

# The DuVal Family News

For the descendants of Daniel DuVal

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## New DuVal Book Commissioned

A new DuVal Family book has been commissioned by the DuVal Family Association.

The book will put into one source the best information currently available from previous works in addition to information that has been discovered subsequent to earlier publications.

DFA Genealogist Joseph Stephen Hays and Registrar Patricia DuVal Koenig will serve as co-chairs for the project along with family Historian Cy Rilee and member Deana Snow.

If other family members feel they have done enough research to be included on the committee, they are urged to contact Pat Koenig, Joseph Stephen Hays, or Cy Rilee. Family members are encouraged to submit **copies** of



*Matilda DuVal Baskette and Judge John Howard: Their marriage is chronicled in Margaret Gwin Buchanan's DuVals of Kentucky from Virginia*

publishable memorabilia and photographs: items will not be returned.

## Important Dates in Huguenot History

- 1533 Calvin flees Paris
- 1536 General Edict urges extermination of heretics (Huguenots)
- 1536 Calvin becomes a pastor in Geneva
- 1550s Calvinism comes to France with thousands of converts
- 1559 First synod of the French Reformed Church held in Paris, followed by persecutions and issuance of Edict prohibiting "heretical" worship  
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## Huguenot Trail of Tears: From France to America

*The following is taken from a continuing synopsis of Charles Baird's "Huguenot Emigration to America," (originally published in 1885) vol. 2, pp. 24, 25.*

"Marenes, 25 miles south of La Rochelle, is now (in 1885) a town of four or five thousand inhabitants. This region (including neighboring Arvert), at the time of the Revocation, was almost entirely Protestant. The temple of Marenes was still standing in 1684, when all the Huguenot places of worship in the neighborhood

*(See Emigration, Page 2)*

## Essay Contest Cancelled

The DFA Essay Contest has been cancelled due to a lack of entries.

DFA hopes to hold the event again in conjunction with the next family meeting, scheduled for June 2001.



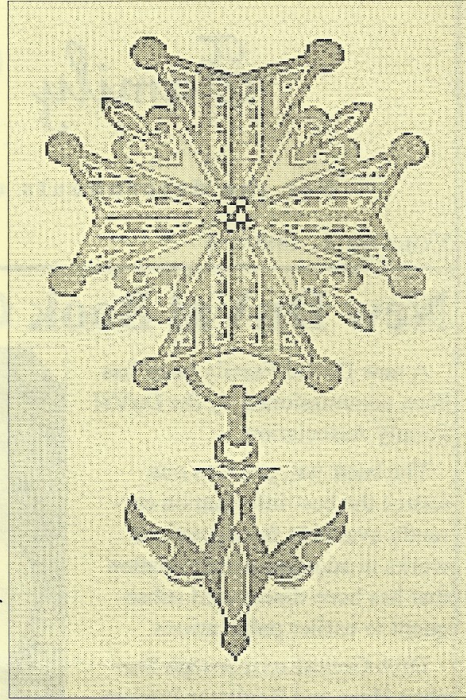
# Enduring Symbol: Huguenot Cross

The Huguenot Cross is not only beautiful and symbolic but possesses the added charm afforded by the romance of history and tradition. It recalls a period of valor, constancy, faithfulness and loyalty to truth. It is becoming more and more a sign among the descendants of the Huguenots throughout the world.

It is impossible to state precisely the period in which our Huguenot ancestors adopted the usage of what they called the Sainted Spirit. It certainly existed before the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, 1685. It is worn as an emblem of their faith.

The Cross consists of an open four-petal Lily of France, and the petals thereby form a Maltese Cross. The four petals signify the Four Gospels. Each arm or petal, at the periphery, has two rounded points at the corners. These points are regarded as signifying the Eight Beatitudes. The four petals are joined together by four fleur-de-lis signifying the Mother Country of France, each of which bears a rounded point distally. The 12 rounded points described in the four petals and the four fleur-de-lis signify the Twelve Apostles. There is formed between each fleur-de-lis and the arms of the two petals with which it is joined, an open space taking the shape of a heart which suggests the seal of the great French reformer, John Calvin. Suspended from the lower central petal by a ring of gold is a pendant dove signifying the Church under the Cross. In times of persecution, a teardrop supplanted the dove.

(From the Handbook of the Huguenot Society of Texas, 1995-1997)



**The Huguenot Cross**

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## Bulletin Board: Browne-Rilee Wedding Planned

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patrick Browne of Bedford, NH announce the engagement of their daughter, Laurie Ann, to Cyrus "Rus" Fleming Rilee III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Fleming Rilee Jr. of Albuquerque, NM.

Miss Browne, a graduate of Syracuse University, and Mr. Rilee, a graduate of the University of New Mexico, with both receive their law degrees from the College of Law at Syracuse University in May 2000.

A late summer 2000 wedding is planned.

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With the Holiday's upon us, try and take a little time to drag out the box of pictures or those birth certificates, military papers, marriage licenses, Bible records and family letters or stories. Maybe they will spark a bit of interest in someone to gather these wonderful items together to be passed on to your next generation to marvel over.

Happy Holidays!  
Pat Koenig

### Buchanan Books!

For Sale: Two copies of Margaret Buchanan's book, *DuVals of Kentucky from Virginia*. Both original copies and in near fine condition.

Price each including postage is \$50. Please contact Pat Koenig.



## DuVal Family Association Officers: 1999-2001

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### **(Emigration, Continued from Page 1)**

had been destroyed. Thirteen or fourteen thousand persons now gathered, from far and near, to attend its services. The order for its demolition was at length given. To aggravate the distress which this order would produce, it was withheld from the knowledge of the ministers until Saturday night. The next morning, about 10,000 persons were assembled around the Church. Many of them had come from the isles of Re' and Ole'ron. Twenty-three children had been brought for baptism. Upon learning the doom of their sanctuary, the multitude dispersed slowly, weeping, many of them unable to restrain themselves from sobs and lamentations.

Relatives and friends embraced one another in silent grief. Many, with hands clasped, and eyes turned towards heaven, seemed unable to tear themselves away from the spot, where, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, they had come to seek comfort in God's word and in prayer. Several of the little children died on the homeward journey. The order for the destruction of the "temple" required, as usual, that the Huguenots themselves should be made to demolish it. But the government found it impossible to carry out this design:

and it was found necessary to bring workmen from a considerable distance to execute the decree."

### **(Huguenots, Continued from Page 1)**

1559 Attempt to replace Catholic Guises with Huguenot Conde as regent

1560 Huguenots petition the King and threaten revolt if persecutions persist

1562 Massacre at Vassay begins French religious wars; Conde assassinated

1562 Huguenots sign manifesto saying they were forced to take arms

1562 Arrival at St. John's River, Florida of the first pilgrimage by Huguenots to North America

1564 Death of John Calvin

1565 Huguenot colony massacred at St. John, FL

1572 St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre in which tens of thousands of Huguenots were killed

1585 Huguenots/Protestants expelled from France

1598 Edict of Nantes by Henry of Navarre which granted religious and civil liberties to the Huguenots promises protection

1685 Revocation of the Edict of Nantes by Louis XIV; 400,000 flee France

1787 Promulgation of the Edict of Toleration





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Hello All,

Here I sit, in front of my little Strawberry iMac, like I have for countless hours, searching for and thinking about our family history and all that it involves. My husband, Bob, keeps thinking that I'm going to get "typers cramps" - but so far, so good.

We have come a long way from the summer of 1998 when Judy (Hamby) and I first started corresponding. I had never been involved in anything quite like this before and although I knew a fair amount about my own immediate family, I had no idea how large my family really was!

There are the three web pages; this wonderful newsletter; the e-mails; notes and family information that have evolved since 1998; and, of course, all the family that has joined us along the way - to date 175 members and counting: Then, there was the reunion in June. If you weren't able to attend, you saw the pictures and read the words of those who did- you knew we had a great time.

Since June, things have naturally slowed down a bit, but there is a skeleton crew still talking about information that has been found; discussing and trying ways for other family members to be involved, making note of the people who write to us, and wondering if their names are familiar - if they might be part of our family as well.

It feels like we are standing still when times are slow and I guess I just won't be satisfied until we are so busy with applications and family stories that I'm wondering what I've gotten myself into!

I'm very proud of all that has been accomplished, I know in my heart that finding our family members can't happen as quickly as I imagined - after all, it has taken over 300 years to develop!

I treasure all the time that I've spent and appreciate the notes and e-mails from all of you. We just have to keep reminding each other of the importance of the search and how fun and interesting it is to read the stories and look at the pictures. If not only to share with the rest of the family, to share with your own immediate family members. No matter how many "sighs" you get - they will eventually treasure this journey that we have only begun to piece together!

*(See Pat, Page 3)*