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DUVAL FAMILY ASSN.

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2014 Board Meeting

The DuVal Family Association Board of Directors met near Russellville, KY on May 19th. Many thanks to Sarah DuVal for hosting. Tom Roberts has graciously assumed the Registered Agent duties to be our contact with the Commonwealth of Virginia. This is necessary to maintain our Non-profit charter. Dorothy Nelson was elected to chair the nominating committee for the election that will be held at the July 23-25, 2015 Reunion that will be held in Richmond at the Holiday Inn Express 9933 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA 23233. Phone: 804-934-9300. Tom has negotiated a discounted room rate (92.00+tax per night) for a limited number of rooms. Hotel registration must be made directly with the hotel. Registration for the reunion which includes reception and dinner is \$65.00 per person. Please send to Deana Snow, P.O. Box 112, Smiths Grove, KY 42171. Please act early so we can plan. Also, please consider sending in your 2015 dues to the above address and update any changes to contact information so we can keep up with you. The dues cover the calendar year. Please see the attached form. Finally, we most sincerely invite DFA members to consider joining the Board of Directors. Our most pressing need is for a Newsletter Editor/Member-at-Large and Historian position. Many thanks to Sarah DuVal for all the work she put in to develop this newsletter.



The 2015 DFA Reunion will be held July 23-25 in Richmond, VA. at the Holiday Inn Express.



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New Members

please welcome Janet Clair McLaughlin (W). She was not included in the previous newsletter but she graciously First shares the following:



"I joined DFA last summer, shortly after learning of my Duval connection. My line is through William (Ellis Duval), which I understand is the smallest of the group. I was very pleased to find so many new cousins!

I was born and raised in Norfolk, Virginia, where I attended Old Dominion University, and where I continue to retain my membership at Christ & St Luke's Episcopal Church. I lived in the Piedmont of Virginia (South Boston) several years before relocating to Raleigh, North Carolina, where I currently reside. I worked for many years as a Realtor, prior to my recent retirement.

I am the proud grandmother of two young boys, John Cameron, aged 10; and Anderson, aged 6.

I am actively involved in the Caswell-Nash Chapter of DAR, and the Jamestowne Society."

Longtime DFA member David (Dave) Bisland Duval (S) recently enrolled three of his children as DFA members and they were all kind enough to send a favorite photo for the newsletter. Welcome!



Serena



Chris



Maura

Also, please welcome Jonas Asplund (D), eleven-year-old grandson of DFA member Anne Hiller Rest (156) and great-grandson of one of our earliest members, Anne Lillnette Zartman.

Family Trivia

Several DuVal descendants expressed an interest in the answers to the questions, but none responded with answers!

Here are the answers to the last challenge.

Which DuVal family line forged three of the original trails to Oregon, including the Meeks Trail?

Answer: Daniel – Eleven of Elizabeth Lea DuVal's 16 children, along with her husband John Holman, forged the original trail to Oregon, the Applegate Trail and the Meeks Trail. Her oldest son, Daniel Saunders Holman forged the original trail with his father, arrived in Oregon Territory on his 20th birthday and later rescued his ten other pioneer siblings and their children on both the Applegate and Meeks Trails as they faced starvation.

Which DuVal family line stood up for a member of the James Gang? OR which DuVal descendant helped route the Dalton Gang?

Answer Question One: Daniel – Reverend James Bootin Duval (D) lost his three oldest sons between 1862 and 1863 as Confederate soldiers in the Civil War, was later incarcerated in Union Prison Camp Chase in his mid-sixties for refusing to sign the Oath of Allegiance, and stood up for Frank James during his trial.

Answer Question Two: Embarrassing (Editor Mistake) – NONE – DuVal West (S) helped the Bill Whitley Gang during one of their train robberies, considered as bad as the Dalton Gang.

Name a DuVal descendant who helped recreate Williamsburg, Virginia and their line. (There are more than one)

Peter A G Brown (B), Duncan McRea Cocks (W) New member Hannah Provence's father currently works for Williamsburg with the Colonial Nursery and recommended visiting www.history.org. Well worth a visit whether web or in person! Hannah's grandmother has been a member of the DFA since 1999.

Name the DuVal descendant line of the first poet laureate of Virginia. OR name another published poet and their line (again there are more than one)

Carter Warner Wormeley (B) – First Poet Laureate of Virginia

Other Published Poets - Quinton Gibson DuVal (S), Lucien Spence DuVal (S), Florence Randolph DuVal West (S), Winona Morris Nation (D)



A Quote from a Family Member - Esther Dayman Stong (D) – Age 29

"There are old young people and young old people. ...At 17 I vowed to my red horse Jim that I'd never become fat, stiff or permanently sick. I hope I can be a young old lady"

Indeed she was until she died at 93.

More Family Stories

The Mankato Execution



On December 26, 1862, sixteen-year-old Union soldier DuVal descendant Eli Cosby (D) witnessed the largest mass execution in the United States, when the US government hung 38 Dakota Indians in Mankato Minnesota.



Before 24-year-old Tennessean lawyer Edward Reed Cryer (S) enlisted as a soldier in the CSA, he prepared as best he could. He wrote his will and he gave his best friend and all his brothers and sisters (and in the case of those deceased) his nephews and nieces – his books. Less than a year later CSA 1st Lieutenant Cryer died at Shiloh. Common to the time, one of his sisters named her daughter after him - Katherine Edward Reed Anglea. Katherine's granddaughter, Alcyone Bate Beasley became one of the first country music stars. (Photo graciously shared by Edward's 2nd-great-niece DFA Member Nancy Beasley Hunter, Alcyone's daughter)

Family History

Ulric Dahlgren, DuVal Descendants and Lost Limbs In the War Between the States/Civil War



Colonel Ulric Dahlgren
April 3, 1842 – March 2, 1864

In 1929, DuVal descendant Mary Sheppard James Tabb (W) shared a family story about the prosthetic leg of Union Colonel Ulric Dahlgren.

Many Virginians feared Ulric Dahlgren as a ruthless warrior.

He lost a leg after fighting at Gettysburg where DuVal family members fought and several died but less than a year later Dahlgren returned to Union service after receiving a prosthetic replacement for his leg deemed mechanically extraordinary.

At 21 he was killed in King and Queen County, Virginia in 1864 while on a mission to assassinate Confederate President Jefferson Davis and his Cabinet. Confederates removed a ring, the famous assassination papers and Dahlgren's wooden leg before they hastily buried him in a shallow grave near where he fell.

A Confederate doctor friend asked Mary's mother, Martha Throckmorton Curtis James (W), if the leg could be stored briefly in her home to give Confederate doctors more time to study the mechanics of Dahlgren's leg. Mary's mother agreed and put the leg under the nursery bed of her three-year-old daughter.

Union spy Elizabeth Van Lew had Ulric's body exhumed and moved to W. C. Rowley's farm outside Richmond. As a result, when Union Admiral Dahlgren arranged to have his son's body to be returned, the Confederate government could not find it. After the war, the body was moved to the Dahlgren family plot in Philadelphia. The Colonel's leg had its own career. After examination, Dahlgren's leg was displayed in a Richmond department store. It was then given as a souvenir to Lieutenant James Pollard who led the troops that had killed Dahlgren and who later lost his own leg. Pollard tried to use Dahlgren's leg but it didn't fit him so he gave it to Capt. John Ballard of Mosby's Rangers who wore it through the rest of the war. As historian Milburn Saunders put it, "Thus, the leg served both with the North and the South." George Alexander Duval (B) also lost a leg in the WBS and named his next son after Hunter McGuire, the doctor who helped him get a prosthetic leg when he couldn't. Thomas Benjamin Traynham (B), Sergeant Courier for General Lee, had to have a second part of his leg amputated almost 43 years later. The Battle of New Market and the Children of VMI

Edward Christian Dunscorn (S) fought in the Battle of New Market on his 16th birthday.
John Clarke Howard (S) also fought at 18.

In Memorium

Elmer Zartman 1931-2013
Robert DuVal Dickinson 1921-2013
Carol(y)n Sue Hawes White 1942-2014
Marshall Peterson DuVal 1933-2014

**DuVal Family Association
Annual Membership Renewal Form**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

_____ **Individual Membership \$10.00**

_____ **Spouse, Junior or Associate membership \$10.00**

_____ **Family \$25.00 (Please list spouse and eligible children under 21)**

Spouse: _____

Children: _____

Please send form and check made out to DuVal Family Association or DFA to:

**Deana Snow, P.O. Box 112, Smiths Grove, KY 42171 or Pay Pal at the DFA web site:
www.duvalfamilyassociation.org/membership.html**

Richmond, VA Reunion July 23-25 2015: Please check below to indicate interest in reunion:

_____ **Interested** _____ **Not Interested** _____ **Not sure**

Newsletter delivery preference: email _____ **USPS** _____

Do you have DuVal relatives who are not yet DFA Members that you think might be interested in becoming a member? If so please use the space below to help us increase our membership.

Name _____

Address _____ **Phone** _____

Email _____

DuVal Family Association Celebrates Fifteen Years

It has been fifteen years since the DuVal Family Association was chartered in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Our intrepid founders had begun work to resurrect the association in the months before but it became a reality when the charter was granted. The original Association began in the 1930's but went inactive just before World War II.

The original Board of Directors took on the challenge of building from scratch the organization we know today. They were: Judy Hamby, President; Patricia Koenig, Treasurer/Registrar: these two were the driving force that really made the Association happen. Also on that first Board were Roger Baskette, Vice-president; Regina Thompson, Secretary; Joseph Hays, Genealogist; Cyrus Rilee, Jr., Historian; Thomas Dunscombe, Jr., Member-at-large; Sarah King, Member-at-large. Elizabeth Switzer was the Editor of the first newsletter.

These devoted folks gave of their time and treasure to nurture the reborn association through it's first years. Of this group Gina Thompson and Roger Baskette have passed away. Pat Koenig and Joseph Hays are still Board members. Judy, Thomas and Cyrus are still members.

The first four biannual reunions were held in Richmond, Virginia, the historic home of several of the early DuVal Family icons. The Board voted to have the fifth reunion in Nashville, Tennessee the site of the first reunion in 1937. The next two reunions were held in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. This gave us the opportunity to visit the Clay Bank landing site of Daniel DuVal and Jamestown where the Claiborne line sank it's roots in the early 1600's. The board then voted to to head west for the next reunion that was held in San Antonio, Texas. A visit was made to the historic Goliad Massacre site where the cousins were able to observe the annual re-enactment of the Texas Revolution Battle of Coleto and the Massacre. Burr and John Crittenden DuVal were Republic of Texas soldiers at these historic events.

So in 2015 the DuVal Family Association will return to it's roots and hold the reunion in Richmond, Virginia. We hope to see many cousins from the Richmond area as well as those from around the country. We have much to celebrate and remember. Our previous Board members, our cousins and our honored ancestors, all will be recognized and remembered. A visit to the Shockoe Hill Cemetery and the Museum of the Confederacy will highlight the historic visits. Our banquet will be held at the historic Hanover Tavern.

Our current Board strives to continue the legacy of those who have gone before and we always on the lookout for ideas on how to improve our Association. We also would welcome any member of the Association to join the Board and help keep the Association vibrant.