

# Durand Heritage Foundation

## Minutes of meeting July 11th, 1998

Those present:

Mike Durand	Jeanne Durand Sansovini
Roger Durand	Elizabeth (Sansovini)Kinslow
Richard (Dick) Durand	Mary Kay(Grant) Brusegard
Cecile Durand Foley	James & Marie Miller
Susanne (Foley)Krasovich	Marilyn Durand
Mathew Krasovich	Susanne Durand

The first meeting of prospective members of the Durand Heritage Foundation was called to order by Mike Durand, on July, 11<sup>th</sup>, 1998 at 10:30 AM. The meeting was held in the meeting room of the Crescent Lake Catholic Church, in the Town of Scott, in northwest Wisconsin. Mike began the meeting by thanking all who came, and by doing so, showed their interest in forming a formal group who would dedicate themselves and/or support the efforts to further their interest in preserving the Durand family heritage.

Mike, realizing that different people are working in different areas of interest felt it would be logical and practical to form an association, (or foundation), to coordinate our efforts more efficiently and effectively. Recognizing, that much work has been done in the past, such as the family tree, books and articles etc., there appears to be a need to update and disseminate information and to make corrections where necessary. Also discussed was the recognition of Aunt Beatrice's work and book, **Durand's**, published in the 1970's, as well as other books and articles from others, and the fact that there appears to be a strong continued interest in these books, but no more copies are available.

Mike Durand, son of Louis Durand, (one of the 17 children of Pierre and Marie Durand), began by introducing himself and by explaining to the group what interests him about forming such a group and spoke briefly about some ideas he would like to see developed. Mike published and sent out the first newsletter in April which also announced today's meeting date and time.

By creating a newsletter, this will serve to form a link to bring all Durand's in contact with one another, as well as to inform each other how he/she fits in the family tree. Mike, grew up in the town of Scott near Spooner, Wisconsin, but now lives in Burnsville, Minnesota, and also has a home in the area.

Roger Durand introduced himself next, explaining that he was related through Joseph Durand (which is our common connection), who lived in 1770. Joseph Durand had two wives. Pierre Durand was his descendant by his first wife and from Pierre were descended most of the people who came to the meeting. Roger was a descendant of Joseph by his second wife. Roger gave us

a good background of the family by recounting his visit to Quebec as well as some of the research he has been doing, including putting the family tree on the Internet. Roger would like to continue to do research of the recent past. Roger lives in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Cecile Durand Foley, second oldest daughter of Elzear Durand and Eva Dufresne, said she would be interested in helping out in some capacity with the family tree and would like to see Aunt Beatrice's book updated to reflect the births, marriages and deaths that have taken place since the book was published. Cecile and her husband Frederick live in Greenfield, Wisconsin.

Jeanne Durand Sansovini, youngest daughter of Elzear Durand and Eva Dufresne, said she is also interested in seeing corrections made, as some of the latter information is not correct. Jeanne lives in Orlando, Florida, where she recently moved after the death of her husband.

Richard Durand, son of Gilbert and Fern/Ridgway Durand, has been working on updating of the family tree from his, Grandfather Pierre and Marie Durand descendents from where Aunt Beatrice's book left off. He mentioned that he had received the information from some of the families but that not everyone had responded, so there was still much work to be done. He also stated that after he had started to work on updating the information for the family tree, he met Roger Durand, through Mike. Roger has incorporated all of the family tree on the Family Tree Maker software program and posted it on the Internet. They then combined their work to date. Richard lives in the Spooner area where he also grew up.

Susanne Foley Krasovich, granddaughter of Elzear and Eva Durand, who speaks French fluently, explained that when she had studied in France in 1993, she had the opportunity to see the official records kept at the mayor's office in which was the signature of a Durand in the village of Doeuil, the natal village of our ancestor Jean Durand. She further explained that while she was in France, she was able to take her parents, Cecile and Fred Foley, to Doeuil, and that her father had taken several pictures of the documents including the Durand signature. She is interested in doing a pictorial history of the family, as well as finding out if there are any living descendants in France. She hopes to return to France to more research there.

Mathew (Matt) Krasovich said he just came along as the driver, but that he feels doing genealogy work is very important. Matt and Susanne live in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Elizabeth Sansovini Kinslow, also a granddaughter of Elzear and Eva, has been working on the family history of her father's family. She said she has a computer with which she can do scanning, and could keep records. Elizabeth, who grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota, lives in Dallas, Texas.

Mary Kay Grant Brusegard, granddaughter of Elzear and Eva would like to see the closeness of the family, which was evident by all the reunions in the past, continue with their descendants. She would like future generations continue to keep track of each other and thinks the reunions are a great way of doing that. Derek Brusegard, son of Mary Kay, is very good with a computer. She feels he can contribute in some way using the computer.

Marie Dufresne Miller explained that she was related through Elzear's wife Eva. She said she discovered the family history when her father died in 1953. She said she is interested in genealogy and in possibly being able to work on the history of the Dufresne family. Marie and her husband James live in Tucson, Arizona.

After the introductions, Mike said he would like to form a board and committees. Matt asked if Mike was going to ask for nominations through the next newsletter.

Mike responded that he wanted to get a board up and running right away.

A discussion followed with these results;

Mike Durand was nominated as President with a term of two years.

John Durand, son of Adelard was nominated in abstencia as vice-president with the understanding that if he did not accept, Roger would step in as vice-president.

Elizabeth Kinslow was nominated as Secretary.

Susanne Krasovich was nominated as treasurer with Cecile Foley as co-treasurer.

Roger was nominated to be Research Chairman

Mary Kay was nominated to be Membership/Social Chairman.

All nominations were seconded and all nominees were voted in.

Jeanne Sansovini agreed to be on the Social Committee

Elizabeth suggested her sister Patricia to work on the Social Committee as well.

Richard Durand, Susanne Krasovich, Mike Durand, and Elizabeth Kinslow agreed to work on the research committee.

Elizabeth Kinslow also volunteered to maintain the records

The next discussion focused on whether we should try to have new copies of Aunt Beatrice's book, or a new Durand book made. Discussion also included possibly employing the use of the Internet for posting material..

Susanne felt that the Internet was one way to reach many people, but that there were many people who were not computer literate and would like to have an actual book to add to their personal libraries.

Roger felt we could put the family tree on a CD and sell the CD.

Richard cautioned that we want to be careful and obtain copy write approval for any material that we incorporate or use.

A group photograph was taken, and plans were made for a fall meeting, but no date was set. Mike will send out information later concerning next meeting.

Meeting adjourned.  
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**Durand Family Heritage & Foundation**  
**Organizational Chart & Listed Objectives**

**July 1998**

**List of Officers**

Mike Durand, Pres.  
John Durand, Vice Pres.  
Elizabeth Kinslow, Sec.  
Susanne Krasovich, & Cecile Foley Treas.

Official Photographer, Mr. Fred Foley

**Committees**

**Newsletter**

Mike Durand, Chairman  
Roger Durand  
Susanne Krasovich  
Elizabeth Kinslow  
Angela Osborn

**Membership/Social**

Mary Kaye Brusegard, Chairperson  
Derek Brusegard  
Marilyn Durand  
Pattie Hering

### **Research**

Roger Durand, Chairman  
Richard Durand  
Mike Durand  
Susanne Krasovich  
Elizabeth Kinslow  
Jeanne Sansovini

### **Records**

Elizabeth Kinslow, Chairperson  
Angela Osborn  
Mike Durand

## **Five Projects Identified at the First Durand Family Heritage and Foundation Organizational Meeting**

**July 11th, 1998**

1. To integrate and expand the Durand Family data base, i.e. family tree, pictures and other important documents.
2. To determine if there is a need to disseminate information about the family tree
  - A. By having a CD- ROM printed for distribution purposes.
  - B. By having a printout of the family tree available.
3. To develop a central repository of information for family records, data, etc.
4. To promote the Durand Family Heritage Foundation through the newsletter and trips.
5. To develop and preserve our family history through the collection of stories and pictures to possibly be published in book form or by other means.