

"I can't say I hold with many of the rules of our Court. In particular in that of their Making Every Juryman prove his Attendance or loose his Allowance, and think there is too much Countenance shown to Swearing the peace." Mackall was one of a few men in his neighborhood to lend money to the war effort in 1780. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** received as his wife's portion of her father's estate £200.0.0 current money and three slaves in 1758 and £159.6.0 current money in 1773. Assessed value £25.0.0 for 1 slave in Calvert County, 1783. Assessed value £620.0.0, including 24 slaves and £2 plate, St. Mary's County, 1793; owned 26 slaves in St. Mary's County, 1798; assessed value £937.10.0, including 33 slaves and 2 oz. plate, 1808; assessed value \$2,626.27, including 39 slaves and 5 oz. plate, 1813. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 2,024 acres in Calvert and St. Mary's counties (180 acres in Calvert County inherited from his mother, 60 acres acquired through marriage, and remaining land in Calvert County by purchase; ca. 750 acres in St. Mary's County by purchase in 1774). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold ca. 300 acres in Calvert County by 1783; purchased 17 acres in Calvert County in 1785; sold 117 acres in Calvert County in 1791 and resurveyed several of his tracts in that county into a 919-acre parcel in 1811; sold 25 acres in Calvert County shortly before his death in 1813. In 1785 Mackall initiated a suit in the Chancery Court to obtain clear title to his St. Mary's County land purchased in 1774, which included most of St. Mary's City, and to adjust the amount he owed on his purchase bonds because of deficiencies in a resurvey. The case remained in litigation until 1812, when the decree confirmed Mackall's title and set the amount of his debt. Throughout this period Mackall was assessed for the land in varying amounts of acreage averaging ca. 725 acres. He purchased an additional 239 acres in St. Mary's County by 1794 and another 60 acres by 1796. In 1801 and 1802 he patented three small tracts or additions in St. Mary's County totaling ca. 60 acres, of which he sold 10 acres in 1803. He continued to increase his holdings in that county and was assessed for 1,559 acres in 1806 and 1,699 acres in 1808. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on August 16, 1813, in St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least \$9,926.11 (including 40 slaves); FB, \$9,360.24 after first account. **LAND:** probably 2,961 acres in St. Mary's and Calvert counties (1,715 acres in St. Mary's county according to 1813 as-

essment, plus 894 acres in resurveyed Calvert County tracts, and probably at least 352 acres elsewhere in Calvert County). **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** Since this John Mackall owned land in Calvert County even after he had moved to St. Mary's County, it is possible that he was the John Mackall who served in the Ninth Convention of 1776. Refer to *John Mackall* (1740–1799).

**MACKALL, JOHN** (1740–1799). **BORN:** on May 10, 1740, in Christ Church Parish, Calvert County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Calvert County; also in Anne Arundel County by 1772; probably moved to Virginia after 1791. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** *James John Mackall* (1717–1772), son of *John Mackall* (1669–1739). **MOTHER:** Mary, daughter of Benjamin Hance (1684–1738) of Calvert County. **UNCLE:** *Samuel Hance* (?–?). **BROTHERS:** *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745–by 1810); James (1747–ca. 1837); Richard (1749–by 1772); and *Thomas Mackall* (1751–1799). **SISTERS:** Susannah (ca. 1737–by 1782), who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808); Mary (1742–?), who married *Edward Reynolds* (?–by 1820); Elizabeth (ca. 1743–?); Sarah (1752–?); Ann (ca. 1753–?); Margaret (1755–1799); Barbara (1755–?); and Priscilla (1758–1823), who married *Robert Bowie* (ca. 1750–1818). **MARRIED** first, ca. 1762, Mary, daughter of *Thomas Reynolds* (?–1778) and wife Frances Holland. Her brothers were *Edward Reynolds* (?–by 1820); William Holland (?–1801). Her sisters were Elizabeth (?–1801); Frances (?–by 1805), who married *Woolman Gibson, Jr.* (?–ca. 1798); Margaret (?–by 1800); Ann, who married in 1780 *Thomas Gantt* (?–ca. 1802); Sarah; and Rebecca. **MARRIED** second, on April 9, 1780, Sarah, daughter of Samuel Lane (?–1795) of Anne Arundel County. Her stepmother was Providence, widow of Richard Lane (?–1785). Her brothers were Samuel M. (ca. 1730–ca. 1790); John; Nicholas; Nathan; and Joseph. Her stepbrothers were Richard; Benjamin; and Thomas. Her sisters were Hester; Rachel, who married Gavin Hamilton Smith. Her stepsisters were Elizabeth; Providence; Sarah; and Rebecca. **MARRIED** third, on January 11, 1788, Jane, widow of *Alexander H. Magruder* (1745–1782). **CHILDREN. SONS:** James John; Benjamin Hance (1767–1835), who married Mary Wheeler Bond; Edward; Richard; and John James. **STEPSON:** Alexander Magruder (ca. 1769–?). **DAUGHTERS:** Mary, who married Alexander Magruder, probable son of *Alexander H. Magruder* (1745–1782); Frances Holland. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDU-**