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DUVAL FAMILY ASSN.

CHARTERED IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA 1999

2016 Board Meeting



The 2017 DFA Reunion will be held June 9-11 in Tallahassee,

FL



The DuVal Family Association Board of Directors met in Tallahassee, Florida on the 12th of March 2016 to conduct the business of the Association and finalize decisions on the date, location and hotel for the 2017 reunion. Tallahassee was confirmed as the Reunion location. Subsequent work by Vice-president, Tom Roberts, settled on June 9-11 and the Holiday Inn Hotel as the dates and venue.

Tallahassee was chosen to recognize William Pope DuVal, first territorial governor of Florida. (See image left and bio next page)

We are making arrangements for the reunion to be held at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 2725 Graves St., Tallahassee, FL 32303. As it stands rooms will be \$109 for single and \$119 for double rooms.

We will advise when the contract is finalized and when you can call for the DuVal Family Association discounted rate.

There will be an election next year and anyone who may be interested in serving on the Board or helping with newsletter production, web site improvements or any other work to improve our Association please contact Ken Pfeiffer at the email below or 1-210-684-4034.

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William Pope DuVal

William Pope DuVal was born at "Mansfield", the plantation of his parents, William and Ann (pope) DuVal near Richmond, Virginia in 1784. In 1791 the family purchased a home on the corner of Sixth and Grace Streets in Richmond where W.P. obtained a general education in the local schools. At the age of 15 after an unfortunate event involving a mule and chastisement by an uncle and his father W.P. struck out for the frontier of Kentucky to make it on his own. After living off the land for a couple of years he traveled to Bardstown, KY where his older brother, Samuel, had gone several years earlier. Citizens there that had themselves migrated from Richmond offered him every advantage and in 1804, after clerking with Henry Broadnax, was admitted to the Bar to practice law. The same year he married Nancy Hynes the daughter of Col. Andrew Hynes a prominent Bardstown businessman. He was very popular due to his humorous nature and success as a lawyer.

Many of his exploits as a young man in the wilds of Kentucky gave fodder for Washington Irving in his writing *Ralph Ringwood*. It is also believed that he was, in part, the character in James K. Pauling's *Nimrod Wildfire*.

In 1812, during the Indian hostilities, he served as a captain of mounted rangers in Wilcox's Militia. He then ran for Congress and was elected to the House of Representatives in the Thirteenth Congress (1813-1815) after which he returned to Bardstown to practice law. Friendships made while in Congress paved the way for President James Monroe to appoint him as a federal judge in the Eastern District of the Florida Territory in 1821. This led to being appointed the Governor of the Territory of Florida in 1822. He held this position until 1834, being reappointed by presidents John Adams and Andrew Jackson. During this time Gov. DuVal negotiated the removal of the Seminole Indians to southern Florida. He was apparently admired by the Florida Indians who trusted his judgement. He often prosecuted whites who infringed upon the indians' rights he had negotiated. In 1834 he returned to Kentucky to again practice law. While in Kentucky he campaigned in support of the Texas independence movement. In 1838 he returned to Florida to take part in Florida's first Constitutional Convention held in Saint Joseph. He then served in the Florida Senate until 1842.

William and Nancy had 9 children; Elizabeth, Burr Harrison, Thomas Howard, John Crittenden, Marcia, Mary, Laura, and Florida. Sons Burr and John fought in Texas War for Independence from Mexico. Thomas was a lawyer in Galveston and later appointed as a U.S. District Judge in Austin, Texas. In 1848 W.P. followed his children to Texas, living in Austin. While on legal business in Washington, D.C. in 1854 he died and was buried in the Congressional Cemetery. Mary had died in 1841 in Port Saint Joseph on the Florida gulf coast.

Summary of 2016 DFA Board Minutes

The DuVal Family Association Board of Directors convened the 2016 meeting on March 12th in Tallahassee, Florida at the DuVal Hotel. Present were Ken Pfeiffer, Tom Roberts, Deana Snow, Joseph Hays, Joel Hays and Margaret Price. The 2015 minutes were approved. Ken and Margaret recorded the minutes. Ken volunteered to produce the Spring newsletter. Tom was to look into other hotels for the 2107 reunion. Tallahassee was confirmed as the location. However, dates were subject to further inputs, hotel availability and possible speaker availability.

Joel reported five new members. There was discussion and agreement that Joel and Deana would work on a more useful categorizing of members into - All members, all living members, all paid members. A list of all paid members may be published in a future newsletter. There are currently 59 paid members.

Joseph reported he continues to receive inquiries. There was some discussion about possible topics for the annual meeting, but was tabled pending results of speaker inquiries.

Margaret and Deana agreed to work on the transfer of Historian materials and look into possible digitalization of the scrapbook.

Joseph and Joel agreed to pursue possible candidates for Board vacancies. Ken will act as Chair of the nominating committee, and confirmed that all members present are willing to serve if elected in the 2017-18 term. Editor and Secretary positions will need volunteers.

The Cemetery Committee is working on the placement of a marker on Nancy Hynes' grave.

There was discussion about various events and venues for next year's reunion.

Joseph agreed to contact Katherine to see if she could help with our member recruiting.

Deana recommended that the 2017 dues notice encourage a two year payment at the same \$10 per year rate. The Treasurer's report was approved and will be forwarded to Board. Balance \$9,658.40.

Joseph agreed to approach a candidate for a speaker for next year.

\$75 was approved for Deana to acquire welcome bags for next year.

There was a discussion about how to improve the web site and Joel and Joseph agreed to approach a cousin who might be willing to help.

Meeting adjourned.

DuVal Family Association
Annual Membership Renewal

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Dues

_____ Individual \$10.00 per year (Calendar year)

_____ Spouse \$10.00 (Optional)

_____ Family \$25.00 Please list spouse and children under age 21

Please mail form and check made out to DuVal Family Association to:

Deana Snow
P.O. Box 112
Smiths Grove KY 42171

Please indicate interest in attending next DFA Reunion:

_____ Interested _____ Not interested _____ Not sure

If you have relatives who might be interested in the DuVal Family Association please have them contact us or provide their contact information in the space below.



