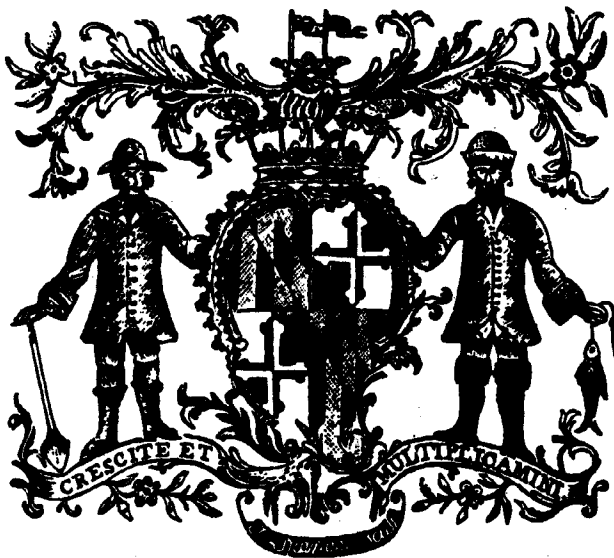


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SERVICE: captain, 1724. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 93 acres in Kent County (by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,257 acres in Kent County (500 devised from father), 1729–1742. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1745 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,295.6.0 current money (including 29 slaves, 55 oz. plate, 26 books, and additional law titles); FB, £2,046.4.7. LAND: 1,350 acres in Kent County.

**DURAND, WILLIAM** (?–1672). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1648/49 as a free adult with his wife and daughter from Virginia. RESIDED: in Broad Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel County; Talbot County, probably after 1668. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in Virginia by 1635; he received a patent for 800 acres on the Rappahannock River in 1642, but was banished from Virginia in 1648 for his role as a leading elder of the nonconforming Puritans and lost his land there. MARRIED Alice. CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Alice; Elizabeth, who married *Samuel Withers* (?–1671). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant; Quaker by 1656. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: he brought seven others with him to Maryland; Gent. on arrival; he was temporarily out of the province in 1655/56; at the time of his death he was a widower planning to marry Elizabeth Ayler. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, Providence (Anne Arundel County) 1654; Parliamentary Commission, 1654–probably 1657/58 (no record of service after 1655). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: secretary of the province, 1654–1657/58; justice, Provincial Court, 1654–1657/58. (no record of service after 1655); clerk, Assembly, 1654. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 800 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on December 6, 1672. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, 21,849 pounds of tobacco (including 1 servant); FB, 9,378 pounds of tobacco. LAND: at least 300 acres.

**DURHAM, SAMUEL** (ca. 1728–ca. 1787). BORN: ca. 1728 in Baltimore County (later became Harford County); eldest son. NATIVE: probably fourth generation. RESIDED: in Bush River Lower Hundred, Harford County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Samuel Durham (?–1772), of Baltimore County, a planter. MOTHER: Elinor (ca. 1703–?), daughter of Thomas Smithson (?–ca. 1732) and wife Ann. BROTHERS: Joshua (ca. 1733–?), who

married Sarah Thompson; Mordecai (1734–1778); Daniel (1736–by 1772); John (1738–by 1772); and Aquilla (ca. 1746–?). SISTERS: Hannah (1740–?); Sarah, who married first, Thomas Thompson, and second, (first name unknown) Ramsey. MARRIED his first cousin Ann (ca. 1738–?), daughter of Thomas Smithson (?–1795) and wife Mary. Her brothers were Nathaniel; Thomas (?–by 1795); Archibald; Daniel; and *William Smithson* (ca. 1744–1809). Her sisters were Margaret Baslin; Cassandra Green; Elizabeth Durham; and Sarah Durham. CHILDREN. SONS: Samuel, Jr. (ca. 1765–?); Thomas (ca. 1768–?); Aquila (ca. 1770–?); Lloyd (ca. 1771–?); Lee (ca. 1774–?); and Joseph. DAUGHTERS: Mary (ca. 1756–by 1786); Susannah (ca. 1759–?); Elinor (ca. 1761–?); and Charlotte. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Harford County, 5th, 1775. JURY SERVICE: grand jury, Harford County, 1774; petit jury, Harford County, 1783. MILITARY SERVICE: private, Company No. 11, Harford County Militia, enrolled 1775. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 8 slaves, 1 white servant, 1776; assessed value £412.16.8, including 8 slaves and 2 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 273 acres in Harford County (248 acres from his father by gift and bequest). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between July 6, 1786, and February 27, 1787, in Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £787.0.0 current money (including 13 slaves, plate, books, and a still with equipment). LAND: 273 acres in Harford County.

**DUVALL, GABRIEL** (1752–1844). BORN: on December 6, 1752, in Prince George's County; sixth child, second son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, from at least 1777 until at least 1802, when he moved to Washington, D.C., and "Marietta," Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Benjamin Duvall (1719–ca. 1801), son of Benjamin Duvall (?–1774). MOTHER: Susanna (1717/18–1794), daughter of Edward Tyler and wife Elizabeth Duvall. BROTHERS: Benjamin (1746–?), who married ca. 1772 Jemima Taylor; Edward (1755–1780); Isaac (1757–1781); and William (1762–died young). SISTERS: Elizabeth (1744–1777), who married ca. 1770 William Clarke; Susanna (1746–1807), who married first, in 1770 William Higgins, and second, Joseph R. Hodges; Delilah (1747–1839); Sarah (1751–?), who married Amos Simpson; and Sophia (1760–died young). FIRST COUSIN: *Samuel Duvall* (1748–1811). OTHER

**KINSHIP:** his great-grandfathers were Mareen Duvall (?-1694), of "Middle Plantation," Prince George's County, and *Robert Tyler* (ca. 1671-1738). **MARRIED** probably on July 24, 1787, Mary (ca. 1762-1790), daughter of Capt. Robert Bryce (?-ca. 1771), of Annapolis, and wife Frances Wilson. Her brother was John (1771-1805). **MARRIED** second, on May 5, 1795, Jane (1757-1834), daughter of Capt. James Gibbon, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. **CHILDREN.** SON: Edmund Bryce (1790-1831), who married Augusta Caroline McCausland (1798-1832). **DAUGHTER:** possibly Polly (by 1794-?). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** studied law. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican; maintained pews in St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, and at his parish (probably Queen Anne Parish) in Prince George's County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Prince George's County in 1778; Annapolis Mayor's Court by 1781; Anne Arundel County by 1783. Appeared in the Anne Arundel County Court almost 600 times between 1783 and 1792. Maintained his practice in Prince George's County until at least 1823. Officeholder. In 1808 Duvall helped to organize the Columbia Manufacturing Company, a cotton factory in Washington, D.C. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Annapolis, 1787-1788 (Grievances 1, 2; Laws to Expire. 2), 1788, 1789 (Laws to Expire), 1790, 1791-1792, 1792, 1793. **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** clerk, 4th-9th Conventions, 1775-1776; clerk, Council of Safety, in office 1776; clerk, Lower House, appointed 1777; clerk, Commission for the Sale of Confiscated British Property, appointed February 1781; Commission for the Sale of Confiscated British Property, appointed July 1781-resigned November 1782 but attended property sales as commissioner until November 1785; Executive Council, 1782-1783, 1783-1784 (resigned on July 2, 1784), 1785-1786 (resigned on April 20, 1786, because of his opinion that ". . . the late Act to vest certain Powers in the Governor and Council, is repugnant to the Constitution and Form of Government of this State. . ."); judge, General Court, 1796-1802 (resigned); chancellor and judge, Land Office, appointed 1806 (refused); chief judge, First District Court, appointed 1806 (refused); judge, Court of Appeals, appointed 1806 (declined). **LOCAL OFFICES:** prosecutor, Mayor's Court, Annapolis, in office 1781-1784; recorder, Annapolis, 1788-1801; Board of Visitors and Governors, St. John's College, Annapolis, in office 1792-1802; alderman, Annapolis, in office 1798; Maryland Senate elector, Annapolis, elected 1801. **MILITARY SERVICE:**

major, Anne Arundel County Militia, appointed 1794. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** representative, U.S. Congress, 1794-1795 (elected to fill vacancy; seated on November 11, 1794), 1795-1796 (resigned on March 28, 1796, to become judge of the General Court of Maryland); offered position as chief judge of the District of Columbia, 1801 (declined); first comptroller of the U.S. Treasury, December 15, 1802-November 21, 1811; associate justice, U.S. Supreme Court, 1811-1835 (appointed on November 15, 1811, by President James Madison; resigned on January 15, 1835, because of deafness). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Thomas Jefferson wrote to Duvall in 1802 expressing his "sincere esteem and high consideration" of him, noting he had "so much merited the public confidence." Although John Quincy Adams remembered Duvall as a "feeble individual" dominated by William Pinkney, John Marshall praised him upon his resignation from the Supreme Court for "the fidelity with which he discharged the part which had devolved" on him, for his "private virtues," and the "purity of his public life." **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** publicly defended Thomas Jefferson in 1800 against the charge that he had fled from Richmond before the British advance during the Revolution. Described Jefferson as "the Friend of the People" prior to the presidential election of 1800. **WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £90.0.0, Annapolis, 1783; at least 8 slaves, Prince George's County, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably none. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** prior to 1798 Duvall's father gave him the 660 acres in Prince George's County that the family had owned for at least two generations and on which stood the Duvall home, "Marietta." Duvall also owned a large brick dwelling in Annapolis in 1798. Shortly before his death, Duvall sold a tract of land that he owned on the South River in Anne Arundel County and purchased a three-fifths interest in 197 acres in Prince George's County. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on March 6, 1844, at "Marietta," Prince George's County; interred in the family burial ground on the estate. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$54,208.96 current money (including 36 slaves, 271 oz. plate, a law library of 528 volumes and an additional 400 volumes on other subjects, and bank stock valued at \$14,260.00); FB, \$41,863.89, not including legacies of \$14,250.45. **LAND:** ca. 800 acres in Prince George's County. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** His principal heirs were his sister Sarah Simpson and

his grandchildren Marcus, Edmund, Mary Frances, and Gabriella Augusta Duvall.

**DUVALL, SAMUEL (1748–1811).** BORN: on December 24, 1748, in Rock Creek Parish, Frederick County; eldest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Frederick Town, Frederick County, 1788 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Capt. William Duvall, Gent. (1723–1810), son of Benjamin Duvall (before 1700–1774). MOTHER: Priscilla Prewitt. BROTHERS: William (1750–1826), who married Mary Prather; Prewitt Duvall (1752–?), who joined the British navy; and Col. Marseen Duvall (1767–1852), who married first, Rachel Howard, and second, Polly Chambers. SISTER: Sophia (1755–?), who married Henry Bayne. FIRST COUSIN: *Gabriel Duvall* (1752–1844). MARRIED on January 21, 1774, Priscilla Ann (1756–1836), daughter of John Dawson and wife Martha Anne Marbury (1714–?). CHILDREN. SONS: Hampden, died without progeny; Algernon Sidney, died without progeny; Grafton (1780–1841), who resided in Frederick County, was a physician and a member of the Executive Council of Maryland, elected December 1819 and December 1820. Grafton married in 1804 Elizabeth Whitaker Hawkins (1785–1831). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, All Saints' Parish, Frederick County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1782; Gent., 1788; Esq., 1790. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: surveyor. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1781–1782 (Manufactories 1); 1782–1783 (Elections 2). LOCAL OFFICES: deputy surveyor, Frederick County, 1783–1811; All Saints' Vestry, Frederick County, 1811 (elected, but did not serve). MILITARY SERVICE: helped organize volunteer troop of light dragoons, Frederick County, 1781. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 2 slaves, 1790. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 2,000 acres in Frederick County, 1784; purchased and sold approximately 3,700 acres in Frederick County, 1784–1802; owned one-half lot in Cumberland, Allegany County, 1793. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on January 17, 1811, in Frederick County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £414.12.4 current money (including 1 slave); FB, estate overpaid £284.3.0.

**EARLE, JAMES, SR. (?–1734).** BORN: probably in Talbot County, of age by 1709. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at "Heathworth," Queen Anne's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: James Earle (1631–1684), of Talbot County, immi-

grated in 1683 from Ireland. STEPFATHER: (name unknown). MOTHER: Rhoda (ca. 1640–1714). BROTHERS: John; Michael (?–1709), a lawyer, who married first, Sarah Stevens (?–1688), and second, Anne Carpenter (?–ca. 1709); and Joseph (?–1740). SISTER: Lana, who married Christopher Denny. Eight other brothers and sisters, names unknown. NEPHEW: *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694–1739). NIECE: Elizabeth Earle (ca. 1694–?), who married *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739). MARRIED Anne. CHILDREN. SONS: John, of Ogetown, Queen Anne's County, until 1734, then "Heathworth," Queen Anne's County, a contractor and builder, who married Martha, daughter of Thomas Ringgold; James, a sea captain, who married in 1737 Ann Scott. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Ann; Rhodah, who married Thomas Whittington; and Margaret, who married Christopher Cox. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent. at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1719–1721/22 (Accounts 2–5). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Queen Anne's County, 1715—at least 1730; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office 1722–1726; visitor, Queen Anne's County Free School, in office 1723; St. Luke's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office 1728/29–1731 and 1734. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 760 acres in Queen Anne's County (at least 700 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 1,180 acres in Queen Anne's County, between 1720 and 1727. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between May 29 and June 18, 1734, in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £970.8.9 current money (including 15 slaves, plate, law books, and other books); FB, £756.8.6. LAND: 1,856 acres in Queen Anne's County, plus 1 lot in Ogetown, Queen Anne's County.

**EARLE, JAMES, JR. (ca. 1694–1739).** BORN: on February 17, ca. 1694, in Talbot County; a twin and eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's County; "Corsica," Queen Anne's County, built after his first marriage. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Michael Earle (?–1709), a lawyer, who married first, Sarah Stevens (?–1688), by whom he had no issue; son of James Earle (1631–1684), of Talbot County, who immigrated in 1683 from Ireland. GUARDIAN: *Richard Tilghman* (1672/73–1738/39). MOTHER: Anne (?–ca. 1709), daughter of Symon Carpenter (?–1670) and