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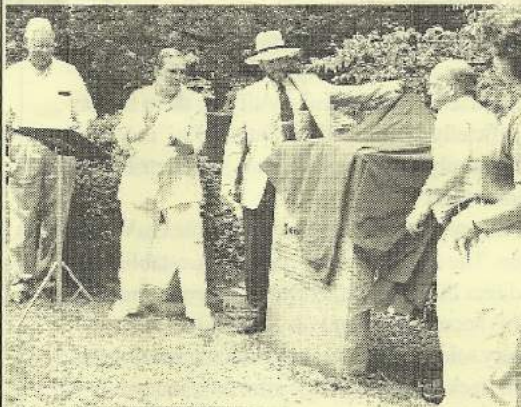


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Marker Ceremony Keynotes Reunion

Richmond, VA — The June 2001 meeting and reunion of the DuVal Family Association drew cousins from all across the United States and Canada. Family members spent three days immersed in genealogy workshops, tours, receptions and celebrations.



Joseph Hays (left) and Cy Rilee unveil the monument at Ware Parish Episcopal Church Cemetery in Gloucester County, Virginia.

The gathering was highlighted by the dedication of the Daniel DuVal memorial marker in Ware Parish Cemetery in Gloucester County on Saturday, June .. (See Coverage, *The Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Page 2.) Family members contributed funds for the stone and Francis DuVal donated the property on which it was placed.

This year was chosen for the ceremony as it marks the 300th anniversary of Huguenot Daniel DuVal's arrival in Virginia in March of 1701. Participating in the ceremony were DFA Board members and members the monument committee; Judy Hamby, Cy Rilee, Francis DuVal, Joseph Hays, Katherine Lewis and Roger Baskette Sr. (See Ceremony Comments, Page 3.)

The dedication was followed by a reception in the church hall hosted by Richmond members Gene and Bill DuVal, Mary and Ted DuVal and Becky Emmett.

Prior to the marker ceremony, DFA members, carrying the DuVal crest on a new flag marched in the town of Gloucester Court House's 350th anniversary parade and enjoyed lunch at Seawell's Ordinary. Just over 90 members were present.

Friday's events began with an early meeting by the DFA Board of Directors followed by lunch, tours of Richmond's historical Hollywood Cemetery, and a reception at the home of DuVal cousin Gibson Worsham, his wife, Charlotte, and their three sons.

New for the Fall Issue

"The Sunshine Corner" by Molly Dunscombe O'Beary -- includes family announcements such as births, deaths and weddings. Please share your news with Molly!



Reunion Article By *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

DuVal Kin Hold Reunion
By Noreen Gillespie
Times-Dispatch Staff Writer

Gloucester - Three hundred years ago, Daniel DuVal arrived on the banks of the York River, seeking the opportunity to practice his Protestant faith in peace. He was the only member of his family who made the voyage, fleeing religious persecution of the French Huguenots in his homeland. Today, he has more than 200 identified descendants across the country.

With their ancestor beneath their feet, 90 of those descendants gathered in the graveyard of Ware Episcopal Church yesterday to honor DuVal. After arriving in Virginia on March 5, 1701, DuVal settled in Gloucester and was a registered member of Ware Parish by 1705. Family members estimate that one-third of the graveyard belongs to the DuVal Family.

Family members recalled DuVal's journey and contributions to the Gloucester community and erected a marble plaque engraved with the Huguenot cross.



Joy Smith, left, of New York, New York and Deana Snow of Fort Worth, Texas share a moment of silence.

"He wanted to enjoy religious freedom as we do today," said Joseph Hayes, the DuVal family association genealogist from Smith's Grove, Ky. "In 300 years, maybe our descendants will gather and commemorate our honoring him."

The ceremony was just one in a weekend of events in the DuVal family reunion.

Earlier in the day, family members marched in the town parade for Gloucester's 350th anniversary. Gov. Jim Gilmore sent a letter to the family notifying them the day would be officially recognized as "DuVal Day" in Virginia in honor of the family's accomplishments and contributions to the commonwealth.

The four day reunion was sponsored by the DuVal Family Association. The association was originally established in 1936 by direct descendants of Daniel's son Samuel to celebrate his accomplishments as an architect and revolutionary soldier. Vigilant about holding reunions and meetings to track their genealogy after their inception, the association stopped meeting during World War II, when gas rations made travel difficult.

Records and membership information were lost, and the association remained dormant until 1997, when current association president Judy Anderson Hamby set up a Web site to revamp the organization. After an extensive letter-

writing campaign to locate lost relatives, Hamby and fellow board members managed to locate and register 215 DuVal descendants.

"It snowballed," said Hamby, of Lenoir NC. "I got several phone calls and letters, and it just started growing."

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Monument Chairman Joseph Hays' Comments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is indeed an honor to see this many faces gathered here today. Today, we mark an anniversary that will not be seen again for another ten generations. Hopefully, it will not be another 300 years before our descendants gather here again as we have. I do not believe that Daniel, whom we honor here today, would have ever envisioned such a gathering of his descendants, a gathering I feel he deserves and would be proud of.

Some of you have traveled from very far away to witness this event. It is not easy to make such a journey, but consider Daniel's journey, the deprivation he must have endured and the sacrifices he must have made in order to reach this new country.



As chairman of the Monument Committee, I was given charge of overseeing the erection and inscription of a memorial befitting our ancestor. The committee has tried not to stray from what we know to be factual and substantiated by the records that have been uncovered to date.

We chose the Huguenot Cross; as we know Daniel was proud of his French ancestry and his religious convictions. (Recently, I found a letter a grandson of Daniel's wrote to Thomas Jefferson petitioning the government to implement a proposal he had drawn up to encourage emigration, settlement and employment of his kinsmen in France so they could enjoy the religious freedom Grandfather Daniel had provided for his progeny.)

Daniel prepared in the winter of 1700 in a section of London, England near the well known shipping port of Blackwall to take passage aboard a ship known as "Nassau of Poole." After many delays and under the command of Captain Tragian they set sail and in March of 1701 Daniel had arrived upon the York River just to our South.

It was not until the year 1704 when we find Daniel established here in Ware Parish of Gloucester County in the Colony of Virginia. He was an architect and builder and I am certain as you today wander the streets of Gloucester Court House and travel through the County of Gloucester the results of his diligence and workmanship in an effort to build for himself, others, and the future generations a new life in a new world where he could enjoy religious freedom as we do today 300 years later.

This is what we chose to state to honor Daniel DuVal. It is through his hard work and foresight we are gathered here today.

In 300 years maybe our descendants will not only gather to commemorate Daniel's coming to this country but also they will commemorate our honoring him here today with this monument.

Family Photo Album.....



Following a tour of Hollywood Cemetery, Cousins enjoyed a reception at the Richmond home of Gibson and Charlotte Worsham (lower left corner). Pictured on the staircase are DVA Board members, Pat Koenig of Biltleton, CO; Katherine Lewis of Richmond; and President Judy Hamby of Benoir, NC.

The youngest member in attendance at this year's festivities was Samuel Christian Dove, (top, center) son of Jenifer Badgley Dove of Bel Air, MD. The oldest member in attendance, was Doris Minter Cabanillis of Richmond (below, center) pictured here with Virginia Price of Corinth, Kentucky, Mary Ellen Price Kellinger and Sarah Price, of Lexington, Kentucky. DuVal cousins (below left and top right) enjoy Gloucester's 350th celebration. Owen DuVal Smith, Bill Cantrell, and Al Thomas share a corner and a story at the Worsham reception.

..... *Richmond Reunion 2001*



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The organization met for a smaller reunion two years ago, just shortly after Hamby set up the Web site. Choosing Richmond because Samuel DuVal was one of six architects who designed the city, only 60 members were present at the first reunion. This year, however, more than 100 descendants, many of whom discovered the association on the Internet, came to the reunion. Most of them are from Virginia, but many came from across the United States and Canada.

While the organization is far from locating all DuVal family members, Hamby estimates there are close to 200 descendants in the Virginia area alone who have not yet been identified.

That trend could begin to change as the family members identify their shared heritage, however. Some of the attendees hadn't even realized they were related before this weekend. Elizabeth Switzer and Mary Price Kittenger first met on the Logan County, Ky., swim team in grade school, but didn't know they were relatives. When they arrived in Richmond for the reunion, they discovered their DuVal connection.

Through conversation, the two realized they were both related to Maj. Claiborne DuVal, son of Samuel DuVal, who originally owned the land in Kentucky where they grew up.

The precise family tree linking Switzer and Price still needs some investigation, however. "We haven't quite figured it out yet," Price said with a laugh. "We're still working on that one."

Shirley Kennett, who traveled with her husband, Don, from Kelowna, British Columbia, to the event, didn't know any of her DuVal relatives. Looking to trace her grandmother's lineage, she found the association on the Internet and decided to make the trip to Virginia.

"I didn't know I had any alive cousins," she said. "This has been wonderful."



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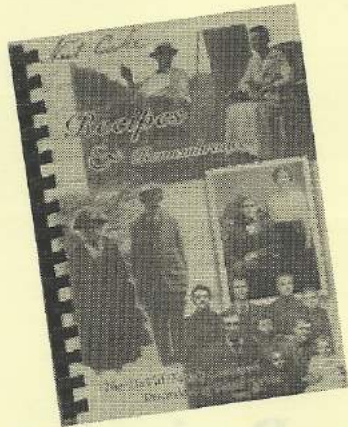
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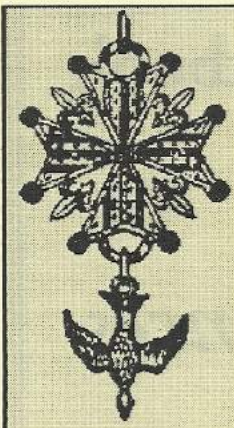
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Editor's Note

300th Anniversary Is New Beginning

This year marks the 300th anniversary of Daniel DuVal's arrival to Virginia. This year also marks another special occasion -- the placement of a memorial stone in his honor at Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester County, Virginia by some 90 of his descendants. This reunion, the second since the DuVal Family Association was reactivated in 1998, marks the accomplishment of the family's first goal as a group -- the monument.

The stone is beautiful, simple, dignified -- a perfect match in its environment and to the courageous and honorable man to whom it is dedicated. And the work that went into it is just as much a commentary as the product itself. The Marker Committee -- Cy Rilee; Joseph Hayes; Pat Koenig; Catherine Lewis and Francis DuVal, who donated the land -- are to be commended for a job well done.

Going forward, we may use their example of teamwork on future projects and goals such as those now under discussion or in the works -- a new and official family genealogy, a scholarship, research and a children's program for future reunions. As is the case with many organizations, there are the few in the DFA who do the lion's share of the work but -- again, with any successful organization -- I see that beginning to change as more cousins become interested in the organization and its work.

We are growing quickly and we are very fortunate to have the leaders -- the DFA board -- that we do. These folks have worked very hard to get the association to where it is today, all the while maintaining a strong vision for the future.

I went to Richmond this time not in anticipation of attending a business meeting or a ceremony but looking forward to seeing friends I have made over the past two years. The DFA -- for me, at least -- now feels like a family...a family with a bright and happy future.

Cousin Molly Dunscombe O'Leary, a busy Mom, is not a new DFA member but she has volunteered to be our family announcement coordinator for the newsletter. Please share your news -- weddings, births, deaths, bar mitzvahs, etc. with Molly for the newsletter at Molly_d_oleary@hotmail.com or 1235 Clearbrook Road, West Chester, PA 19380 Phone: 601.429.4774. As we get to know each other, we not only want to keep up in these pages but keep a family history. That is what this newsletter is all about -- family; not *my* family or the families of board members but *our* family.

So, welcome to the newsletter Molly, and welcome to the world Samuel's newest descendants, twins (and my niece and nephew!), Britt Michael Berry and Brooke Elise Berry of Nashville, Tennessee born June 19, 2001. Here's to the future...and the family!