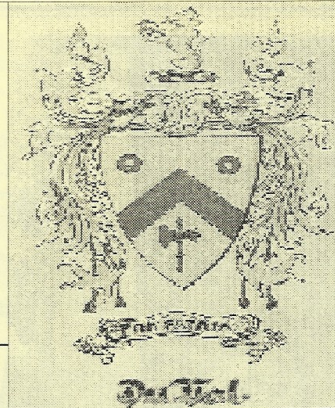


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DFA Board Holds Annual Meeting

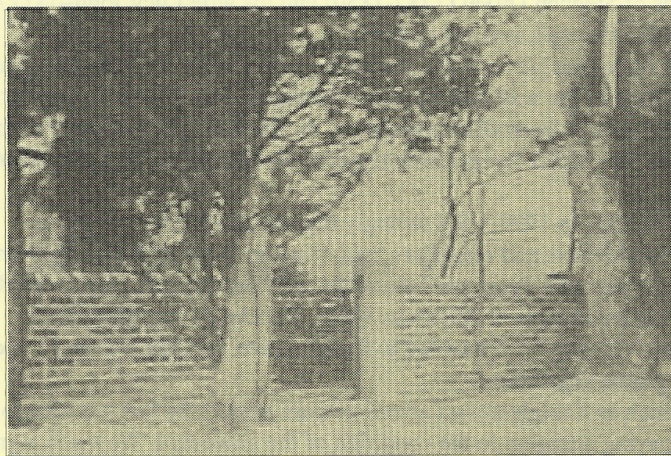
The DuVal Family Association (DFA) Board of Directors met on Saturday, July 10, 2000 at Allenhurst, the Smith's Grove, Kentucky home of DFA Genealogist Joseph Stephen Hays.

Board members the evening before were treated to a candlelight tour of the Allenhurst home which was built in 1872 by Joe Hays' great-great-great Uncle Carter Allen and great-great grandfather, Harrison Barner. The plantation has been in the family since 1806, though not continually.

On Saturday afternoon, board members drom from Allenhurst in Warren County to neighboring Logan County where they viewed the graves of Samuel DuVal's youngest son, Major Claiborne DuVal, and his wife, Elizabeth Pope DuVal.

Members present included Judy Hamby, president; Roger DuVal Baskette, vice president; Joseph Hays, genealogist; Pat Duval Koenig, treasurer/registrar; Regina Thompson, secretary; Tom

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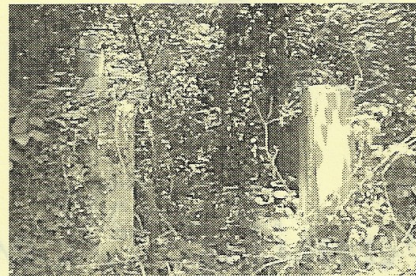
DuVal Cemetery in Bon Air, VA, circa 1939

A Restoration In Richmond

By Milo Pyne

During the DuVal Family reunion in 1999, I was graciously shown the grave of Stephen DuVal by my Worsham and Pilcher cousins. Stephen DuVal, my g-g-g-grandfather, was a prominent industrialist and agriculturist. He is perhaps best known for having been the

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Milo Pyne (left) and Jim Duval Sr. clear the DuVal Cemetery in Bon Air, grave site of Stephen Duval. Top to bottom (right), before and after their good work.

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engineer and builder of the nearby Boshers' Dam. The grave site is located in a subdivision in Richmond and has undergone several cycles of neglect and restoration.

The site consists of a small lot with a brick wall which encloses a single monument, an obelisk inscribed with the names and dates of Stephen DuVal (1782-1850) and his wife Lucy Johnson (1790-1842). If there are other graves inside the wall, it is not evident.

By 1939, after almost 100 years since the graves were placed in what was the grounds of Cedar Grove, the DuVal Plantation, a portion of the wall had become damaged. The Worsham, Pilcher and DuVal descendants raised funds to have the wall reconstructed. In the mid 1960s, it came to the attention of another generation that the obelisk had become toppled; it was re-erected and reset on its pedestal.

When I visited the site with my cousins in 1999, I felt strongly that we should become more familiar with the site, contact the landowners and neighbors, and clean up some of the overgrown vegetation. There is an ancient and venerable Tulip tree behind the wall but the wall was covered with English Ivy and poison ivy, and small trees of American Holly, Hackberry and Wild Black Cherry had grown up in the interior. On May 14, I traveled to Richmond to join Jim DuVal Sr. and Jim DuVal Jr. to clean up the overgrown vegetation.

I hesitate to clean the site too much as it might attract attention from passers-by but it is nice to make it obvious that someone is paying attention to the condition of the graveyard. We made a great team. Jim Sr. and Jim Jr. are Samuel II descendants, and I am a Benjamin descendant. It was great to get to know Jim and his family better, and to do something to acknowledge our DuVal heritage.

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Dunscombe, board member at-large; Sarah McKelley King, board member at-large; and Katherine Lewis, board member at-large.

Highlights of the meeting include:

The board voted to set a deadline of January 1, 2001 for members to submit family information for the proposed DuVal Family Genealogy book. A form will be sent to all members.

The Internal Revenue Service denied the DFA application for tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) because membership in the association is limited to descendants of one individual. It was suggested that DFA apply under Section 501 (c) (7). (This has since been done and was approved by the IRS so that the DFA is not subject to federal taxes. However, contributions to the Association will not be tax exempt.)

The board also voted to proceed with obtaining a plaque in honor of Daniel DuVal and decided to pursue a local marker rather than a state marker from the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Katherine Lewis will contact Virginia county genealogy societies to inquire about DuVal ancestors who are not currently member of the DFA. She will also place advertisements in Gloucester County papers asking residents to let the board know of items that may be of interest to the Association.

The board voted to proceed with obtaining information regarding DFA pins and grave markers from J.E. Caldwell & Co. of Philadelphia.

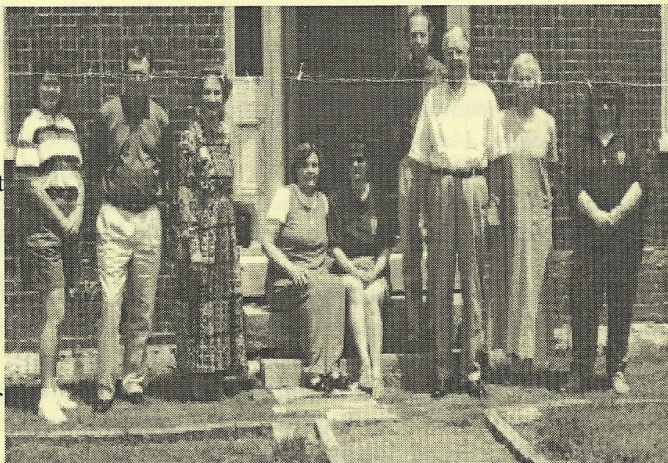
Tom Dunscombe was named chairman of the nominating committee for the 2001 DFA Board elections with Katherine Lewis and Sarah McKelley King as committee members.

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Council as a state landmark. In her book, "DuVals of Kentucky From Virginia," Margaret Gwin Buchanan states that "Duval Headley got his love of beautiful horses from his great-great grandfather Samuel DuVal of Mt. Comfort who owned the most famous horse of 1750, "Silver Eye," a fine imported stallion."

Captain John Alcock (husband of Emma DuVal) was also a horse trainer. He trained for Gen. Wade Hampton, father of the U.S. Senator

and former governor of South Carolina; Dr. McClellan, father of Gen. George B. McClellan and many other celebrated race horse owners. The plantation adjoins Keeneland Race Track near Lexington. Francis Keen bought the eastern part of Manchester Spring in 1789 and gave the southern part to his son John Keen who added more land and built a brick house known as Keeneland. (By Elaine Gray)

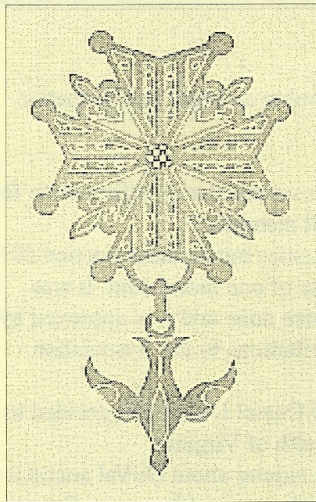


The DuVal Family Association Board at Allenhurst

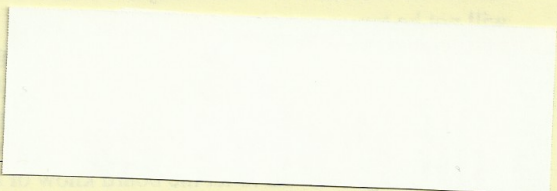
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Gray-Lawrence Reunion Held

On the second Sunday of August, about 150 descendants of Sam and Cope Barrick Gray and Alfred and Amanda Settle Lawrence met for food and fellowship. The Grays are descended from Edward Mortimer Duval, son of Rober Kay DuVal and Elizabeth Turpin, and his wife Martha Ann Puckett, daughter of James and Frances Maxey Puckett.

Attending the reunion this year were the descendants who came from Ed and Martha Duvall's daughter, Adeline Matilda Duvall, who married Josph T. Gray in 1870 and some who came from their daughter, Mary Emma Duvall, who married John Lawson Alcock in 1871. The descendants of these two sisters have another common ancestor, Russell M. Barrick Sr. Sammilee Gray Britt (widow of Rev. Roy Lee Britt) still lives on the old Barrick farm which adjoins the old Ed Duvall farm.

Another interesting connection between the Grays and the DuVals is Richard Gray, the progenitor of this Gray line, built a house in 1787 called "Manchester" in Fayette County, Kentucky about six miles from Lexington. He resided there for about 47 years after moving to Kentucky from Virginia. He bequeathed it to his son, William, who sold it to Henry Goodloe. Samuel Headley was overseer of the farm from 1820-28 for Richard Gray. The plantation was sold several times until it eventually was purchased by Duval Adams Headley, son of George W. and Louise Adams Headley, daughter of William DuVal Adams and Elizabeth Mullan, son of Susan Elizabeth DuVal and Isaac Adams, daughter of Major William DuVal and Susan Brown Christian, son of Samuel DuVal and Lucy Claiborne of Mt. Comfort, son of Daniel DuVal. Joseph T. Gray (husband of Adeline Matilda Duvall) was the son of Edward B. Gray, son of Edward Gray, son of Richard Gray. Adeline Matilda Duvall was the daughter of Edward Mortimer DuVal, son of Rober Kay Duval and Elizabeth Turpin, son of Joseph DuVal and Elizabeth Sheppard, son of Benjamin DuVal I and Anne Kay, son of Daniel DuVal. This makes Samuel Merideth Gray and Duval Adams Headley first cousins four times removed.

The Richard Gray House is still standing and has been designated by The Kentucky Heritage
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