

A Personal Appeal

This small issue of DD is going to everyone on our Dunham mailing list--which is an unusual circumstance, because ordinarily I can't afford to cover the entire list (so it is possible that you haven't seen one for a while). (The small size of this issue is what makes it possible now.)

A few years back I resorted to both begging & threatening to get people to STOP publicizing DD because it couldn't afford to grow larger.

Now I grant you that this is a strange situation. Most periodicals WANT larger circulation, & that is because they CHARGE for their product.

DD was never conceived as a money making project. I do not--& will not-- become a business. My reasons? Because that would be too much red tape & hassle, & because what I really want are the pieces of Dunham family history: family anecdotes, copies of old letters, photographs, newspaper clippings, memoirs, etc. I collect them & share them, & this collection is the only thing I want to have GROW.

Charts & queries are also very welcome, & I'm happy whenever I can help contemporary cousins to connect with additional generations of their Dunham ancestry.

Recently I received indications that there must be a notice about DD posted on some Internet bulletin board. Bad news!

Now, I'd LIKE to get in contact with new Dunham cousins who would be able & willing to share additional materials of the kinds I want to publish. That would be wonderful.

However, the situation necessarily means that I'll have to do a complete overhaul of my Dunham mailing list.

Write NOW if you want to continue to receive it. Send what you can. Recent photos of family members (Dunham descendants of whatever surname) will do if you haven't any old ones to share, &, yes, financial contributions would be very helpful, too.)

The next regular issue--the August issue--is scheduled to go out in late July. To get it, let me hear from you before then.

I really hate to be so hard-nosed about this matter, but it is clear to me that something has to be done. I love doing DD, & I don't want it to die of its own success. There is too much Dunham family history still out there, to be gathered, preserved & shared.

PHYLLIS S. KITSON

DUNHAMS IN MICHIGAN 1870 CENSUS

Dunham	Albert	690R	OCHA
Dunham	Allen	128	MJJE
Dunham	Azariah	772R	ISLI
Dunham	Bart	48R	NECR
Dunham	Charles	772R	ISLI
Dunham	John	694R	OCHA
Dunham	Jonathan	136R	MMI
Dunham	Lewis C	514R	WXHA
Dunham	Louis	694R	HOHA
Dunham	Mary	77R	NEEN
Dunham	Nelson	518R	WXWX
Dunham	Philip	48R	NECR
Dunham	William	465	APAP
Dunham	William	200R	ME:M2

Again, PSK will be glad to read any individual entries that might be of special interest to any readers.

The QUALITY OF THE PAPER that this clipping is printed on indicates that it came from a magazine rather than a newspaper. It came to Editor Phyllis Kitson, along with the rest of her Great Aunt Edna's clothing (a totally fabulous wardrobe-- 2 fur coats, 18 pairs of gloves (including 2 pair of shoulder-length ones), maybe 20 pair of shoes--on & n it went!-- & her mementoes. Edna Dunham (1885-1960)(10)(Deacon John 1, John 2, John 3, Ebenezer 4, Ebenezer 5, Jonathan 6, Ralph 7, Francis S. 8, Samuel E. 9) was a concert singer, studied in Europe, & performed both in Europe & America for a number of years before marrying Alfred R. Willard of Cleveland, Ohio, & becoming a prominent voice teacher there in her middle years. That, we knew--but it wasn't until we read this particular clipping that we realized that she had performed in Carnegie Hall.

We've had a query regarding the indexing of DD. Editor Kitson recently completed an index of DD from its inception

through 1997, which was sent to the Nat'l Dunham family Ass'n & will then go to the Library of congress. With the index are copies of the issues themselves, some of them regrettably faint, as it is sometimes difficult to Xerox our file copies successfully. The 1998 issues have not been indexed.

Movie Producer Cousin? The sharp eye of Karen Hill, Melbourne, FL, spotted a Dunham name in the credits for the movie, "Homebound Journey." The producer was Duwayne Dunham. Does anyone know him or where he belongs on the Dunham family tree?

In Twenty Engagemer.

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The engagements were:

- 1914**
- Sept. 26th—Carnegie Hall, N. Y. (Return).
 - Sept. 27th—Newark, N. J. (Return).
 - Oct. 4th—Jamaica, L. I.
 - Oct. 10th—New York, Jewish Society (Return).
 - Oct. 21st—Newark, N. J.
 - Nov. 23d—Blackstone Morning Musical, Chicago, Ill.
 - Dec. 1st—Brooklyn, N. Y. (Return).
 - Dec. 4th—Fushing, Orpheus Glee Club.
 - Dec. 6th—Paterson, N. J.
- 1915**
- Jan. 5th—Pittsburg 20th Century Club.
 - Jan. 11th—Private recital, N. Y.
 - Jan. 15th—Recital, Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa. (Return).
 - Jan. 17th—Oak Park, Chicago, Ill. (Return).
 - Jan. 19th—Art & Travel Club, Chicago, Ill.
 - Feb. 9th—Private recital, Chatham, N. J.
 - Mar. 2d—Gena Branscombe's Songs, N. Y.
 - Mar. 7th—Brooklyn (Return).
 - Mar. 11th—Providence, R. I., Chaminade Club.
 - Apr. 8th—Newark, N. J., Orpheus Club.
 - Apr. 13th—Mt. Vernon, N. Y., The Creation, with Mt. Vernon Musical Society.

Some of MISS DUNHAM'S recent notices will be published in MUSICAL AMERICA for May 8.

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QUERY

PAT DUNHAM, 50 Page Way, Fortuna, CA 95540, is searching for more information on AARON DUNHAM (1785-1855), who migrated from Skaneateles, NY, to the Ohio Valley & then on to Michigan, where he was probably located in Ionia County. One of the noteworthy things about this man is that he was reported to have had 17 children, although the given names of only 4 are recorded: Silas (b. 1810); Elizabeth (b. 1818); John M. (b. 1822); & Shenandoah (b. 1824). INITIAL RESPONSE: According to IWD this Aaron looks to be our D-174537, a member of the 6th generation in America, with this ancestral line: 1. Deacon John Dunham, 2. Joseph, 3. Micaiah, 4. Micaiah, 5. David. The Michigan 1850 census does not show a household headed by a man named Aaron Dunham. He might still have been in Ohio at that time, or else he could have been living in someone else's home.

GRATIA LOOKS AT "SILVER DANIEL"

From Gratia Mahony, responding to the lead article in the April 1998 DD about Daniel Dunham & the buried silver:

Any article about buried treasure is intriguing, and the article in the April 1998 issue of DUNHAM DISPATCH is doubly so. Not only would it be good to know the ancestry of the mysterious Daniel Dunham, but it would of course be nice to know where the silver was buried.

While I can't solve the question of the latter, I can point our readers to the ancestral line of Daniel Dunham. The line of this Daniel is covered in a book by Ray Fields Dawson, Ph.D, *The Dunhams of Callaway*, privately printed, Winter Park, Florida 1981. In an article by Ray F. Dawson in the *Mayflower Quarterly* Vol. 63:343, the story of the buried treasure is repeated.

The article is about Missouri Mounted Militiamen who went with Santa Anna to Mexico in 1846-47, and on their return to Missouri they looted mines and public treasuries en route. Within a few miles of the Nueces Crossing into Texas they were overtaken and all killed but Daniel Dunham who escaped. In Austin Texas, in 1873 Dunham signed a deposition on his death bed in which he described the location of the treasures they buried before they were overtaken.

The ancestry of Daniel is "unproved" because there is no Vital Record of his birth. It is likely that Daniel was born en route as his family was moving from Western Virginia to Callaway County Missouri. The line as given by Dr. Dawson, is from Deacon John (1) Dunham; Benajah (2) Dunham who went to Piscataway New Jersey; Edmund (3); Edmund (4); Daniel (5); Archelaus (6); and Daniel (7) born in 1791 who married 17 November 1817 Nancy Wilkinson. Daniel (7) and Nancy lived in Harrison County West Virginia where two children were born. These were George W. (8) born 5 January 1822; and Jane (8) born 1 November 1824. On 15 September 1826 Daniel and Nancy (Wilkinson) Dunham liquidated their holdings in West Virginia and prepared to move to Callaway County Missouri. The next recorded children born to Daniel and Nancy are Samuel (8) b. 23 April 1828; Irvin Hockaday (8) b. 30 March 1830; Mary Ann (8) b. 3 September 1833; and Edward (8) b. 20 May 1838. These last four were born in Callaway County Missouri. It is the belief of Dr. Dawson, and one which I support, that Daniel, the Missouri Mounted Militiaman, was a son of Daniel (7) and Nancy (Wilkinson) Dunham, and was born during the transition from Virginia to Missouri.