JUNE 20: DuVals listen attentively as a guide describes the history of William Randolph's Tuckahoe Plantation. As a boy, Thomas Jefferson lived here while his parents cared for the Randolph children. The one-room schoolhouse where he received his earliest education still stands on the grounds near the stately main house.



Kenneth Pfeiffer (S) and his wife Trudy, of San Antonio, relax during the lunch cruise on the James River.



DuVal cousins were the guests of Virginia Delegate Frank DuVal Hargrove, Sr. (B) and his wife Oriana at their home, Cool Water. Clockwise from lower left: Delegate Hargrove and his grandson, Frank DuVal Hargrove III, hold a DuVal banner; Sarah Price (S) and Gina Thompson with a pot made at the Benjamin DuVal pottery; relaxing at supper are Erna Johnson (S), Dale Hargrove Alderman (B), Mr. Hargrove's daughter, Milo Pyne (B) and John P. Bradshaw, Jr. (B).



Cousins Clue Chart

When DFA members are mentioned in the *DuVal Family News*, their line of descent from the sons of Daniel DuVal, French Huguenot, is indicated after their names as follows: W=William; D=Daniel; B=Benjamin; S=Samuel



SUNDAY, JUNE 22: Dorothy Cabanillas (B) and Sunta Rosapepe (B), sisters-in-law, at St. John's Church, where they saw a re-enactment of the debate that led to Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death" speech in 1775.

Each One Reach One

By Susan Blair

How many DuVal cousins do you have who have not yet joined the DuVal Family Association? DFA president Judy Hamby thinks most members are in touch with at least one other non-member DuVal descendant,

and she challenged those who attended the June reunion to contact at least one other relative and encourage her or him to join the group.



Judy Hamby

At the board meeting, Katherine Lewis read a recommendation from Pat Koenig that the organization seek volunteers among the current membership to recruit new members (75% of the membership has come from family referrals). But we can all be volunteers in this effort. You might forward your copy of the newsletter to a cousin, with a note that emphasizes what a great bargain it is to join the DFA (*see the form below*). If you're now an active member with children, you could renew on a Family basis, and get those young DuVals interested

early in their family's history. You could send a message to Gina Thompson (ginathompson10@msn.com) with the address of a cousin to whom she can send an application form. Work is in progress to make the form available on the association's website. Once it is, you can simply refer cousins to the site, or print the form yourself and send it to a cousin by post.

Over the past year, Judy, Katherine and others have tried to recruit new members by writing letters (186 in all) to newspapers in areas where DuVal descendants are known to live. They also placed ads in the publications of such organizations as Daughters of the American Revolution. Very little response has been generated by these methods.



Gina Thompson

When that process is complete, the application and renewal processes can be streamlined. Gina will also be able to alert members who have

Secretary/registrar Thompson is transferring all records formerly kept by Pat Koenig and entering them into a new program specifically geared to membership tracking.

fallen behind in their annual dues, generate newsletter mailing labels that show the expiration date of the recipient's membership, and otherwise manage the membership database in an efficient manner.



Katherine Lewis

The board would like to reinstate the practice of sending a membership certificate to each new member, which may also be facilitated by the new program.

If you have other ideas about how the DFA might identify and encourage new members, Judy Hamby would like to hear from you. Her address is 1723 Walt Arney Rd. SW, Lenoir, NC 28645; her new e-mail address is djhamby@charter.net.

Elsewhere in this issue you've read stories about meeting "new" cousins at the reunion. The more members we have, the more likely it is that you'll have a story like that to tell after the next reunion, in 2005. If every active DFA member recruited just one other DuVal descendant, it would double the size of the association to nearly 400 people. Think how many cousins you could discover—or rediscover—then!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR?

If not, the Fall 2003 issue of the DuVal Family News will be the last one you receive. Don't lose touch with news of cousins, family history and DFA projects. Clip and send the form today!

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

One-year membership rates:

Descendant (Active member) & (if applicable) Spouse (Associate member): \$10

Family membership (active member, associate member & children under 18): \$25

Please make your check payable to DuVal Family Association. Clip this form and mail it with your payment to
Gina Thompson, 133 Golden Road, Sherman, TX 75090

Touched by Family History

Standing in a roomful of DuVals at the opening reception of the 2003 DFA reunion, I wondered silently if any of them might be near relatives of mine. A moment later I was approached by two women, with a man who strongly resembled my Grandfather (“Boppa”) Raymond DuVal. He introduced himself as Thomas V. DuVal, the son of my grandfather’s younger brother, Thomas Jackson DuVal. One of the women was his wife, Martha; the other was his sister, Margaret DuVal Lewis. My mother’s first cousins—what a thrill it was to meet them! If I heard mention of them as a child, I have no recollection of it. They said they “recognized” me because of a resemblance to my mother. How that made me smile!

Margaret and Tom told me stories about their Uncle Raymond that answered questions I’ve had about how closely he stayed in touch with his family after moving to Chicago in 1920. A younger sister died in the late ’20s. Had he journeyed back to Richmond on that sad occasion? Would he have taken a train or driven a car? What a long trip the latter would have been! Tom didn’t address that occasion, but he clearly remembered a visit my grandfather had made in a ’32 or ’34 Oldsmobile. He took his nephew, then around 9 or 10 years old, for a ride in the country, which impressed young Tom as quite a grand experience.

Margaret recalled how everyone looked forward to Uncle Raymond’s visits, because he was fun and very kind to everyone—just as I remember him. I learned that my grandmother, Evelyn Penick, came from a town called Clover in Halifax County, not from Richmond, as I had always assumed. Margaret also clarified



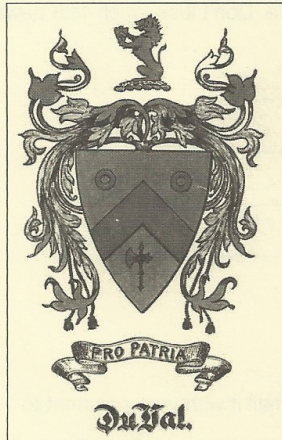
Cousins found: Margaret DuVal Lewis, left, with Thomas V. DuVal, her brother, and his wife Martha

my relationship to “Billy and Mosby,” two young men I do remember meeting as a child. They too were Boppa’s nephews, and Margaret expected William at the reunion the next day. I was disappointed when he didn’t appear.

On the Friday bus tour, Margaret pointed out the site of “Uncle Sam’s store” at the intersection of Gaskins and River roads (Sam was my grandfather’s oldest brother). A little farther along River Road stands a house where Margaret and Tom grew up, and beyond that a yellow frame house that belonged to my great-grandfather, Samuel Claude DuVal. My grandfather was born there in 1886, and there, in 1960, I met his sister Bessie, who had inherited the property. I couldn’t make a bus full of DuVals halt for one cousin to take a picture, so I’ll have to go back. And I’m already looking forward to the reunion in 2005, where I’ll surely meet more “new” cousins and hear more family stories.

Sue Blair

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