

The DuVal Family News

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Warner Hall Plantation House

Floyd Floods Gloucester

White Marsh, Va. - Warner Hall Plantation, site of the burial grounds of ancestors of George Washington, Robert E. Lee and Queen Elizabeth II, has been flooded by tides six feet above normal from Hurricane Floyd.

DuVal family members, some of whom are descendants of the first president's father, Augustine Washington, toured the
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Essay Contest Underway

The DuVal Family Association has announced that it will hold its first annual essay contest for the junior descendants of Daniel DuVal.

Contest entries will be divided by age into three groups: 10 and under; 11 to 14; and 15 to 18. Cash prizes of \$25 will be awarded to the winner in each age group. Winning entries will be published in the December issue of *The DuVal Family News*.

Membership in the DFA is not required, but the entrant must be a descendant of Daniel DuVal.

Topic guidelines include any anecdote or reminiscence that touches on the DuVal Family. Essays on an individual - an aunt or grandfather - or expressions of pride in being part of the DuVal family are welcomed. The 10-and-under group may submit materials other than an essay, such as a drawing or montage or combination of drawing and words.

Essays from older entrants will be judged
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Reunion Videos Now Available

For a video from the 1999 DFA meeting, tours and parties, please contact Gina Thompson at 133 Golden Road, Sherman, TX 75090 phone (903) 546-6065, or e-mail ginathompson@airmail.net.



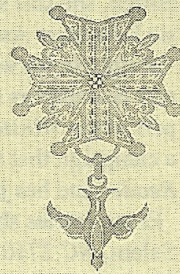
Videos are \$15 each. Please allow 4-6 weeks for

All Aboard: Daniel's Voyage

Taken from "History of the Huguenot Emigrations to America" by Charles W. Baird, originally published in 1885.

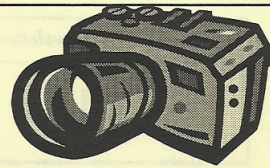
Descendants of Huguenots may be curious to compare the accommodations provided for their ancestors on the long voyage to America with the luxuries enjoyed in the floating pal-

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Huguenot Cross

Family Photo Album



Seated: Roger Darby DuVal, b. 1887; Bessie Leona Burnett, b. 1889.

Standing: Marjorie Carleta DuVal, b. 1908; Roger Darby DuVal Jr., b. 1910; Mildred Ollie DuVal, b. 1912; Ruby Beatrice DuVal, b. 1913; Morris Shindlet DuVal, b. 1920.

Photo taken April 10, 1949. Photograph courtesy of Regina Reedus Thompson, Sherman, TX)

The DuVals of Texas

Read about the Texas branch of the DuVal Family in Roy L. Swift's "Civilizers The DuVals of Texas," available from amazon.com.

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on originality and fluency of presentation.

Judges for the essay contest will be Ralph and Harriet Smith of Winston-Salem, NC.

Harriet Smith set up and served as director and teacher of a Montessori school in Winston-Salem. She also taught music in the public schools of Columbia, SC, Alexandria, VA, and in Winston-Salem, where she also served as a mentor/teacher. Harriet now teaches two classes in an early childhood music and movement curriculum called Musikgarten. Though retired, she still serves as an officer with the Elementary Division of the North Carolina Music Educators Association.

Ralph Smith wrote editorials, columns and book reviews for *The Charlotte News*, the Gannett newspapers of Westchester County, NY and *The Washington Star*. His editorials were part of the *Winston-Salem Journal's* efforts to save the New River from industrial pollution, a campaign that won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize. He has also written fiction for *The Red Clay Reader* and has just finished an autobiography entitled "Boy In Search of Food."

Essay entries should be sent to Ralph and Harriet Smith, 1537 Abbey Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27103. E-mail address is: PINEHARBO@AOL.com. Phone (336) 765-9349. Please include your name, address and age. The deadline for all entries is Oct. 20, 1999. Entries may be postmarked or e-mailed on or by this date.

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aces that now accomplish the same trip in a single week.

A contract for carrying two hundred French emigrants in the year 1700 from London to Jamestown in Virginia give us an insight into the arrangements for the comfort of passengers on a vessel of the better class. *The Nassau* was a ship of 500 tons burden. Her owner engaged to supply the emigrants "with the same sort of provisions as those for the ship's company."

Their daily allowance was to be furnished to them in messes of eight passengers to a mess; and on every Monday morning the weekly allowance of bread, butter and cheese was to be distributed. The bill of fare ran as follows: "Every passenger above the age of six years (is) to have seven pounds of bread every week; and to have two pieces of pork at two pounds each piece, five days a week, with peas and two days a week, to have two four-pound pieces of beef a day and peas, or one four-pound piece of beef with a pudding with peas; and at any time if it shall happen that they are not willing the kettle should be boiled or by bad weather cannot, in such case every passenger shall have one pound of cheese every such day: and such children as under six years of age, to have such allowances in flower, oat-meat, fruit, sugar and butter as the overseers of them shall judge convenient."

The ship was to be fitted out with "lodgings or cabins for said passengers with two in an apartment and with hammocks" for beds. One-fourth part of the hold was reserved for the emigrants. The price agreed upon for the passage was five pounds sterling for each person and one hundred pounds in addition for the use of the part of the ship reserved to the emigrants.

Stores of brandy, sugar, fig, raisons, and sugar-biscuits for the sick "were laid in besides abundant supplies of garden seeds and tools, fire-arms, nets and other articles for the projected settlement." There was a special provision for the accommodation of the passengers in case the ship should put into port of other place in the course of the voyage. "If any of the said passengers shall be on shore, then the said ship shall stay for their returning on board twenty four hours in the whole after the wind shall be fair, and send the ship's boats on shore to bring them off - after which four and twenty hours, the ship to have liberty to proceed."

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A few days ago I was "surfin' the net," as I do quite often, when I came across the web site of another Huguenot family association. It read, "WHO: The families of New Palz, New York; WHAT: A southern reunion for descendants of the New Palz families; WHEN: POSTPONED DUE TO LACK OF INTEREST.

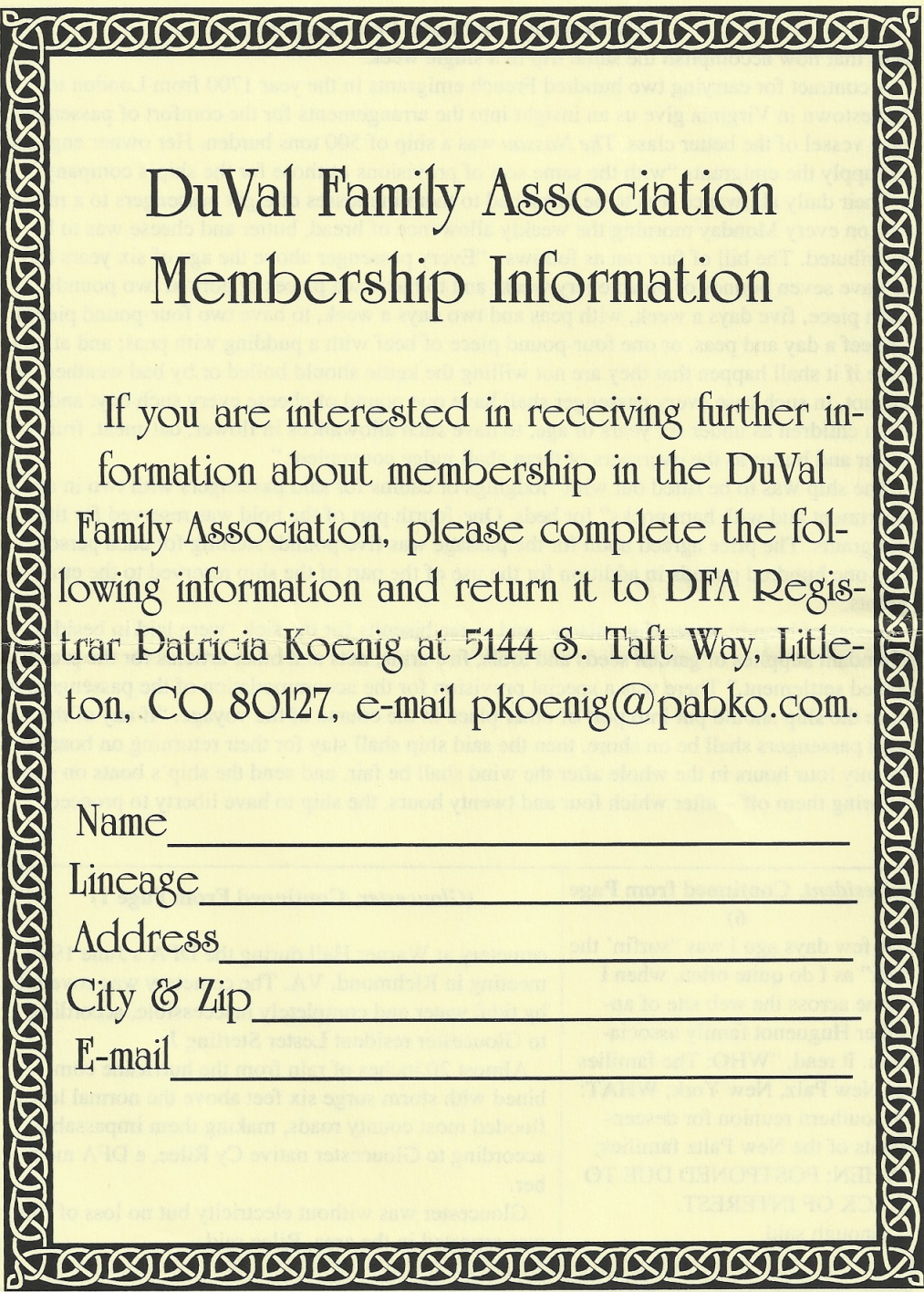
Enough said.

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cemetery at Warner Hall during the DFA's June 1999 meeting in Richmond, VA. The cemetery was covered by tidal water and completely inaccessible, according to Gloucester resident Lester Sterling Jr.

Almost 20 inches of rain from the hurricane combined with storm surge six feet above the normal level flooded most county roads, making them impassable, according to Gloucester native Cy Rilee, a DFA member.

Gloucester was without electricity but no loss of life was reported in the area, Rilee said.



DuVal Family Association Membership Information

If you are interested in receiving further information about membership in the DuVal Family Association, please complete the following information and return it to DFA Registrar Patricia Koenig at 5144 S. Taft Way, Littleton, CO 80127, e-mail pkoenig@pabko.com.

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Lineage _____

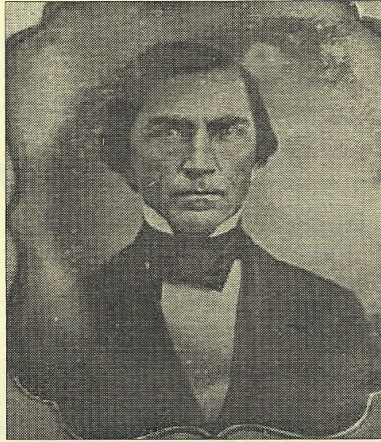
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Adieu to Woodlawn

By *Matilda DuVal Baskette*



*Alexander de La Plaunch DuVal,
Matilda Baskette's father and the
owner of Woodlawn Plantation.*

The old elm tree as long years ago
Still flings its leaf shadows on the floor
The grapevine creeps with a clinging
grace
Over the roof of this dear old place
And I am thinking of strong deep
ties
That have bloom'd under home's
loveliest skies
Of the parted band, of the sleeping
dead
Of the changes wrought by Time's
rough tread.

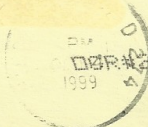
*This poem was submitted by
Matilda DuVal's descendant,
Elizabeth Baskette, of Nashville,
TN.*

Woodlawn!
My happy childhood's home
From thy loved shades again I roam
A brief yet joyous visit is o'er
And grievingly I now must go.
Back to a cold and wintery land
Where comes no fragrant breezes bland
To fan my cheek and cool my brow
As they sweet whispers soothe me now.

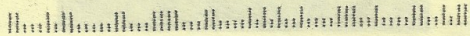
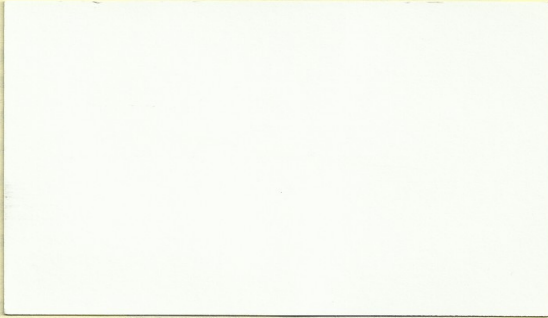
How oft have I in pleasant dream
Seen the river waves in dimples gleam
At early morn ere birds had fled
With dewy wings from a swinging bed
And at even tide at the twilight hour
When stars smile o'er the sleeping flowers
On a shaded paorch by a loved one's side
Have I sat and gazed at that rolling tide.

And looking away through shade and light
Two graves gleam forth in the calm, still night.
There a brother sleeps in changeless peace
There a father's and sister's earth sorrows cease
And I have wished, tho' I fear 'tis wrong
That I too could lay life's burdens down
For those who love on earth *must part*
Though it craze the brain, or crush the heart.

Loved home adieu! Through grief or pain
I may pass ere we shall meet again
But each bright hour that cheer'd me here
Like precious memories held most dear
Shall woo me back to thy fair shore
And link the future with long ago.
And gentle hearts the true and free
So thy sweet rest shall welcome me.



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Editor's Note: A Note from Our President

Greetings Cousins

It's September. The first meeting of the DuVal Family Association in over 50 years is just a memory. We arrived as strangers and departed as friends. And as the days and weeks drift by....oh geeeeeZZZZZZ. That sounds so silly when what I really want to say to you is while we continue to grow, we still need members and we need money and we DID have a great time in Richmond!

The Articles of Incorporation for the DuVal Family Association state that the purposes of the Association include updating DuVal books published years ago, assembling DuVal data and actively doing historical and genealogical research.

We're starting to work on DuVal historical research by conducting an essay contest for the younger DuVals. Ralph Smith of Winston-Salem, North Carolina is coordinating the contest. You should have received a mailing from him. This is your opportunity to help your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins learn about their Huguenot heritage. You can tell them how the Huguenots in France were forbidden to criticize the established church, were forbidden to conduct their daily lives, and finally even forbidden to "exist." Tell them that their Huguenot ancestors were prohibited from joining some professions. They could not practice law or medicine without heavy restrictions and some of their children were forcibly removed from their parents and placed in homes where they could be raised as Catholics. You might want to wait a few years before you tell them how their Huguenot ancestors were tortured, burned at the stake and hanged. And all for the freedom to worship as they pleased.

Everything we are trying to achieve costs money. As soon as we receive approval from the Feds for 501 (c) (3) status, I will be sending a letter to each of you asking for TAX DEDUCTIBLE dollars! Some of your money will be used to erect a plaque in honor of Daniel DuVal somewhere in Gloucester County. Perhaps some funds may be used to mark DuVal graves around the country. We are giving cash prizes to the winners of our essay contest – and perhaps a DuVal scholarship might be in the future of this Association. All of this takes dedication and dollars.

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