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The name Dulin is very wide-spread in Ireland, where most likely, the family originated.

The name is also found in France, where the name Dowling was probably adapted to a spelling that the French could understand. This name was used in France as early as 1535. Probably some of the Dowlings fled to France after the coming of the English to Ireland. Probably most of the Dulings of France were Catholics, as that was the predominant religion, but Flouin or Alouin was a Protestant or Huguenot, and it is stated that he was received as inhabitant of Geneva, Switzerland, September 15, 1572, to which city he fled from Lyons, France, to escape the Massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day in August, 1572. Some of his descendants went to England and Ireland in search for religious freedom. Thus would complete a cycle for the family name, from Ireland to France and again to Ireland.

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EARLY DULINS IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES

The earliest of the name to come to the American Colonies was Alice Dulins, who came to Accomack, Virginia, in 1639. In 1651 Edward Dulin was a passenger over to the colonies. Several men--Dowling, Dowland, Dowling--had been brought over previously. About 1679 Ninian Dulin is reported as having come to Somerset County, Maryland. He came, probably because, as a Presbyterian, he was forced to flee from England upon the restoration of Charles the Second to the throne.

Family traditions have it that there were three brothers who came to the colonies from which the Dulins in America have descended. No doubt some of our ancestors were political refugees or even prisoners, making their escape after having reached America.

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THE DULINS IN DAVIE COUNTY

The Dulins of Davie County were descended from Robert Dulin, who was born in either England or Ireland in 1686, and his wife, Ann. There were two sons of this union, William and Thomas, William being the father of our Davie County Dulins.

William Dulin was the father of nine children, the sixth son, Philip, is the focus of our attention. Philip was born about 1755 in Prince William County, Virginia, and died in Rowan County in 1824. He was married twice. Philip was a soldier of the Revolution, and lived in Fauquier County, Virginia, until about 1785 when he went to Rowan County. By his first wife he had one son. By his second wife he had four children, one daughter and four sons. William Dulin, oldest son of Philip, of his second marriage, was born Sept. 23, 1790, and died April 21, 1834. He married Charlotte Hicks Ellis (Sept. 13, 1799--Nov. 15, 1847). There were two sons, Philip and William. Philip remained in Davie County, and became a landholder. He, along with his father and mother, are buried in a small family cemetery in Dulins community in Davie County.

PHILIP NATHANIEL DULIN AND HARRIET ESTHER BROWN

Philip was born May 16, 1832 and died May 24, 1874. He went to Mississippi near Charleston before 1861. He married Harriet Esther Brown Jan. 13, 1861. She was born June 19, 1842 and died Dec. 29, 1914. She married John Asbury Davis.

CHILDREN:

1. Charlotte Hicks Oct. 30, 1861 - Nov. 30, 1950
m. Oct. 13, 1881
Allen Walter Fritts, M.D. Oct. 18, 1852 - Nov. 22, 1906
2. Sallie Brown, twin of Charlotte, Oct 30, 1861 - April 8, 1945
m. Dec. 16, 1884
Robert Syndor Fritts--first cousin of twin's husband
March 22, 1857 - Jan. 9, 1943
3. Agnes Graham Jan. 29, 1865 - May 5, 1913
m. Dec. 1, 1886
Ballard Preston Starling Nov. 28, 186? - May 27, 1941
4. Thomas Benton, M.D. Born ca. 1867, died ca. 1894 unmarried
5. Frances Madeline Nov. 17, 1870 - June 20, 1957
m. June, 1890
Jacob Stewart 1860 - 1956

The information for this report was taken from THE DULIN FAMILY IN AMERICA compiled by Roberta Dulin Stewart.

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In the Dulins Community of Davie County, located about two miles from Dulins Methodist Church, at the end of Dulins Road, in a cultivated field, is located an old family burial ground. There seem to be eight graves there, six of which are enclosed within a low stone wall. This small area is quite overgrown, probably completely obscured in spring and summer. There are trees, also, falling leaves adding to the coverage. The markers were fairly easy to read.

We found these markers:

Philip N. Dulin B. May 10, 1832
D. 1874

Leona Dulin no markings *Born Aug 11 1866 Died June 11 1867*

Mary Dulin no markings *Born Sept 29 1863 Died Aug 20 1864*

Charlotte H. Doolin B. Sept. 13, 1799
D. Nov. 15, 1847

William Dulin B. Sept. 23, 1790
D. April 21, 1834

Wiley R. Doolin no markings *Died July 15 1845, aged 14 yrs. 24 days*
By Jan 1847

(William and Charlotte had a son William who died as a youth. I wonder if this is his grave.)

There are two markers with the initials HED and JED. These two graves are outside the stone wall.

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