

## Edward Peas Duzette

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On the other side of my family, the Duzette line, which is my mother's line, I have traced back to the Revolutionary grandfather. His name was Philemon Duzette. He was with the first regiment after the Revolutionary War was started, he and two other Duzette boys (who I think were his brothers, but we have no records to prove it, but there were the three of them that were in the Revolutionary War together.) I have the war records taken from the files in Washington, D.C., of this Philemon Duzette, who was with Washington at Valley Forge. So we could belong – our sons and brothers could belong – to the Sons of the American Revolution if they wanted to on this Duzette Line.

This Philemon Duzette married Martha Wing, and she was of a very prominent New England family. There has been quite a lot of genealogy done on the Wing line, though I haven't researched it. Philemon Duzette had one son only. His name was Edward Philemon Duzette. Then, he died, and his widow married another man by the name of Jesse Pease and had three children by him.

Edward Philemon Duzette was the one that joined the Church. I don't know if he was in Independence or not, but I do know he was in Kirtland, and when they made the march from Kirtland to Independence, called Zion's Camp, Philemon Duzette was with them and made the march with the Prophet Joseph and that group of men.

His son was Edward Peas Duzette, who was my great-grandfather and the father of my grandma, Margie Duzette Terry. But he lived there in Nauvoo, Edward P. did, and his first wife, Eliza Ann Cowan, was a member of the first, the original Relief Society that was organized under the Prophet Joseph Smith. You'll find her name in the handbook of the Relief Society. Edward P. Duzette was a drummer and was the drummer for the Nauvoo Legion. He knew the Prophet intimately, and the Prophet gave him a sword. The sword is still in the family. Right now, a woman by the name of Bonnie Petty has it in Emery, Utah, and I am sure if you go by there she would show it to you. It belonged to her grandfather, Hamner Duzette, who was the only son of Edward P. Duzette.

Edward P. Duzette's drum is not in the family. When Edward P. Duzette was an old man living there in Rockville, Utah, he gave his drum to a man by the name of Cyrus Jennings, and Cyrus Jennings took it to Arizona, and then it seemed to be lost from the family. I tried to find it or find any trace of it, and then once somebody told me it was in the Mesa Temple as a museum piece, and I asked there, but they knew nothing about it, and then just a few years ago, a piece came out in the *Deseret News* telling of a Judge Jennings in Phoenix who had this Duzette drum. It had belonged to his father, and he

still played it. It had been almost worn to pieces, and Judge Jennings had restored it and worked on it. The frame was warped, and the cowhide covering of the drum needed patching, but he had worked on it and restored it and played it, and I have a picture of the old drum. I wrote to this Judge Jennings, and he answered me and said that he was glad to hear from the descendants of the Duzette family. He had often wondered what became of them. He still has the drum and still plays it. I asked him when he got through with it, if he wouldn't please put it in a museum, but he did not answer my letter, so I don't know what will become of the old drum, but of course it is quite famous. It would be a wonderful thing if the family still owned it, but still better if it would be in a museum where people could see it, and a history could be written.

I think also that the sword should be put there, not moved around from one family to another. It's apt to be destroyed or lost or burned, and if it were in a museum, it would be safe.

Grandpa Duzette was a music teacher for the town of Deseret, appointed by Brigham Young. I saw the document with the title of Deseret on it. Uncle Hamner Duzette's store was burned, and it was in the store, and the document was burned. I have a patriarchal blessing that Grandma Terry gave me that was given by the Prophet's father, the first Patriarch of the Church, to Edward P. Duzette. It is a very valuable thing, and I wonder now what I should do with it, if I shouldn't put it in a museum or give it to the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers or put it some place where it would be safe from fire or loss.