

2021 DDFA Historian's Report

The continued release of new online sources of genealogical data has made it possible to add many new Duston and Dustin descendants to the DDFA records, and to fill in some of the blanks for many of the individuals who were already listed. It's a time-consuming process, often requiring the better part of an evening to gather all of the available information for a single family.

There are currently 12,636 individuals in the database that I've created to collect the results of my research. This includes a complete record of every known Duston or Dustin descendant in Generations 1 through 7, along with the names of their spouses and the birth dates of their children. There are also some database entries for later generations, which I've added while working with relatives who wanted to find out more about their own ancestors.

The DDFA records usually include only those born with the Duston or Dustin surname, along with their spouses and children. Children of female family members are also included, along with their spouses. That's where the record generally ends, unless it happens to be a family that has been active in the DDFA. This is why I always try to find as much information as I can about the immediate family of every female family member, since their descendants wouldn't normally appear in our records. For example, I wouldn't be listed, because I'm the great-grandson of a female member of the family, Emily Clementine Dustin.

I've continued to edit and update the first volume of the draft genealogy books created by Chris Bailey, who was my predecessor as the Duston-Dustin Family Association Historian/Genealogist. This first volume covers Generations 1 through 5. I'm currently in the process of adding in all of the new names, dates, and sources that I've found since I took over the job from Chris.