



## The Societe of Mareen Duvall Descendants

(Mareen Duvall, emigrant from Laval, Normandy, France, in 1650;  
settled first in Anne Arundel County, Maryland)

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### Duvall Tool Museum Opens

W. Henry Duvall began collecting antique tools more than 50 years ago and storing them in a small shed behind his home on his tobacco farm in Croom, Maryland. When Henry died in 1979 at the age of 81, he had amassed more than 1,000 items. His collection had grown over the years to become one of the finest of its kind.

On Sunday, June 12, 1983, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission sponsored the dedication of the Duvall Memorial Tool Museum at the Jug Bay Area of the Patuxent River Park in Croom, Maryland, a short distance from the family farm where Henry Duvall had lived and worked all his life. The cutting of the ribbon by Mrs. Henry Duvall opening the newly constructed rustic-style building was the highlight of the day. Guests and friends quickly filled the handsome museum to view such exhibits as "To Build a Barn", "The Cobbler", "The Wheelwright", "The Carpenter's Work", and "A Woman's Work is Never Done", all depicting the antique tools used for these nearly forgotten tasks of yesteryear.

Attended by more than 150 invited guests, the dedication ceremony included presentations by top County officials and community leaders. A brief talk commemorating the life of Henry Duvall was given by Society President, David D. Duvall, followed by a special presentation by the Brandywine Lions Club of \$4,100 toward the construction of a second museum building. While the future barn will be devoted to the large agricultural implements Henry acquired, the present museum houses many farm and trades hand tools reflecting pre-industrial rural life in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Throughout the day, the man whose name the new museum bears, was praised for an awareness and foresight which began a half century ago. A local paper's editorial comment seemed to summarize the event: "Mr. Duvall was one of those special people who didn't want to see history in the form of farm tools and implements rust into oblivion. We're all beneficiaries, as his collection of unusual and forgotten tools gives us some rare insight into the ingenuity of the early farmer. Thanks to Mr. Duvall, the south county farm lives on to give us a new respect for the men of the soil".

The tool museum will be open to the public on Sundays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. It is hoped to become the nucleus of what is planned to become a "Museum of Southern Maryland History".

**\*\*NEW BOOK AVAILABLE\*\***

A new book, entitled "James Sublett and Sally Ford" by Donald J. Sublett, SMDD #296.

James Sublett and Sally Ford were a French Huguenot family, which came to Virginia in 1700. Descendants of these refugees moved farther and farther west reaching Missouri in the early nineteenth century.

Two of the four sons, William and Peter Jackson Sublett, after their return from the Mexican War, married Warfield sisters in St. Louis. The author has included a brief genealogy of the Warfields, an early Missouri family and an old Maryland family. Many descendants of James Sublett and Sally Ford are also descendants of Mareen Duvall via the Warfields of Maryland.

This book of 145 pages, mostly single space, is available for \$15 post paid from the author Donald J. Sublett, 31209 Huntley Square East, Birmingham, Michigan 48009.

**\*\*COUNCIL PROPOSES DUES INCREASE\*\***

Pursuant to the Council's proposal to raise membership dues (see February 1983 Society Newsletter), the Council has voted to submit the following schedule of dues to become effective January 1, 1984, for consideration at the Annual Meeting in October:

Patron..... from \$50.00 to \$75.00  
Patron..... New Category at \$10.00  
Active,,,,,, from \$4.00 to \$6.00  
Sustaining,,, from \$4.00 to \$6.00  
Associate,,,, from \$4.00 to \$6.00  
Junior,, ..... from \$1.00 to \$2.00

Please note that the new category of "Patron" has been added to the dues schedule. This category shall be voluntary on the part of members who wish to contribute a little more to support the Society's activities. Also, note that the increase in Life Membership suggests that members wishing to become Life Members should do so by January 1, 1984 before this increase becomes effective.

All responses to the Council's proposal to increase dues have been favorable in order to help defray rising operating costs and ex- the Society's scope of activities.

**OWNER RECOUNTS HISTORY OF  
JEFFERSON-DUVAL CHAIR**

(The Society is grateful to Mr. Moylan L. DuVal of Camden, S.C. for gathering and forwarding his recollections of the provenance of his prized family heirloom).

"There is no documentary proof that the chair was given by Thomas Jefferson to Gabriel Duval; however, there is no doubt on my mind that it was. I was told that it was by my Father, Mother, and my two half-sisters, Katharine Moylan DuVal Jacobsen and Marie Hamilton DuVal Jones,

According to tradition the chair was given to Justice Gabriel Duval while he was serving on the U.S. Supreme Court,

My Mother and half sisters also told me that there was an inscription on the back of the chair behind the headrest signed by Thomas Jefferson. My Mother told me many times how shocked she and my Father were when the chair was returned to them after having a new hide installed, to find that the inscription was destroyed.

Although this information came to me by word of mouth, there was not a long period from the time of Justice Gabriel Duval's death until my Father knew the chair as a child.

I believe the ownership of the chair to have been as follows: Justice Gabriel Duval (1752-1844), my great-great grandfather; to his grandson the second Edmond Bryce DuVal (1826-1878), my grandfather; to my father, Gabriel DuVal (1852-1922); to my half-sister, Katharine Moylan DuVal Jacobsen, who gave it to me on about 1940.

I don't feel that my great-grandfather, Edmond Bryce DuVal, ever owned the chair as he died in 1831, thirteen years before his father. My Father was born eight years after his great-grandfather's death, and so inherited the chair at the age of 26 in 1878, when his father died.

My grandfather, the second Edmond Bryce DuVal, together with his siblings was adopted by their Grandfather, Justice Gabriel Duval, and was raised by him after his father's death. My grandfather was five years old at that time and was fifteen years old when the Jude died.  
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If you are at all interested in connecting your family line on to the royal families of Europe, this family line for the Duvalls was discovered in Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendents, Vol. II, published by The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the U.S.A. Pages 306-310 show the descent of two lines of the Duvall family from Charlemagne.

There are many other branches which can be traced from these lines using various standard genealogies such as the Magna Charta Sureties, 1215 by Frederick L. Weis, 3rd ed., and Your Family Tree by David S. Jordan. Society member Phil Thuma #464 has passed along another Magna Charta genealogy which continues the descent via George Yates, 2nd husband of Mary Wells Stockett. His reference Magna Charta: Families of Royal Descent, Part VI. is by John S. Wurts published in 1950 and reprinted in 1964 by Porcupine Publishing Co., Philadelphia. It is appreciated that Mr. Thuma sent along this additional listing.

Included are just two branches of these lines for your interest. Only a few dates and titles have been included to conserve space since a biography could be written for most of the ancestors listed. Many references and novels have been written about these historical times, and they are especially exciting to read when one knows that King John is one's 21st great-grandfather, William the Conqueror one's 25th great-grandfather, or Charlemagne one's 35th great-grandfather.

The two lines here presented lead to the Wells, Stocketts, Yates, and Ijams families of Maryland and then to the descendents of Maren Duvall the Elder and the descendents of Benjamin Duvall and Rebecca Ijams. If your Duvall line does not connect directly, it is possible that one of your other family lines would connect such as the Calverts, Brownes, Brookes, and other well known Maryland families,

Charlemagne = Hildegard  
768-814 |

Pepin, King of Italy

Bernard, King of Italy

Pepin de Peronne  
Count of Vermandois

Pepin de Se, Valois

Herbert I, Count of Vermandois, d. 902

Poppa de Valois  
m. Rollo the Dane  
1st Duke of Normandy

Herbert II, Count of Vermandois, d. 943

Albert I, Count of Vermandois  
m. Gerberga, dau. of Louis IV of France

William Longsword  
2nd Duke of Normandy

Herbert III, Count of Vermandois

Richard I, 3rd Duke of Normandy  
m. Gunn' r, she d. 1031

Otho, Count of Vermandois

Herbert IV, Count of Vermandois

Richard II, 4th Duke of Normandy  
m. Judith de Bretagne

Adelheid of Vermandois  
m. Hugh Magnus, son of Henry I of  
France and Anne of Russia

Robert I, 6th Duke of Normandy  
Herleve of Falaise (unmarried)

William the Conqueror, 1025-1087  
m. Matilda, d. 1083

Henry I, King of England  
1068-1135  
m. Matilda of Scotland

Matilda 1103-1167  
m. Geoffrey Plantagenet

Henry II, King of England  
1133-1189  
m. Eleanor of Aquitaine

John, King of England, 1166-1216  
signed the Magna Carta 1215  
m. Isabella of Angouleme

Henry III, King of England  
1206-1272  
m. Eleanor of Provence

Edward I, King of England  
1239-1307  
m. Eleanor of Castile, d. 1290

Edward II, King of England  
1284-1327  
m. Isabella of France, dau.  
of Henry N

Edward III, King of England  
1312-1377  
m. Philippa of Hainault, d.1369

John of Gaunt, 1340-1399  
m. Catherine Roelt, 1350-1403

Joan de Beaufort, 1379-1440  
m. Ralph de Neville

Sir Edward de<sup>1</sup> Neville, KG.

Sir George Neville, 1440-1492  
m. Margaret Fenne, d. 1485

Sir Edward Neville, beheaded 1540  
m. Eleanor Windsor

Isabel de Vermandois  
m. William de Warenne, d. 1135  
2nd Earl of Surrey

Gundred de Warenne  
m. Roger de Newburdg., d. 1153  
2nd Earl of Warwick

Waleran de Newburgh, 1153-1203  
m. Alice de Harcourt

Alice de Newburgh, d. 1263  
m. William de Mauduit, d. 1257

Isabel de Mauduit  
m. William de Beauchamp, d. 1269

William de B lauchamp, 1237-1298  
Earl of Warwick  
m. Maud Fitz John, d. 1301

Isabel de Beauchamp, d. 1306  
m, Hugh le Despenser, hanged 1326  
Earl of Winchester

Hugh le Despenser, II, hanged 1326  
m. Eleanor de Clare, 1292-1337

Edward le Despenser, d. 1342  
m. Anne de Ferrers, d. 1367

Edward le Despenser, 1336-1375  
m. Elizabeth de Burghersh, d. 1409

Thomas le Despenser, KG. 1373-1400(beheaded)  
m, Constance Plantagenet, d. 1416  
Grandaughter of Edward III

Isabel le Despenser, 1400-1439  
m, Richard de Beauchamp  
Earl of Winchester

Elizabeth de Beauchamp, 1415-1458

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Frances Neville, 1519-1599  
m. Sir Edward Waldegrave  
1517-1561

Nicholas Waldegrave, d. 1621  
m. Catherine Browne

Frances Waldegrave  
m. Richard Weston, KG.  
1577-1635 Earl of Portland

Katherine Weston, 1607-1645  
m. Richard Whyte, b. ca. 1580

Frances Whyte, b. 1622, Co. Essex  
m. Richard Wells in Virginia ca. 1637  
1610-1677, came to Anne Arundel  
Co., Md. ca. 1652.

Mary Wells, d. 1699  
m. Thomas Stockett, d. 1671

Elizabeth Stockett, 1662-1700  
m. Thomas Plummer, do 1695

Frances Stockett  
m. Maren Duvall the Elder  
1661-1735

Elizabeth Plummer, d. 1762  
m. William Ijams, Jr.  
1670-1738

Descendents of Maren the Elder  
(see Middle Plantation, p 97 -  
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Plummer Ijams, Sr. 1697-1792  
m. Ruth Chlds, 1700-1794

Plummer Ijam's Jr., 1748-1795  
m. Jemima Welsh, 1760-1789

Mary Wells, d. 1699  
m. 2nd. George Yate(s) d. 1691

Rebecca Ijam! 1785-1829  
m. Benjamin Duvall, 1778-1827  
(see Middle Plantation, p 511-  
512 for descendents)

George Yates 1674-1717  
m. Rachel Warfield dau. of  
Capt. Richard Warfield and  
Eleanor Browne

Descendents of this Yates family

If there is further interest I can show some of the other earlier branches to the Kings of France, Kings of Spain, Alfred the Great and a great many of the Magna Charta Barons. The references mentioned may help you find another of your family lines which connect to these royal lines in Europe.



DUVALL BIOGRAPHER  
SETS RECORD STRAIGHT

Responding to a letter to the Prince George's County Journal which suggested that Gabriel Duvall was more a son of Anne Arundel County than Prince George's County, Maryland, Shirley Baltz, Duvall's biographer, submitted the following convincing evidence for the historical record:

## Claiming county's famous sons

Editor, *The Journal*:

In a recent letter to the editor, Greg Bradsher stated, "Peter D. Pichaske's 'Side-lights' in your paper has some historic inaccuracies that you should not allow to be perpetuated by not correcting the record." Since I agree that inaccuracies should not be perpetuated, I would like to expand on his remarks.

Certainly John Hanson's and Reverdy Johnson's lives touched Prince George's only briefly (Hanson died at Oxon Hill and Johnson opened his first law office in Upper Marlboro), but Gabriel Duvall is rightfully claimed as a famous and distinguished citizen of the county, True, as Bradsher said, he did live in Anne Arundel County, but that was for only one period in his long life. He was born in Prince George's in 1752 on the portion of Darnall's Grove inherited by his father. In 1771 he was in Annapolis and spent a good part of the next 30 years in that city. However, even then he retained his ties with Prince George's. From 1777 through 1795, at which time he became a judge of the Maryland General Court, he was admitted to practice and represented clients in the Maryland Court.

Beginning in 1785 he purchased a number of tracts in the county, including his birthplace, and combined them into one large plantation which he eventually named Marietta. The surviving house on Bell Station Road was built circa 1813 and appears to have been his principal residence for the remainder of his life. After its construction, during sessions of the Supreme Court, he lodged temporarily, with the majority of his fellow justices, in a Washington boarding house. When he stepped down from the court in January 1835, he retired to Marietta and lived there until his death in 1844.

With every justification Gabriel Duvall was inducted into the Prince George's County Hall of Fame in 1980.

Incidentally, in another step toward accuracy, I would like to mention that the justice always used the spelling "Duvall," never "DuVal," as applied to the school named in his honor.

Shirley W. Baltz  
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ANNUAL MEETING PLANNED AT LONDON TOWN  
PUBLICK HOUSE AND GARDENS

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The Annual Meeting and luncheon of the Society of Maren Duvall Descendants will be held at London Town Publick House and Gardens at Edgewater, Maryland, on Saturday, October 8, 1983. The business meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. Following the meeting, luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. after which tours of the house and surrounding gardens will be conducted.

The Publick House, circa 1744-50, is the only remaining structure on the site of what was once a thriving seaport town of 100 acres on the shores of the South River near Annapolis. The house, perched on a high knoll overlooking the river, was once a fine inn which provided a stopping place and ferry service for travelers making the journey between Williamsburg and Philadelphia. Many famous historical figures including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Francis Scott Key noted making the crossing here. The inn also served occasionally as a court house and meeting place. Today it stands as the sole survivor of a vanished town.

With exterior walls in an all header brick pattern, the interior of the house is cruciform forming the entrance hall and great hall where meals were served. All of the exterior doors and much of the glass in the house is original.

Eight acres of undulating terrain adjoining the Publick House have been planted to preserve and enhance their natural beauty. Visitors may wander through walks massed with seasonal flowers and native tree and shrubs forming some of America's loveliest woodland gardens.

Luncheon reservations can be made no later than September 30, 1983, and sent to Mrs. J. Alston Fisher. Directions to London Town Publick House and Gardens and reservation form can be found on page 9 of this Society Newsletter. We hope for a large turnout for what promises to be a great day in a gorgeous setting.

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1984 ANNUAL MEETING SLATED FOR OXFORD

The Council has begun plans for the 1984 Annual Meeting of the Society to be held at Oxford on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Located on the Tred Avon River, Oxford was one of the original ports of entry to colonial Maryland. Today it is one of the state's most picturesque riverside towns.

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I would think that "the chair" was continuously at Marietta, the Judge's home in Prince George's County, Md., from the time of the Judge's retirement from the Supreme Court, until my Father disposed of the property prior to the marriage of my parents in 1908.

My earliest memories of the chair were at 1226 Calvert St., Baltimore, where my parents moved when I was four or five years old. I was told by my Mother that when my sister, Clover Sappington DuVal Purvis, and I were very, very young that we would turn the chair backwards until the headrest was on the floor and use it as a sliding board. This vandalism horrified my Mother. My wife (Mary Boykin Mustard) and I caught our young children doing the same thing.

My half sister, Katharine, came in possession of the chair shortly before or after my father's accidental death in November, 1922. She highly prized the chair. It was always in the living room of her house on Aigburth Road, Towson, Md., back in the corner where it would not be used, especially by her six children.

I moved to Boykin, a community about ten miles south of Camden, S.C., in 1937. On our visits to Maryland I always went to see my half sister, Katharine. On one of my visits, I believe about 1940, she gave me the chair. The chair has been in constant use since I came in possession of it. I find it the most comfortable chair for reading that we have and use it many hours daily. I think it is a beautiful piece of furniture."

Moylan Lansdale DuVal  
Born July 30, 1909

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