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for the descendants of Daniel DuVal

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DuVal cousins take a break from the steamy Virginia heat on the back steps of Shirley Plantation, one family's home for 12 generations

DuVals Share Weekend of Laughter and Learning

A DuVal family reunion is many things: getting reacquainted with cousins you haven't seen since childhood; poring over each other's family albums; hearing stories about your parents or grandparents when they were young; exchanging family letters that may provide the missing links in someone's genealogical research; listening to Joseph Hays relate another Indiana Jones-like adventure undertaken in the name of family history.

That list barely begins to give the flavor of the weekend last June when about 50 descendants of the four sons of Daniel DuVal gathered in Richmond for the fourth biennial reunion of the DuVal Family Association.

In addition to the usual business meetings of the board and the general membership (*see story on page 2*), cousins heard Joseph's revised and expanded talk about the DuVal family's first 100 years in Richmond. He made a point we may not often think of: our family history has to some extent been traceable because the early DuVals in the city were artisans, manufacturers and pharmacists who left physical evidence of their work, to say nothing of all the advertising they placed for their wares and services. You can read about two other informative talks, about

the DuVals in Texas and early Huguenots in the New World, on page 3 and page 6, respectively.

Saturday we were off to visit three colonial estates. Shirley, originally an 8,000-acre tobacco plantation, is still an agricultural enterprise, the oldest family-owned business in America. The rooms on the main floor have beautiful hand-carved woodwork and 18th century furnishings. The arrangement of the great house and the outbuildings reflects a formal English style.

Westover is occupied by its present owner (*see page 7*), but the grounds are open to the public. One intriguing feature is an underground passage that leads from a spot near the main buildings to an outlet on the riverbank. Its purpose may have been to offer protection from Indians.

Berkeley Plantation sits on a hill, with extensive formal gardens that sweep a quarter-mile down to the James River. In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln reviewed General George McClellan's troops here, and later that year the bugle call *Taps* was composed in the encampment.

Pictures from the reunion weekend appear on pages 4 and 5. Perhaps they will inspire you to join the fun next time.

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Taking Care of Business: DFA Members Convene in Richmond

by Joan DuVal Thomas

A smaller crowd of cousins didn't diminish the high spirits at the fourth biennial reunion of the DuVal Family Association, which took place June 10-12, 2005, in Richmond. Of the 41 members who attended the general meeting, Doris Cabanillas (B) of Chesterfield, Va., was honored as being the most senior cousin present. Doris is 98 years young! Not far behind were Elisabeth Robbins (S), 94, the mother of DFA secretary/registrar Joan DuVal Thomas, and Elisabeth's sister, Loral McNutt (S), 87. All three women are a fine example of continuing interest in family history—and they have some wonderful family stories to tell.

As DuVals began to gather and register on Thursday afternoon, they were able to get acquainted—or reacquainted—in a large room where a number of family photo albums were on display. Seeing letters and pictures that others have collected often helps individuals fill in the blanks in the history of their own branch of the family. On Thursday evening, all were welcome in the hospitality suite, graciously hosted by DFA president Roger Baskette and his wife Thetis.

The DFA board held its annual meeting on Friday morning, with all members present except Gina Thompson (D), outgoing secretary/registrar, and Dorothy Nelson, an at-large member. President Emerita Judy Hamby was also unable to attend the reunion weekend. On Friday afternoon, the biennial general membership meeting took place. Following are highlights of the business conducted at both meetings:

> Roger recognized Katherine Lewis, vice president, for her work in coordinating reunion activities, and Gina Thompson, outgoing secretary/registrar, whose contributions to the re-establishment of the DFA are greatly appreciated.

> Pat Koenig, treasurer, reviewed the profit-and-loss statement and reported a balance of \$8,740 in the treasury. The cookbook project netted \$34 profit.

> Joan Thomas had agreed to fill the position of secretary/registrar following the resignation of Gina Thompson. Joan reported that there were 143 active members, 22 associates and 14 juniors. The membership file shows Virginia has 28 members, followed by Texas with 15 and Tennessee with 12. The "brother count" indicates that 71 members are Samuel descendants, 53 descend from Benjamin, 38 from Daniel II and 7 from William.

> Joseph Hays, genealogist, is researching the format and approval requirements for the proposed Benjamin DuVal Pottery historical marker. Once approved, the DFA will need to raise approximately \$1,400 to pay for it.

> The DuVal book is an ongoing project, but no production date can be set until format, software and other underlying issues are resolved. The estimated cost of a limited-production book is expected to be at least \$5,000. Fund raising will be required to support its publication.

> Sue Blair, newsletter editor, asked for contributions of family stories and photos, which could also be used for the book and website.

At the general meeting, Jim Duval, board member at large, presented the following slate of officers to be elected to two-year terms:

President: Roger DuVal Baskette, Sr.; Vice President: Katherine Williams Lewis; Secretary: Joan DuVal Thomas; Treasurer: Pat Duval Koenig; Historian: Charles DuVal Waddell; Genealogist: Joseph Stephen Hays; Members at Large: Susan Lee Blair; James P. Duval, Sr.; Judith Anderson Hamby; Dorothy Duval Nelson.

A nomination made from the floor was withdrawn because the nominee was a prospective member, whereupon the slate was approved. Special thanks were extended to Henry A. Davis, Jr. (S) for his diligence as the official DFA parliamentarian. The next board meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn., in July 2006.

To encourage greater reunion attendance, the board suggested that the biennial general meeting alternate between Richmond and other areas of the country with large active and prospective-member populations. To that end, the board proposed that the 2007 reunion be held in Nashville, which offers both historic and family-oriented activities. Board members will explore possible activities and site locations, and they will welcome suggestions from the membership. The board also proposes moving the reunion date to the third week in June or later, to make it more feasible for families with school-age children to participate.

Future DFA projects under consideration are the publication of the poems of Matilda Baskette; indexing of Bessie Grabowskii's *DuVal Family of Virginia*; and a DNA study. However, the board decided not to undertake any new projects until more detailed consideration is given to them at the 2006 board meeting.

The DuVals in Texas: A Story of Bravery

Ken Pfeiffer (S) of San Antonio gave a stirring presentation on the origins of the DuVal family in Texas, which began with two brothers from Kentucky volunteering in the armed rebellion against Mexico.

IMPORTANT DATES:

1821 Mexican independence from Spain

1824 Mexican constitution

1835 Centralist Party takeover in Mexico

1836 Texas declares independence from Mexico; Alamo falls to Santa Anna

1835 Although the Mexican government had been using land grants to lure U.S. citizens to Texas since the 1820s, eventually it banned further immigration. The rights of the Anglos already in Texas were not clear under the Mexican constitution, and by the early 1830s, a movement for increasing independence had begun.

In early October, Mexican forces were sent to Gonzales to retrieve a cannon that had been given to the settlers as defense against Indians, lest it be turned against the Mexicans themselves. Fighting under a flag that pictured a cannon over the words "Come and take it," Gonzales residents indeed used the weapon to fire what is considered the first shot of Texas' revolt against Mexico.

At the same time, the Mexican general Martín Perfecto de Cos, with a force of more than 400 men, occupied the fortified town of Goliad, strategically located along the San Antonio River. When Cos moved on to San Antonio, he left a small group at Goliad to protect the supplies there. On Oct. 9, about 50 Texas volunteers attacked and overtook the presidio with little difficulty. Two months later, another group of Texans besieged San Antonio, forcing Cos to surrender.

Word spread of the Texans' revolt and the need for reinforcements. In Bardstown, Ky., Burr H. DuVal, the oldest son of William Pope DuVal, formed a company of about 50 volunteers. Among them was his younger brother, John Crittenden DuVal. They headed for Texas by way of New Orleans and landed on the



Ken Pfeiffer with replica of Gonzales flag

CHARLES DUVAL WADELL

Texas coast in late December. When they made their presence known, the "Kentucky Mustangs," as they were called, were sent to Goliad, which was under the command of Colonel James W. Fannin.

1836 Events moved rapidly in the early months of the year. In February, General Antonio López de Santa Anna, who was also the president of Mexico, marched north, determined to retake San Antonio and quash the Anglo rebellion. Late in the month, his troops, numbering in the thousands, began the siege of the Alamo, which was defended by fewer than 200 men. On March 6 the Alamo fell, and all its defenders were killed. Four days earlier, Texas had officially declared independence from Mexico.

Meanwhile, in Goliad, more than 300 men serving under Fannin had reformed the presidio and believed they were ready to fight. On March 13 or 14, Fannin received an order from General Sam Houston to withdraw to Victoria. In an excess of insubordination and indecision—and awaiting the return of two units he had dispatched for other operations, lessening the strength at Goliad—Fannin put off the departure until March 19.

The delay led to disaster. Mexican troops under General José de Urrea caught up with the retreating Texans in

an open area, and the shooting began. On March 20 Fannin saw the impossibility of continuing the fight. Although he asked for humane treatment for his men, Urrea could offer only unconditional surrender, because Santa Anna had decreed that all who opposed him would be executed. But Urrea agreed to plead the Texans' cause with the president.

The prisoners, including Burr and John DuVal, were returned to Goliad. A week later, on Palm Sunday, those who weren't injured were divided into three groups and marched in three directions, believing they were to be repatriated. A short distance from the fort, the armed Mexicans escorting the Texans turned and fired on the prisoners at close range. Most were killed immediately. The wounded, including Fannin, who had been unable to march, were murdered in their beds.

Burr DuVal, whose unit had been marched along the old road to San Antonio, died in the first volley of shots. John DuVal, with a handful of others, ran for the cover of trees along the nearby river and made good their escape.

Less than a month later, on April 21, Sam Houston and fewer than a thousand Texans—using the battle cry "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!"—defeated Santa Anna's larger force in the battle of San Jacinto, bringing the Texas Revolution to a successful end.

After his experiences in Texas, John Crittenden DuVal returned to Kentucky, studied engineering at the University of Virginia, and later returned to Texas as a surveyor. He was a Texas Ranger and also fought in the Mexican War. Eventually his father, William Pope DuVal, and his remaining brother and sisters also settled in Texas, establishing the Texas branch of the DuVal family.

John DuVal wrote many stories about his life and adventures, most notably *Early Times in Texas*, and became known as the First Texas Man of Letters. He was the last survivor of the Goliad Massacre, dying in Fort Worth in 1897.

Supplementary sources for this article include The Handbook of Texas Online (www.tsha.utexas.edu/handbook/online/) and Lone Star Junction (www.lsjunction.com/).

NEWS NOTES

> Association treasurer Pat Koenig would like to update her list of members' e-mail addresses. If you use e-mail, please send Pat a message (paduval@mac.com). There's no need to write anything more than "My e-mail address" in the subject field, but of course Pat would love to hear any DuVal news you'd care to share.

> The DFA board is considering printing and distributing a membership directory. If you would prefer that some or all of your personal information (name, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address) not be published, please notify Joan Thomas (jd.thomas225@verizon.net or 609-884-6284). The directory would be sent only to active members.

> There are many ways in which the DFA website could be more useful to members. One suggestion, made by Sunta Rosa-pepe (B), is a "bulletin board" where people could post information and questions about their genealogy research. But volunteers are needed to improve and maintain the site. If you have skills in Web-page design and creation and would like to help with the family site, please contact Pat Koenig.

> Help is needed to input information for the book updating the history and genealogy of the DuVal family; the material could also be available via the website or on a CD. There are more than 9,000 names to be entered! If you'd like to get involved in this important project, please contact Joseph Hays (allenhurst@operamail.com or 270-563-9524). If you have pictures for the book, images sent electronically should be in JPEG or TIFF format, preferably with minimum resolution of 600 dpi.



SUSAN BLAIR

Above, the Price family of Russellville, Ky., enjoying the reunion. From left, Sarah, Mary Price Kittinger, Virginia and Edward Price III. Below, DFA vice president Katherine Williams Lewis and treasurer Patricia Duval Koenig.



JOAN THOMAS

BLAIR



Right, James P. Duval, Sr., presides over the election of the slate of officers at the general membership meeting. Below, DuVal cousins pause at the entrance to Shirley Plantation, the first stop on a day's tour of stately colonial homes east of Richmond.



WADELLE



Left, Doris Cabanillas (B), 98, was honored as the most senior cousin present. Above, a family of Samuel descendants: front row, DFA secretary/registrar Joan Thomas, her aunt, Laural McNutt, and her mother, Elisabeth Robbins. Behind them are Christopher Robbins and Nancy and Sally McNutt.



CHARLES WADELLE

2006 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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One-year membership rates:

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

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

Please make your check payable to DuVal Family Association and mail form and payment to:
Joan DuVal Thomas, 427 Portsmouth Road, Cape May, NJ 08204

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Do you have DuVal relatives who are not yet DFA members? If so, please help us increase membership by writing their names and addresses below. (Use the back of the form if you need more space.)

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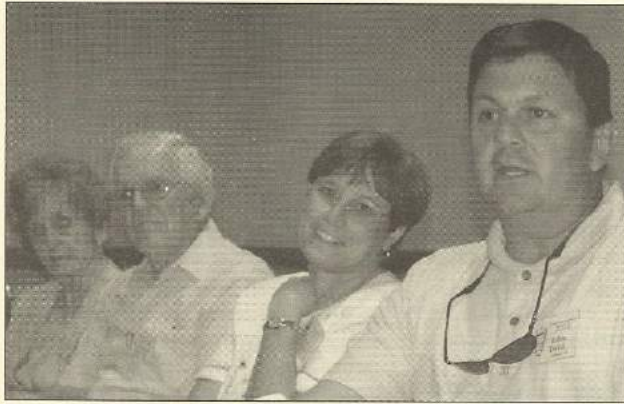
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Benjamin descendants: Robin DuVal of Yorktown, Va., with his wife Mary and his parents, Raymond and Ann Duval of Newport News.



SUSAN BLAIR

DFA genealogist Joseph Hays escorts Kate Terry (S) of Pagosa Springs, Colo., to dinner.



Charles DuVal Waddell, DFA historian, stops to smell the flowers at Indian Fields Tavern, our luncheon stop between visits to three James River plantations.



BLAIR (2)

DFA president Roger DuVal Baskette and his wife Thetis flank Fred Fisher, owner of Westover. The beautifully proportioned house is considered one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in the country, and the "Westover doorway," seen below, has been widely adapted by other builders through the years.



BLAIR

Gene and William B. DuVal (B) of Richmond had other commitments but stopped in before dinner to greet cousins.

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



Earliest Huguenots Struggled in the New World

By Susan Blair

There is always plenty of spirit when a lot of DuVals occupy the same room, and part of that spirit is an interest in learning. After the reunion dinner, about 40 cousins heard Carla Whitehurst Odom, president of the Virginia Huguenot Society, discuss the earliest Huguenot migration to North America. She began by making the point that the



Carla Odom

Huguenots' flight from persecution in France led them to Holland, England and Germany; in Berlin there was a very large population of émigrés by the end of the 17th century. In their adopted lands, many Huguenots were successful in the crafts and trades they had practiced in France—printing, weaving, metalworking—as well as in business.

But those who came to North America struggled much more. The first attempts to establish Huguenot settlements on the Atlantic coast took place in 1562, in what is now North Carolina (a small settlement that quickly failed), and 1564, when Fort Caroline—named for the French king, Charles IX—was built on the St. John's River in Florida, north of present-day Jacksonville.

The mastermind behind the expeditions was Gaspard de Coligny, who held the title Admiral of France. Although Protestant, he was close enough to several Roman Catholic kings of France to influence them to undertake the settlement attempts, partly to counter the presence the Spanish and Portuguese had already established in South and Central America and Mexico. (Ironically, Coligny was one of the first victims of the St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in 1572.)

It didn't take the Spanish long to recognize the threat to their economic base in the New World, and in 1565, Spaniards based at St. Augustine marched north and massacred most of

the inhabitants of Fort Caroline. One of the few survivors was Jacques le Moyne de Morgues, an artist who had accompanied the expedition to record the people, flora and fauna of the unfamiliar land. Images of engravings made from Le Moyne's drawings can be seen at <http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/photos/native/lemoyne/lemoyne.htm>.

The first Huguenots arrived in Virginia in 1620, among them Nicholas Martineau, the earliest immigrant European ancestor of George Washington. Local governments settled the French refugees in rural areas, as a sort of shield against the Indians around the predominantly English population centers. Of necessity, many of the Huguenots became farmers, which they hadn't been before.

Farther north, Peter Minuit (pronounced Min-wee), a Huguenot Walloon (i.e., a native of the French-speaking region of the Spanish Netherlands, now Belgium), was hired by the Dutch West India Company in 1626 to take charge of the struggling Dutch colony established on Manhattan island several years earlier. Minuit formally established New Amsterdam by purchasing the land from the

Indians; he also strengthened Fort Orange, farther up the Hudson River at the site of present-day Albany. Years later, Minuit, in the employ of the Swedish crown, founded New Sweden (Delaware).

Before the end of the century, Huguenots from New Amsterdam, joined by new Walloon arrivals, moved north along the Hudson and settled the town of New Paltz, N.Y. Many of the Walloon immigrants had come from interim refuge in the Pfalz region of Germany, thus accounting for the name of the new settlement. Today in New Paltz you can still see the oldest colonial street in the U.S., along which stand original stone houses built by the Huguenot founders in the 1680s.

Around the same time, Huguenots began to arrive in South Carolina, where they made major contributions to the success of the foundering English settlement at Charleston. There, the Huguenots attained prominence sooner and retained their French Protestant identity longer than in the other colonies. A French Protestant church founded in the 1680s is still in operation in Charleston today.

Wherever the Huguenots' flight from persecution led them—London, the Lowlands, the Pfalz or the colonies of the New World—they became famous for their work ethic. Everywhere they settled, their importance was greater than their numbers might have suggested.



This engraving, after a drawing by Jacques le Moyne, shows the French arriving in Florida and exchanging gifts with friendly Native Americans of the Timucuan tribes.

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Memorial to an 18th Century Gentleman

Walking in the grounds of Westover, a Georgian mansion built by William Byrd II around 1730, several DuVal cousins had the luck to encounter Fred Fisher, the owner of Westover. Mr. Fisher escorted us to Byrd's tomb (above), where he read aloud the eloquent epitaph of one of the founders of Richmond:

Here lieth the honourable William Byrd, Esq.
 Being born to one of the amplest fortunes in this country
 He was sent early to England for his education
 Where under the care and direction of Sir Robert Southwell
 And even favored with his particular instructions
 He made a happy proficiency in polite and various learning
 By the means of the same noble friend
 He was introduced to the acquaintance
 Of many of the first persons of that age
 For knowledge, wit, virtue, birth, or high station
 And particularly contracted a most intimate and bosom friendship
 With the learned and illustrious Charles Boyle Earl of Orrery
 He was called to the bar in the Middle Temple
 Studied for some time in the Low Countries
 Visited the court of France
 And was chosen fellow of the Royal Society.

Thus eminently fitted for the service and ornament of his country
 He was made Receiver General of His Majesty's Revenues here
 Was thrice appointed publick agent to the court and ministry
 of England
 And being thirty seven years a member
 At last became President of the Council of this Colony
 To all this were added a great elegancy of taste and life
 The well bred gentleman and polite companion
 The splendid oeconomist and prudent father of a family
 With the constant enemy of all exorbitant power
 And hearty friend to the liberties of this country.

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REPORT FROM THE HURRICANE ZONE

Dorothy Duval Nelson, DFA board member at large and a resident of New Orleans, recently sent the following update. It's clear that we need to keep everyone in the region in our prayers.

Fortunately, the Duval cousins in Louisiana are doing well. The Houma group was lucky to sustain no direct damage from either Hurricane Katrina or Rita. But Houma has been "invaded" by evacuated New Orleanians looking for refuge and perhaps even a new community to live in, so the traffic is a challenge.

Here in New Orleans we live on the "sliver by the river," the high land by the Mississippi. Because we are on higher ground, our area has gotten more crowded, as we are an entertainment and merchant area, as well as one of dry homes. About 10 blocks from where we live, toward Lake Pontchartrain, it's a different story. Houses are still uninhabited, floodwater lines are still visible along the sides of houses, flooded cars remain in driveways, trees are dead or dying due to the salt water. However, FEMA trailers are starting to appear in some driveways. It is estimated that our city—formerly about 470,000 people—numbers about 180,000 now. Many people live outside the city and commute daily to their jobs or to work on their homes; the traffic on I-10 is heavy. There is much discussion about rebuilding plans, federal government aid, and the reconstruction of the failed levees, as June 1 is the start of the 2006 hurricane season. Much debate centers on which parts should be rebuilt of the 80% of the city that was severely damaged, and there is concern regarding what equity homeowners may receive if their homes are condemned.

In spite of the turmoil, Mardi Gras season has started. We attended our first parade Saturday night, and it did cheer us up (much fun made of politicians and FEMA). We need Mardi Gras as therapy for ourselves and as an economic engine to resurrect our hotel and entertainment industry. New Orleans has no major manufacturing base or large Fortune 500 companies to drive a recovery; the one of the latter we do have—Entergy—is in bankruptcy from the storm. Our medical community is in a shambles; doctors without their patient base have left town by the hundreds. The universities have reduced or cancelled programs and laid off faculty; hotels, cruise ships and private individuals are temporarily housing college students and faculty. The port has reduced business but is recovering, and the cruise industry hasn't returned yet, although conventions are starting to book up for the near future.

There is much community and civic action; we need to leave to future generations a legacy of participation in the recovery from the storm. Citizens are meeting at Loyola and Tulane to digest and discuss the lessons of Katrina and our future. Neighborhood groups are actively weighing their options. There are citizen clean-up crews (one the "Krew of Katrina") that regularly mobilize the cleanup of specific areas. There are soup kitchens for construction workers and returnees. Nonprofits of all stripes are here, from college groups to religious organizations to nationally profiled associations. We are a hub of activity as we try to work through the losses we have suffered.

IN MEMORIAM

JANE AUSTIN CARTWRIGHT DUVAL, 88, passed away at St. Catherine's in North Bend, Ore., on May 10, 2005. The daughter of the late William and Ruth Cartwright, she was born on Sept. 20, 1917, in Chicago and attended Stevens College in Columbia, Mo. On May 13, 1939, she married the late Raymond Burton DuVal, Jr. (B) of Oak Park, Ill.

Mrs. DuVal's career included the fashion business and the human-resource departments of various Chicago law firms. She and her husband retired to Green Valley, Ariz., where she taught art at a local junior college and at the art media center in Green Valley. In 2001, she won the award for the best Oregon senior amateur artist. Her portrait of a bearded Scotsman entitled *The Laird* was displayed in the lobby of the Oregon state capitol in Salem. Wonderfully talented in the medium of oils, she showed her work in Arizona off and on for five years and always said she "would rather paint than do anything else."

She is survived by her three children, Lynne DuVal Heilman of Pinehurst, N.C.; Michael Claiborne DuVal of Reedsport, Ore.; and Raymond Burton DuVal III of Lake Oswego, Ore.; and also by her granddaughter Christiana Heilman Mastandrea of Las Vegas, Nev., and grandsons Stephen Shepard DuVal and Carter Blackburn DuVal. At Mrs. DuVal's request her ashes were scattered at sea.

DFA MEMBER RECEIVES PURPLE HEART

Colonel (ret.) **Kenneth W. Pfeiffer** was, on May 3, 2005, awarded the Purple Heart for a wound received in action on Feb. 8, 1967, in Vietnam. Ken, a descendant of Samuel DuVal, was serving as a machine gunner with Company C 1st Battalion 327th Infantry in the 101st Airborne Division. Because five others had been wounded in the same action, Ken refused evacuation and therefore had no documentation for the medal to be awarded at the time. Thirty-six years later, he was reunited (via the Internet) with the medic who treated his wound. The medic wrote an account of the events of that day and sent it to the Department of the Army. Ken received the Purple Heart two years later, at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, with Lieut. General Robert Clark presiding.



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