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for the descendants of Daniel DuVal

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DuVal and Tennessee History to Come Together in Nashville Reunion

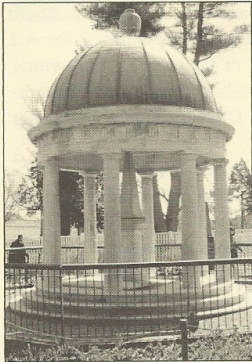
By Susan Blair

The fifth biennial reunion of the DuVal Family association will be held in Nashville, Tenn., from June 21 to 23. The centrally located Sheraton Downtown hotel will be "DuVal Central" on Thursday and Friday. A day of touring historic sites is on tap for Saturday. (A tentative schedule of activities appears on the back page.)

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Sheraton for the special rate of \$119 a night. The deadline for reserving a room at that rate is May 22. (Make your reservation online at www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton, or call 800-325-3535 or 615-259-2000.) The daily fee for self-parking a car is \$16, or \$20 for valet parking.

Cousins who arrive in Nashville on Thursday will be able to renew their acquaintanceship with each other at a reception that begins at 7 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. Those with free time on Friday morning, when the board holds its annual business meeting, will find themselves within walking distance of a number of nearby attractions, including the Tennessee state capitol; historic Ryman Auditorium, where you can take a tour and cut your own CD in the recording studio (www.ryman.com); and the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum (www.countrymusicHalloffame.com).

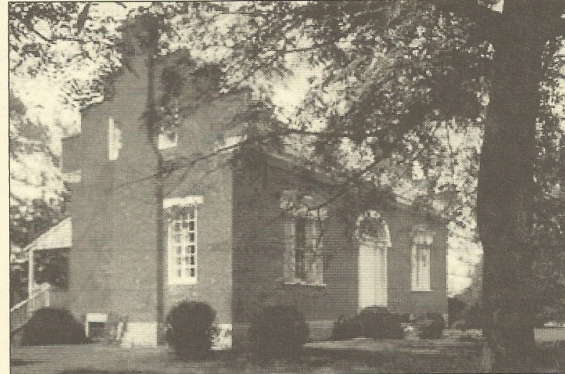
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Greek-temple-style tomb of Andrew and Rachel Jackson

Outgoing DFA President Roger DuVal Baskette, Sr., will preside over the general-membership meeting on Friday afternoon. At the top of the order of business will be the election of officers and other board members for two-year terms. The nominating committee has proposed a slate of candidates (see story on page 2), and nominations will also be accepted from the floor. At the conclusion of the meeting, DFA Genealogist Joseph Hays will make a presentation on the history of the DuVals in Tennessee and Kentucky. There will be a banquet on Friday evening.

Bright and early Saturday morning, we will board a bus for a day-long tour of a few of the many historic sites around



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When Carter House was taken over as Federal headquarters for the Battle of Franklin, the family was allowed to hide in the cellar

Nashville. The first stop will be The Hermitage (www.thehermitage.com), the home of Andrew Jackson, seventh President of the United States. Jackson and his wife, Rachel, lived in the original two-story log farmhouse on the property from the time Jackson purchased it from a neighbor in 1804 until a larger brick mansion was completed in 1821. Jackson grew cotton as the cash crop on the 1,000-acre plantation, and he also raised racehorses. The mansion was greatly enlarged after Jackson became President in 1829; it was rebuilt in the present Greek Revival style after a damaging fire in 1834. Jackson and his wife are buried in a tomb on the property.

After lunch we will visit Carter House (www.carterhouse.org), which was commandeered as Federal headquarters during the Battle of Franklin on Nov. 30, 1864. (Editor's note: An article in the Winter 2007 edition of this newsletter stated that 9,000 men were killed during the battle. I misinterpreted the word *casualties* in the source material to mean *killed*. More than 9,000 men were killed, wounded or captured; approximately 2,000 were killed. I apologize for the error.) While the Carter family took refuge in the basement, one son, Theodrick, was serving as a general's aide on the battlefield and saw his home for the first time in three years. He was mortally wounded in the fighting and died in his family's house two days later. The battle was one of the few fought at night during the Civil War.

The last stop of the day will be Carnton Plantation (www.carnton.org), built in 1826 by Randal McGavock, a former mayor of Nashville. The house was used as a field hospital during the Battle of Franklin, and in 1866 the McGavock family donated several acres of their land for the reburial of Confederate soldiers who had died in the battle. *The Widow of the South*, (story continues on page 3)

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Nominating Committee Selects Slate of Candidates

The biennial election of officers and other board members of the DuVal Family Association will take place at the general membership meeting on June 22, 2007. The nominating committee, headed by James P. Duval, Sr., has recommended the following slate for two-year terms:

President: Kenneth W. Pfeiffer
Vice President: Katherine Lewis
Treasurer: James P. Duval, Sr.
Secretary/Registrar: Joan DuVal Thomas
Genealogist: Joseph Stephen Hays
Historian: Deana Kathryn Snow
Board Members at Large:
Susan Lee Blair (newsletter editor)
Patricia Duval Koenig
Dorothy Duval Nelson

Under the terms of the DFA bylaws, the current President, Roger DuVal Baskette, Sr., will occupy the board position reserved for the President Emeritus. In addition, Henry Adams Davis, Jr. (S), has agreed to continue his work as DFA legal counsel, a non-board position.

As provided by the bylaws, nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

With the exception of Ken Pfeiffer and Deana Snow, everyone on the proposed slate has previously been elected by the general membership. Short statements about current board members appear below, along with more complete profiles of Ken and Deana. For more detailed information about the candidates who were elected two years ago, please refer to the Spring 2005 issue of the *DuVal Family News* or to the News area of the DuVal website at www.MyFamily.com. If you have never used the site, please get in touch with Pat Koenig (paduval@mac.com) to request a user name and temporary password.

Kenneth W. Pfeiffer has served as Treasurer of the DFA for the past year, following Pat Koenig's resignation from the post. Ken worked



for United Services Automobile Association for 30 years in various staff and management positions, and retired in 2003 as executive director of field services and logistics. He was on active duty with the U.S. Army from 1966 to '69, and also served with the National Guard and the Reserve from 1974 to 2006. Two years

ago, Ken belatedly received the Purple Heart for a wound received in action in Vietnam in 1967. He retired from military service with the rank of colonel. Ken and his wife, Trudy, live in San Antonio, Texas, where he is active in a number of local chapters of nonprofit groups. They have two sons and a granddaughter.

Katherine Williams Lewis has been the family association's Vice President since 2004 and has taken an active part in planning and scheduling the 2005 and 2007 reunions.

James P. Duval, Sr. has served as a Board Member at Large since 2005 and has now agreed to take on the important job of Treasurer.

Joan DuVal Thomas was elected Secretary of the association in 2005 and since then has also taken on the job of Registrar. She has been instrumental in the recent efforts to reach lapsed members and establish contact with potential new ones.

Joseph Stephen Hays has been DFA Genealogist since the reconstitution of the association nearly 10 years ago. He knows more about the DuVals than most of us know about our closest family members.

Deana Kathryn Snow is a descendant of Samuel DuVal and a native of Texas. She has worked as an art teacher to preschool-age children. While Deana was working as a nanny to two young girls, their great-grandmother died, which stimulated Deana's interest in investigating more seriously her own family history. Soon thereafter she got her first computer, found the DuVal Family Association on the Internet and attended the 1999 reunion. Deana lives in Smith's Grove, Ky., and says she found her dream job as manager of the Art & Antiques Gallery in Glasgow. A "crowning feature" of her family-history quest was becoming a member of the DAR through her ancestor William DuVal.



Susan Lee Blair has been the editor of *The DuVal Family News* since 2002, and joined the board the following year.

Patricia Duval Koenig has served as DFA Registrar and Treasurer in the past and will rejoin the board as an At-Large member.

Dorothy Duval Nelson has been a member of the DFA board since 2005 and has managed to keep up with its activities in spite of being tem-

porarily displaced from her New Orleans home by Hurricane Katrina.

The board term of **Judith Anderson Hamby** as President Emerita will end with the June election. Inspired 10 years ago by a gift of Margaret Buchanan's book about the DuVals of Kentucky, Judy provided the enthusiasm and determination to reconstitute the DuVal Family Association, defunct since 1942. She and Pat Koenig contacted every descendant of Daniel DuVal they could find via the Internet and a National Huguenot Society directory. All DFA members present and future owe a debt of gratitude to Judy, who lives in Lenoir, N.C., with her husband Don and beloved bull terrier Sweetpea.

Judy, there is not enough blue-black ink in the world to adequately express our thanks for everything you've done to bring hundreds of cousins together!



Sunshine Corner

BORN: Thomas Cyrus Rilee, on March 20, 2007, to Cyrus Rilee III (W) and Laurie Browne Rilee of Dover, N.H. Thomas is the grandson of former DFA Historian Cyrus F. Rilee, Jr. and Carolyn Sterling Rilee of Gloucester, Va.

Reunion (continued from page 1) a novel by Robert Hicks based on these events, is available in paperback.

If you haven't already received the reunion registration form from DFA Vice President Katherine Lewis, it should appear in your mailbox soon. It will list the weekend's events separately and let you know the cost of each one. Be sure to return it to her as soon as possible. But most important, make your hotel reservation **no later than May 22**. A limited number of rooms are available at the special rate.

See you in Nashville!

DuVals in National Service

With the war in Iraq continuing and American military personnel still deployed to Afghanistan and many other parts of the world, DFA would like to stay current with family members in the military. If you have a son or daughter, brother, sister or other DuVal relative who is serving our country, please send his or her name to Pat Koenig (paduval@mac.com) for inclusion on the Patriots Page of the DuVal website (patriots.page.duvalfamilyassociation.com). If you also send it to Sue Blair (sblair55@aol.com), the names will be listed in the next issue of the newsletter, and a free copy will be sent to service members for whom mailing addresses are provided.



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

LAST CHANCE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BEFORE THE REUNION!

If you haven't renewed your DFA membership for 2007, this is the last chance to do so before the June reunion in Nashville. **Don't wait another day!**

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

One-year membership rates:

Active member (DuVal descendant): \$10

Associate member (spouse of Active member): \$10

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

Please make your check payable to DuVal Family Association. Clip this form and mail it with your payment to:

Joan DuVal Thomas, 427 Portsmouth Road, Cape May, NJ 08204

CALL TO MEETING

The Board of Directors of the DuVal Family Association will hold its annual meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 22, 2007, at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

The Membership of the DuVal Family Association will hold its biennial meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 22, 2007, at the Sheraton Downtown Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee.

Election of officers and other board members will take place at the Membership Meeting.

Action will be taken on other items of business during the Membership Meeting, including choosing the location for the 2009 meeting of the DuVal Family Association. If you have suggestions for other matters to be addressed at the meeting, please make them known to Roger Baskette at tpbandrb@sbcglobal.net or 615-646-4239.

What Color is Your Label?

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PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR DUVAL REUNION

(Subject to change)

Thursday, June 21

6:30 p.m. Registration opens (fourth-floor hallway)
7-9 p.m. DuVal Family Reception, with hors d'oeuvres

Friday, June 22

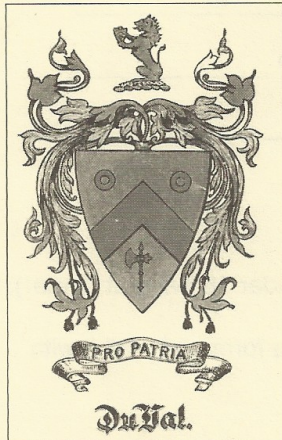
9-11 a.m. DFA Board Meeting
1:30-2:30 p.m. DFA General Meeting
2:45 p.m. Presentation: "DuVals of Tennessee and Kentucky from Virginia," Joseph Hays, DFA genealogist
7-9 p.m. Banquet

Saturday, June 23

8:15 a.m. Depart for day-long Nashville adventure
9 a.m. Tour of The Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson
11:15 a.m. Box luncheon at Cabin by the Spring
1 p.m. Tour Civil War Carter House
2:15 p.m. Franklin Ice House Antiques
3 p.m. Tour Carnton Plantation
5 p.m. Arrive back at hotel

Time on your own? The Trolley (leaves from 2nd and Broadway) goes by a number of sights; adults, \$12; children, \$6. The Grand Ole Opry has two Saturday-night shows, at 6:30 and 9:30; \$35. See story on page 1 for more suggestions within walking distance of hotel.

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