

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" domineered 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 LIFETIME.** **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