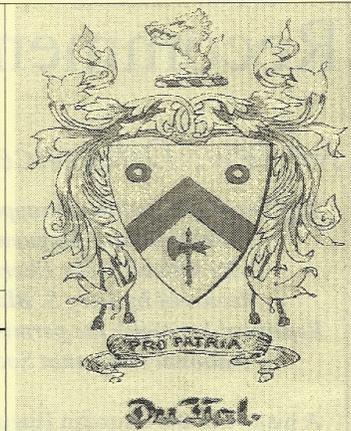


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For the Descendants of French Huguenot Daniel DuVal

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DuVals Needed!

A Statement from DuVal Genealogist Joseph Stephen Hays

In the last issue of *The DuVal Family News*, we announced the commissioning of a comprehensive family history. This proposed work would include all the information that can be gathered up to the time of publication on the descendants of Daniel DuVal.

In collaboration with Pat Koenig, DFA registrar and book committee co-chair, we have discussed genealogy software that would enhance our collection potential and organization of data. DFA member Deana Snow has been helpful in obtaining books and web sites that deal with the latest publication techniques.

The book will only be as good as the information that is collected. It is up to family members to do their part in sending in pictures, stories and family anecdotes. We need copies only, *not* originals, as materials cannot be returned. Many of you have been generous with your information. If you have any corrections to previously published information please present that to us as well.

We also need volunteers to gather information from specific lines of the family. This could include the mailing of letters requesting information from family members that you know.

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Shedding Some Light

By Joseph Stephen Hayes

The ancestry of Dr. John P. DuVal is not so evident as we might expect. In *DuVals of Kentucky From Virginia*, Bessie Grabowskii listed John's father as William DuVal II, county survey of Gloucester Co., Virginia.

I recently had the pleasure to view an extensive collection of DuVal -

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Dr. Philip P. DuVal

Recommended Reading



Review: Diligence and Disappearance

*The Diligence and the Disappearance of
Manakintown Huguenots*

By Allison Wehr Elterich

Reviewed by Lucy S. Blocker

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National Huguenot Society*

A history of the Manakin Huguenots is now available. Rev. Wilbur M. Sims of The National Huguenot Society Founders of Manakin In The Colony of Virginia writes that he would not have chosen the title, *The Diligence and the Disappearance of Manakintown Huguenots*, but the title does not mean the literal disappearance of “the ethos or ambiance of the theology of the descendants of the Manakin Huguenots.”

Author Allison Wehr Elterich wrote this volume as a thesis for her Ph.D. in history in the American Studies Program of the College of William and Mary. Rev. Sims, a respected student of Manakintown history, says “In my opinion, the book is well worth that degree.”

The hard-bound volume of just over 100 pages is very readable and well indexed. It contains maps of French provinces, a list of settlers in Manakintown, a map of the 10,000 acre land grant, and the actual plan of Manakintown. Neither the map of the land grant

nor the plan of the town shows the location of lots of individuals. Tables include statistics on countries to which the Huguenots fled during the period 1681-1720, and the percentage of passengers to settle in Manakin. However, neither of these tables shows the names of the settlers.

A table of ships with passengers bound for Manakin shows the name of the captian, number of passengers, and dates of departure and arrival.

The table of African slave births at Manakin, 1727-1729, shows the date, name of the child, and name of the master/owner.

In addition to the historical text, there is a section giving a collection of family anecdotes and Huguenot lore, plus another section giving a detailed bibliography.

A most interesting volume. Proceeds received by the Manakin Huguenot Society go towards their Student Scholarship Fund.

Editor's note: It is the official position of the DuVal Family Association that Daniel DuVal did not settle in Manakintown.

However, the book reviewed here might make enjoyable reading for those interested in this period of Virginia and Huguenot history.

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welcomes the submissions of materials for publication. If you have a family anecdote, photograph, or announcement that you would like to share, please send it to Liz Switzer, 311 Flynt Valley Court, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. E-mail lizswitzer@mindspring.com or switzerw@wfu.edu.

“Traits and Stories of the Huguenots”

By Elizabeth Gaskell, 1853

I have always been interested in the conversation of anyone who could tell me anything about the Huguenots; and, little by little, I have picked up many fragments of information respecting them. I will just recur to the well-known fact that five years after Henry IV's formal abjuration of the Protestant faith, in 1593, he secured to the French Protestants their religious liberty by the Edict of Nantes. His unworthy son, however,

Louis XIII, refused them the privileges which had been granted to them by this act; and, reminded of the claims they had, if the promises of Henry III and Henry IV were to be regarded, he answered that “the first-named monarch feared them, and the latter loved them; but he neither feared nor loved them.” This extermination of the Huguenots was a favorite project with Cardinal Richelieu, and it was at his instigation that the second siege of Rochelle was undertaken – known even to the most careless student of history for the horrors of famine which the besieged endured. Miserably disappointed as they were at the failure of the looked-for assistance from England, the mayor of the town, Guiton, rejected the conditions of peace which Cardinal Richelieu offered: namely, that they would raze their fortifications to



Cardinal Richelieu

the ground, and suffer the Catholics to enter. But there was a traitorous faction in the town; and, on Guiton's rejection of the terms, this faction collected in one night a crowd of women, and children, and aged persons, and drove them beyond the lines; they were useless, and yet they ate food. Driven out from the beloved city, tottering, faint, and weary, they were fired at by the enemy; and the survivors came pleading back to the walls of Rochelle, pleading for a quiet shelter to die in, even if their death were caused by hunger. When two-thirds of the inhabitants had perished; when the survivors were insufficient to bury their dead; when ghastly corpses outnumbered the living – miserable, glorious Rochelle, stronghold of the Huguenots, opened its gates to receive the Roman Catholic Cardinal, who celebrated mass in the church of St. Marguerite, once the beloved sanctuary of Protestant worship. As we cling to the memory of the dead, so did the Huguenots remember Rochelle years. Years – long years of suffering – gone by, a village sprang up, not 20 miles from New York, and the name of that village was New Rochelle; and the old men told with tears the suffering their parents had undergone when they were little children, far away across the sea, in the “pleasant” land of France.

Richelieu was otherwise occupied after this second siege of Rochelle, and had to put his schemes for the extermination of the Huguenots on one side. So they lived in a kind of trembling, uncertain peace during the remainder of the reign of Louis XIII. But they strove to avert persecution by untiring submission. It was not until 1683 that the Huguenots of the South of France resolved to profess their religion, and refuse any longer to be registered among those of the Roman Catholic faith; to martyrs rather than apostates or hypocrites. On an appointed Sabbath, the old deserted Huguenot churches were re-opened; nay, those in



Gov. William Pope DuVal

William Pope DuVal, son of Maj. William DuVal and his first wife, Ann Pope, grandson of Daniel DuVal, was appointed United States District Judge for the Territory of Florida in 1822 by President James Monroe and by the same the first territorial governor of Florida 1822-1834.

His life is chronicled by the well-known author Washington Irving, who states that Ralph Ringwood was the *non de plume* of Gov. William Pope DuVal before he was governor in the *Adventures of Ralph Ringwood*, which may be found it under the title of *Wolfert's Roost*.

He lived in Tallahassee, which he named for an Indian tribe, the Miccasookies. Three of his eight children were born in Kentucky, the rest in Florida. The youngest was named Florida, for the Land of Flowers.

Historical Facts

- ◆ Daniel DuVal came to Gloucester County, Virginia on March 5, 1701, on the ship "Nassau," commanded by Captian Tragian, having sailed from Blackwall in London, December 8, 1700.
- ◆ Daniel DuVal and his wife, *belived* to be a French woman named Philadelphia, had four sons and one daughter, viz: William, Daniel II, Benjamin, Samuel, and Mary "Polly" DuVal.
- ◆ On March 25, 1775, George Washington dined at Galt's Tavern in Richmond, Virginia but stayed at the Mount Comfort home of Samuel DuVal on upper Shockoe Creek northeast of Richmond.
- ◆ Lucy Claiborne, wife of Samuel DuVal, was the great-great granddaughter of William Claiborne of King's Lynn, near Norfolk, England. Claiborne arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in 1621 and was appointed the first Secretary of the State of Virginia. A large stone plaque dedicated to his memory hangs on the wall inside the original church in Old Jamestown.
- ◆ In 1704 Daniel DuVal settled in Ware Parish, Gloucester County, Virginia.
- ◆ Samuel, son of Daniel, became a member of the House of Burgesses and in 1774 and 1773, was a member of the General Assembly, the first date held in Williamsburg, the second in Richmond, when Patrick Henry gave his "Give Me Liberty or Give Me Death" speech.
- ◆ The will of Samuel DuVal is found in Henrico County (Richmond) Va. and shows him to have become a man of considerable wealth and a large landowner. In the Henrico County tax books for 1783, he is listed as owning 27 slaves, and his wife, Lucy Claiborne DuVal, with four. The exact date of her death has not been proved.

ruins, of which but a few stones remained to tell the tale of having once been on holy ground, were people with attentive hearers, listening to the word of God as he preached by reformed ministers. Languedoc, the Cevennes, Dauphiny, seemed alive with Huguenots – even as the Highlands were, at the chieftain’s call, alive with armed men, whose tartans had been hidden but a moment before in the harmonious and blending colours of the heather.

Dragonnades took place, and cruelties were perpetrated which it is as well, for the honour of human nature, should be forgotten. Twenty-four thousand conversions were announced to Le Grand Louis, who fully believed in them. The more far-seeing Madame de Maintenon hinted at her doubts in the famous speech, “Even if the fathers are hypocrites, the children will be Catholics.”

And then came the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes. A multitude of weak reasons were alleged, as is generally the case where there is not one that is really good, or presentable; such as that the edict was never meant to be perpetual; that (by the blessing of Heaven and the dragonnades) the Huguenots had returned to the true faith, therefore the Edict was useless – a mere matter of form, &c. &c.

As a “mere matter of form,” some penalties were decreed against the professors the extinct heresy. Every Huguenot place of worship was to be destroyed; every minister who refused to conform was to be sent to the Hôpitaux de Forçats at Marseilles and at Valance. If he had been noted for his zeal he was to be considered “obstinate,” and sent to slavery for life in such of the West-Indian islands as belonged to the French. The children of Huguenot parents were to be taken from them by force, and educated by the Roman Catholic monks or nuns. These are but a few of the enactments contained in the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

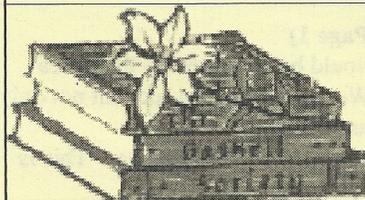
About Elizabeth Gaskell (1810 –1865)...

The novelist and biographer, Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell, was born in London in 1810. After her mother’s early death, she was brought up by her aunt in Knutsford, Cheshire, the town with which she is always associated and was educated.

In 1832, she married the Rev. William Gaskell, who became a Unitarian minister at Cross Street Chapel in Manchester. Four of their children, all girls, survived. After the death of their son in 1845, her husband urged Elizabeth to write her first novel, *Mary Barton*, set in Manchester.

She was remarkably independent and energetic, an enthusiastic traveler, and drew on a broad range of experiences in her writing. Her literary output was widely varied, including numerous short stories, mysteries, and the anecdotal and amusing, *Cranford*, for which she is best known. Her *Life of Charlotte Brontë* is a pioneering work of literary biography.

Elizabeth Gaskell has long been a popular writer and her books have often been presented on radio and television. The publication of *The Letters of Mrs. Gaskell* in 1996 marked a revival of scholarly interest in her works.



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an extensive collection of materials of this family through a chance meeting with a cousin, Richard Bland, (of Richmond, VA), in Norfolk, VA last October. This collection had been preserved by the descendants of Dr. John P. DuVal although much of the credit is due Mrs. Rena Purkins Wilkerson, who compiled much of the information we now have on his descendants. She, while aware of Mrs. Grabowskii's assertions, believed that Dr. John DuVal was the son of Francis DuVal, and grandson of Samuel DuVal (a brother of William DuVal II). She based this on a DuVal Bible record she was given a copy of (what?...another Bible we need to locate?!).

I feel that neither account is completely correct so I invite anyone with information that may shed some light on his ancestry to do so!

Dr. Philip Pendleton DuVal, born c. 1820 in King and Queen County, Virginia, studied medicine and law. He no doubt had a formal education but it is not known where. He first married Armanda, who died on 24 Dec., 1851. He later married a Miss Dudley and had three children, Amy, Mary Elizabeth, and Dudley.

Last summer, while preparing for the DuVal Family Association reunion, Cy Rilee and myself, uncovered a document at the Swem Library in Williamsburg, Virginia. Inside of the Fee Book of Dr. Philip DuVal was the "Rates of Charges" that he set when he went into practice with a Dr. Jones in the 1840s's.

This is of interest not only to DuVal cousins but to all historians as well. In a letter dated 30 Oct., 1852 from Dr John P. DuVal, Philip's father to his daughter, Mrs. Dr. William R. Purkins, he writes of his intention, "to go to Baltimore in a week or two to purchase medicine for the manufacture of the No. 12 (Philip not being able to supply the market.)" "We can conclude that this family was in the business of commercial compounding distribution of patent medicine. One can only guess the ingredients of "the No. 12" or its intended use...likely a panacea for the many common ailments of the day.

His father...Dr. John Philip DuVal was born 21 May 1795 in Gloucester County Virginia. He attended the University of Pennsylvania where he graduated 28 March, 1818 as a minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and as a physician. He married in King and Queen County, Virginia Ann Pendleton in 1819 and by her had two children. A son, Philip Pendleton DuVal was born in 1820 and a daughter, Mary Ann Pendleton DuVal, was born 28 June, 1822.

Philip studied medicine and law while Mary Ann married a physician, Dr. William Ransome Purkins. Dr. John DuVal was married a second time to Mildred Downer by whom he had two daughters, Betty and Fanny. He had another daughter, Mary Dehlia, in 1835 by a third marriage. They lived on their plantation, Green Wood, located near Stevensville in King & Queen Co., VA John DuVal as both a preacher and doctor administered to both the physical as well as spiritual needs of the people in the community.

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It is our intention to publish a work that is scholarly and would be respected by the genealogical community as well as interesting to the lay person. We are taking into account not only content but presentation, i.e. format, paper, picture quality and binding.

We think you would want a book that each family member would be proud to say, "This is my family history!"

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On entering into the Church of Saint-Roch in the Rue Saint-Honoré in Paris, look into a little chapel in the right aisle, the *Chapelle des Momuments*. Amid the tombs and marble busts, there is an arresting white monument. It is a Cardinal in full ceremonial dress, kneeling. It is the face of a man whom history portrays as one of the most intriguing and ambitious, one of the most polished and subtle, of all French Prime Ministers and Cardinals.

What I find most interesting at this point – aside from pages and pages of the intrigues of Madame de Montespan, “the sufferings of Madame de Maintenon” and the personal traits of Louis XIV” – is reading *all this* from a supposed ancestor’s point of view. Furthermore, just how these memoirs came to be published is a story unto itself!

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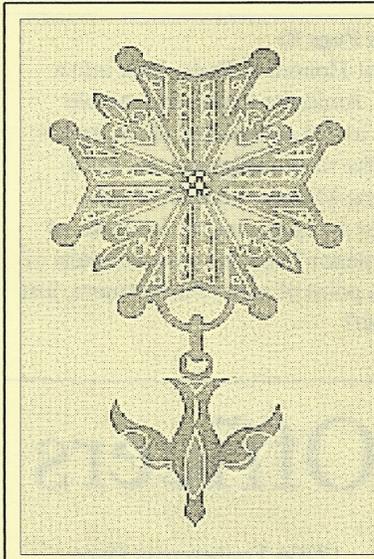
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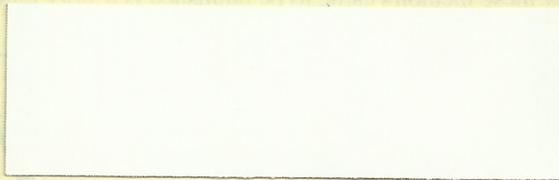
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Editor's Note

A Royal Find: The Memoirs of Cardinal DuBois

Since I re-discovered my roots through the DVA web site a little over a year ago, I've become fascinated with the origins of Daniel and Philadelphia DuBois DuVal, if that is indeed the lady's name. I run surname searches through different inquiry channels every chance I get; I've just never found much that wasn't already pretty widely known.

That is, until one day last October when I was having lunch at my desk at Wake Forest University. As it happens, WFU is one of the country's most "wired" universities. All faculty, staff and students are equipped with powerful laptop PCs that travel from the classroom and office to the field. All I had to do was plug in my surname – and voila! "*The Memoirs of Cardinal DuBois: A complete unabridged translation from the French* by Ernest Dowson. Embellished with photogravure portraits of Cardinal Dubois and the Duc d'Orléans, together with twelve full page drawings by Lui Trugo. In Two Volumes. New York. Privately Printed for Subscribers, limited to 1,500 numbered sets, of which 600 are available for sale in England and 900 in America." The copyright date is 1929.

Within 20 minutes, I had the books in my possession.

It is supposed that Cardinal Guillaume Dubois was the uncle of our Daniel DuVal's wife, the phantom lady called Philadelphia DuBois DuVal. Her story of escape from France in court costume makes a wonderfully compelling oral history. But it is only a story, an account that we are still unsure of to this day. There is no documented evidence. But this lack of evidence did not distill my excitement at finding the *DuBois Memoirs*. These words, penned by one of the most powerful men in France at the time that Philadelphia – my great grandmother of 10 generations ago – lived and chose to leave "that graceful land" stand as a valid historical document to her life and times, whoever she was. It is slow and rather ribald reading, however, there are minor revelations that would apply to our phantom Philadelphia's father, if this lineage is correct.

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