



## Duvalls Plan 81st Annual Meeting

Council Member and SMDD Treasurer, Clifford Hearn, has been busy planning and organizing the October 13, 2007 Annual Meeting of the Society of Mareen Duvall Descendants. This year our meeting will be held in areas of Maryland and Delaware that should pique the interest of many members. The meeting itself will occur at the Old Bohemia Church-St. Francis Xavier Shrine (1704) near Warwick, Maryland. According to the Reverend Thomas J. Peterman, "Old Bohemia is the cradle of Catholicity in the Delmarva Peninsula and the mother church of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington (Delaware). It is, therefore, of prime interest to us locally and nationally, especially for the critical role it played in the formation of the colonial American Catholic Church. In spite of fire, neglect, and occasional disarray, Old Bohemia stands proudly today as a testament to three centuries of faith."



The Old Bohemia Church-St. Francis Xavier Shrine near Warwick, Maryland.

Following our Annual Meeting, we will relocate eight miles to nearby Odessa, Delaware. Luncheon will be served at the historic Brick Hotel located on the famous Winterthur Properties in Odessa. The Brick Hotel, built in 1822, welcomed merchants, ship captains and visitors to the busy port town of Cantwell's Bridge. Guests would have found comfort in the accommodations offered at this fine establishment. The Hotel was restored for adaptive reuse as a changing exhibitions gallery in 1981. Catered by the renowned Granary Restaurant of Georgetown, Maryland, the luncheon will be a buffet including tossed green salad with house dressing; chicken marsala; baked crab imperial on English muffins with sliced tomatoes, bacon and cheese; pasta primavera; double-stuffed potatoes; asparagus; and a brownie and cookie tray. Cost of the buffet is \$19 per person; \$10 for children 12-years-old and under.

Arrangements have been made for us to tour the famous Historic Houses of Odessa following our delicious luncheon. This tour will include five properties, all conveniently located within easy walking distance of one another. We will, naturally, be shown the Brick Hotel where we will gather for our lunch. We will also tour the Corbit-Sharp House which is furnished to reflect the region's lifestyle in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Another property we will visit is the Wilson-Warner House, built in 1769 and which exemplifies Delaware-Georgian architecture. Its furnishings reflect those recorded in the 1829 family bankruptcy List of Sales. The fourth property will be the Collins-Sharp House, one of Delaware's oldest houses, which dates back to 1700. This picturesque log and frame building is the site's center for educational programming. The fifth property we will see is The Bank. Built in 1853 as the First National Bank of Odessa, it served the Odessa community as a bank until 2000. This stately public building, designed by Philadelphia architect Samuel Sloan, included a well-appointed two-story apartment upstairs that served as a residence for the bank president. Today The Bank houses the local visitor's center and the offices for the Historic Odessa Foundation.

Members with energy to burn after touring Odessa might enjoy exploring nearby Chesapeake City, Maryland, the home of the busiest canal in the nation. The town's historic area is on the National Historic Registry as well as Maryland's His-



The Brick Hotel, Odessa, Delaware.

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toric Registry. Chesapeake City has many historic homes, shops and galleries where you can leisurely stroll among the many gift shops and art galleries. Historic and quaint Chesapeake City also has more than six restaurants where you may enjoy dinner. Restaurant fare ranges from crabs and beer to an upscale restaurant, all within a three-block radius.

For members planning on spending the night Friday and/or Saturday, special arrangements have been made at the new Hampton Inn, 117 Sandhill Drive, Middletown, Delaware. Fifteen rooms have been reserved for SMDD members at \$129 per night (plus tax, complimentary hot breakfast bar/no restaurant). Hotel amenities include a fully equipped fitness center, free high-speed internet access in every room, and an indoor pool and whirlpool. You must reserve your room, however, by September 12, 2007. To make your reservation, call the Hampton Inn directly at 302-378-5656.

For those members who might enjoy staying at a Bed and Breakfast, there are several in the Chesapeake City area. The Blue Max (410) 885-2781 had one available room as of July 16, 2007 (\$129 per night). Two other B&Bs are The Inn at the Canal (410) 885-5995, \$149 per night, two night minimum and the Ship Watch Inn (410) 885-5300, \$145-\$245 per night.

If you plan to spend an extra day or two in the area on your own, you have several nearby options available. You may want to visit Mount Harmon Plantation in Earleville, Maryland, a delightful, relatively small plantation located on a small branch off the Sassafras River. The manor house at Mount Harmon is a three-story brick structure built about 1730 and is an excellent example of Georgian architecture. A thorough restoration was carried out in the 1960's and the house is furnished with American, English, Irish and Scottish antiques of the 1760 to 1810 period. The property is reached via its two-mile driveway. A park is

on the grounds and is home to hundreds of deer and a rare tobacco prize house.

Other nearby towns you may want to include in your personal itinerary might include Cecilton, home to several exquisite historic manor homes and colonial estates; Charlestown, where the North East River meets the Chesapeake Bay; North East, where St. Mary Anne's Episcopal Church, dating back to the early 1700's has one of the oldest graveyards in the state; Perryville, an important staging area and camp for Union soldiers and supplies during the Civil War; and Elkton, the County Seat.

Golfers might be interested in arranging to play a round or two at the Saint Anne's Golf Club in Middletown. The club's golf pro, John Sodoma, Jr. would be happy to make these arrangements for you. He can be reached at 302-378-6499.

This year's Annual Meeting is planned in an area that has something for everyone. Mark your calendar today and return the reservation form found on page 7 so you can enjoy October 13 with your cousins in this beautiful historic area of Maryland and Delaware. Reservations must be returned by September 12, 2007. (Special note: Plan on extra driving time if you must cross the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to attend the Annual Meeting. Due to weekend beach traffic, on Thursdays and Fridays there can be a seven-mile backup!).

### ANNUAL MEETING DIRECTIONS

#### Local Airports:

Philadelphia International: 46 miles from the hotel; Baltimore Washington International: 80 miles from the hotel.

#### To: The Hampton Inn, Middletown, DE

From Rt. 1 traveling south, follow to Exit 136 and turn right onto 299. Proceed to intersection with 301/896 and cross over. Turn right into the parking lot of the hotel.

#### From the Hampton Inn to Old Bohemia Church (Annual Meeting Location):

Exit the Hampton Inn the same way you entered and turn right at the stop light onto Rt. 301 South. Drive approximate 3 miles and turn right onto Rt. 299 West toward Warwick. Drive approximately 1 more mile to the historical marker for Old Bohemia Church in Warwick. At the marker, turn right onto Church Road (a country road). Drive approximately 2 miles and the church will be on the right.

#### Directly to Old Bohemia Church:

From Annapolis take Rt. 301 East. Turn left onto Rt. 299 West toward Warwick. Drive approximately 1 more mile to the historical marker for Old Bohemia Church in Warwick. At the marker, turn right onto Church Road (a country road). Drive approximately 2 miles and the church will be on the right.

### 2007 ANNUAL MEETING PROGRAM

9:00 A.M.	Registration, coffee hour, Meeting Room across from the Historic Old Bohemia Church, Warwick, MD
10:00 A.M.	Call to Order, 81 <sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting, Society of Maren Duvall Descendants, Historic Old Bohemia Church
12:00 Noon	Catered luncheon, Historic Brick Hotel, Odessa, DE
1:30 P.M.	Tour of Five Historic Houses of Odessa, DE

## So You Think You Might Be a Descendant of Charlemagne?

The Mareen Duvall, the Elder and Frances Stockett Royal Line

By: Barrett L. McKown, Registrar

A number of years ago, in 1988 to be exact, I discovered a descent from Charlemagne in one of the Magna Charta volumes, published by John S. Wurts in the 1950's. This line connected to the Mareen, the Elder line through his wife Frances Stockett. Her father, Thomas Stockett, married Mary Wells, daughter of Richard Wells and Frances White, and it was through the White/Weston/Waldegrave families that the connection was made to the Nevilles, Despencers, Prince John of Gaunt, Edward III, William the Conqueror, etc. back to Charlemagne.

The lineage through the Whites and Westons to Charlemagne is not in question. The question in dispute is whether our Frances White is indeed the sister to Jerome White and daughter of Richard White and Katherine Weston. The Order of the Crown of Charlemagne will not accept the line for membership although it apparently had been accepted many years ago. Much work has been done on this line by Mrs. Nellie Owings Chaney of Baltimore and others whose findings were printed in the Maryland Genealogical Society Bulletin, Spring 1996, Vol. 37, p. 145-153. She had previously published an article in the

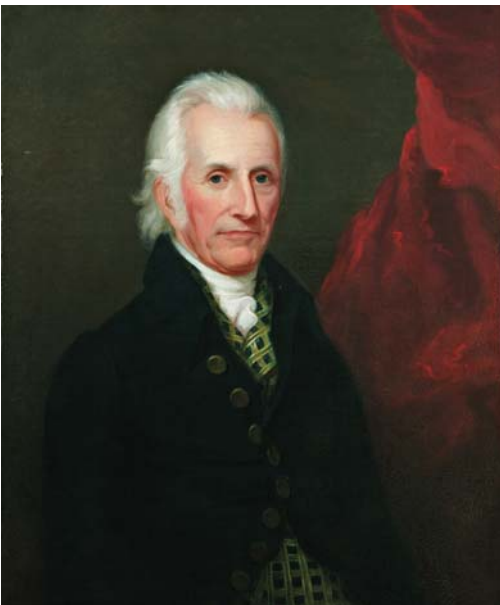


Spring 1994 issue laying out all of the royal connections.

The recent evidence indicates that Katherine and Richard White's daughter, Frances, never came to Maryland. She was mentioned in her brother Jerome's will that was probated in England November 10, 1674 when he willed her a jewel given to him by a

Prince Renaldo. She was also mentioned in the will of John Petre, Esq. as his wife, and probated October 17, 1690, in Writtle, County Essex. The will of Frances White Petre of New House on Cooksmill Green, Writtle was probated November 9, 1711 and named her sister, Catherine White and cousin Philip Waldegrave of Borley as executors. It would seem from the above that she was in England and not in Maryland to be married to Richard Wells.

Frances was born in 1632. Our Frances and her husband, Richard Wells, came to Maryland from Virginia in 1652 which would have made her about 20-years-old. Maryland land records show that Richard Wells, his wife Frances, and 11 children arrived in 1652. There is no way she could have had 11 children by age 20! The Whites were ardent Catholics and Wells was a Puritan, an unlikely combination for a marriage. Although there has not been any mention of whom the Frances White was who married our Richard Wells, it is unlikely, and probably biologically impossible that his Frances is of the White/Weston family.



### DUVALL PORTRAIT TO BE RAFFLED

The Society's one remaining framed portrait of Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall will be raffled off at our Annual Meeting October 13. This stunning portrait of our esteemed ancestor would be a wonderful addition to any home and a precious family heirloom. Chances cost \$5.00 each and you do not need to be present at the meeting to win. Simply complete and return the form found on page 7 of this newsletter and your name will be entered into the drawing.

The framed portrait measures approximately 36"x42". The wood frame is a lovely gold patina finish. The proceeds of the drawing will go toward paying for the graveyard marker that the Society plans to erect on Middle Plantation. Enter today to have a chance (or two or three!) on this exquisite portrait. Return your raffle ticket(s) request to Orlando Ridout at 1021 Whitehall Cove, Annapolis, MD 21409 by September 12, 2007.

## BOY SCOUT WORKS HARD AT MARIETTA



When 15-year-old Jonathan Boda of Cheltenham, Maryland was looking for a project to work on to earn his Eagle Scout Badge, he contacted Park Ranger Ben Sweet for an idea that might combine his project with his own interest in local history. Ranger Sweet inquired of his various contacts and shortly thereafter, Susan Wolfe, Museum Manager at former Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall's home Marietta contacted Jonathan about a project she had in mind.

"Years ago I read a letter by Catherine Moylan DuVal in which she describes the path that led to the spring that provided water to the house. Ever since I read that letter I wanted to have the path cleared," said Susan.

The letter to which Susan refers reads in part, "I wish I were an Artist and could draw the picture for you. It was such a pretty scene with its back ground of trees and bushes, the dear little Spring house and the beautiful

stream of water that was carried off to the meadow below."

Three months and more than 100 man-hours later, Jonathan is about to meet his and Susan's goal. Using his leadership skills as well as his own muscle, Jonathan coordinated volunteers from St. Thomas' Church in Croom, friends, family and neighbors to clear the historic path.

"The most difficult part for me was organizing the people who wanted to help," said Jonathan. Under the guidance of his devoted Scout Leader, Scott Wesley, Jonathan did indeed hone his communication, organizational and leadership skills to make his project a success.

According to Jonathan, Susan Wolfe helped him tremendously. "For example, several very large trees had fallen across that path," said Jonathan. "Because I am too young to use a chain saw, Mrs. Wolfe was kind enough

to help organize a chain saw crew. She even called and checked on the project while she was out of town."

Susan has similar praise of Jonathan. "The nicest thing about working with Jonathan was that he is someone who clearly says what he's going to do and then actually does it," she said. "Jonathan was very committed to the project and did a beautiful job."

The path itself is finished. "The only thing left to do is to install some signage and perhaps a bench," said Jonathan. After documenting and submitting his project through the proper channels, Jonathan hopes to be an Eagle Scout by the end of the year.

Those of us who love and enjoy Marietta are grateful to Jonathan for all his hard work and dedication on this project. Congratulations to this outstanding young man for a job well done.

### FAREWELL FRIEND

We are sorry to announce that our dear friend, Susan Wolfe, Museum Manager at Marietta Mansion has retired. For 15 years Susan oversaw this historic home owned by Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall. "I love this house," said Susan, "and I love leading the tours. I have seen many positive changes at Marietta since I first arrived."

Our Society has depended a great deal on Susan over the years. Among many other things, she willingly organized Duvall family events at the house, answered questions about Justice Duvall and his family, helped organize the construction of the law office and ensured all was organized for our Council meetings held at Marietta.

Susan and her husband Jim often worked as a team managing this historic home. They are leaving Maryland to live in an historic home in Smyrna, DE. On behalf of the entire Society of Maren Duvall Descendants, we thank them both for all their hard work over the years and wish them well as they begin this new chapter of their lives.

### REMEMBER YOUR SOCIETY

Over the years, the Society of Mareen Duvall Descendants has been fortunate to be the recipient of various gifts to Marietta, the home of Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall, including Duvall family furniture, portraits, photographs, relics, genealogical information and financial contributions.

We continue to welcome any and all generous contributions. Gifts made to the Society are tax deductible and an excellent and secure way to preserve suitable family treasures and memorabilia. Please don't risk having something valuable to the Society discarded. Keep the Society in mind when making future plans.

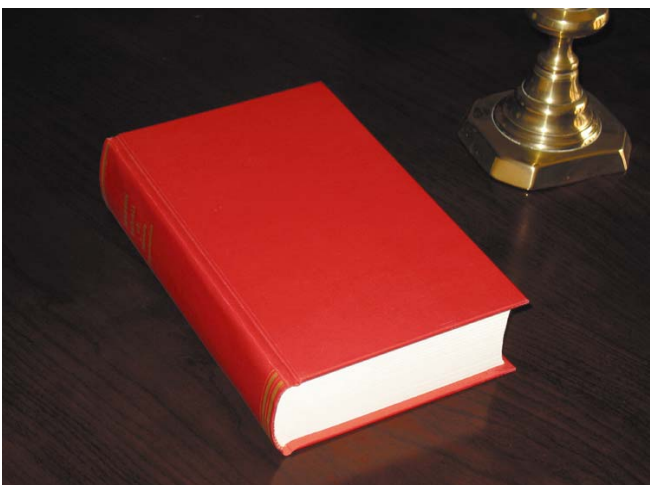
For information about donating to the Society, contact David D. Duvall at 301-579-6464 or bduvall50@aol.com for donations of furniture, portraits, etc. and Clifford Hearn, Jr. at 302-378-0446 or cbhearnjr@cbhearnlaw.com for financial contributions that would assist in financing Society projects and expenditures.

Period furniture and clothing at Marietta.



### NEWMAN BOOKS FOR SALE

If you still don't own a copy of Harry Wright Newman's book Mareen Duvall of Middle Plantation, you are in luck! President Emeritus Orlando Ridout still has a few copies of this valuable Duvall family resource available for sale. The book was first published in 1952 and provides a detailed genealogical history of Mareen the Emigrant, his twelve children, and many of their descendants through the year 1952. The cost of the book, which includes shipping, is \$50.00. If you want to make a purchase for yourself or as a gift for someone else (some early holiday shopping!) send a check payable to the Mareen Duvall Society to Orlando Ridout at 1021 Whitehall Cove, Annapolis, MD 21409.



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***In Memoriam***

The Society mourns the loss of the following members.

We extend our sympathy to their families.

Katherine F. Akins.....#838-L

Eleanor D. Clark,  
Oldest Society Member  
(100-years-old).....#039-L

Elizabeth M. Crompton.....#690

William W. Duvall.....#450

Dorothy D. High.....#764

Billie L. Hoss.....#214

Louise A. Jevne  
(97-years-old).....#386-L

Alice P. Smith.....#485

**“DUVALL’S GRANT”  
LOTS FOR SALE**

A realtor has placed a sign marking five estate lots for sale on a 50 + acre section of Mareen Duvall’s home site on Middle Plantation, in Anne Arundel County, Maryland. The lots are selling for \$650,000-\$700,000 each. The developer originally intended to name the subdivision “Cedar Lane Farms.”



The SMDD Council, however, recommended the name of the subdivision be changed to “Duvall’s Grant,” in honor of our ancestor. The County determined the property is no longer eligible for preservation stating that the site had been completely excavated and that no additional archaeological resources were left to preserve. In addition to changing the name of the subdivision, the developer also agreed to preserve and maintain access to the graveyard.

**SOS—A CRISIS LOOMS AHEAD**

Like many civic organizations in our 21<sup>st</sup> century American culture, the Society of Mareen Duvall Descendants is experiencing a crisis. Even though we boast a membership of more than 380, Bourne Garner, our First Vice President who also serves as our Nominations Chairman, is having a very difficult time finding new people willing to serve as Society Officers, such as Historian, and Council Members, in spite of the Council having voted to eliminate three Council positions last April. Although we continue to have a core group of members who serve on the Council year after year, some who have been kind enough to take on two jobs, several cannot continue in light of health and family concerns. We need new blood!

Cousins, 101 SMDD members live in the Maryland/Washington, D.C./Virginia area. You are especially encouraged to step forward before other dire actions must be taken. Our Society has been in existence since 1926. It is not beyond the imagination to say that if so many members continue to sit back and do nothing that the Society of Mareen Duvall Descendants may no longer exist.

Please help us continue this unique family organization. We know there is time, talent and the willingness to serve our unique Society among our membership. We are not asking a lot from you; only to attend four Council meetings a year, one of which is the Annual Meeting. Yes, we won’t deny that you may be asked to do a job. But when the jobs are shared they are not overwhelming.

If you are interested in serving on the Council or would like to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of Society Officers and Council Members, please contact Bourne Garner at bournegarner@aol.com or 301-627-2160 to discuss the possibilities available. Like Uncle Sam says, “We Need YOU!” Contact Bourne today and help us stay active and alive. Thank you.

***New Members***

We welcome the following new members into the Society:

Mr. Joseph L. Bass,  
Nashville, TN.....#1009

Mrs. Patricia L. Thompson,  
Blacksburg, VA.....#1010

Mrs. Ruth K. Neikirk,  
Lexington, KY.....#1011

Ms. Leah K. Pisaturo,  
Conroe, TX.....#1012

Ms. LaNorma Jean Burris,  
Salem, NM.....#1013

The Reverend Robert Todd Giffin,  
Newburgh, IN.....#1014-L

Mrs. Laura V. Power Alvi,  
Eighty Four, PA.....#1015

Ms. Martha J. Williams,  
Derry, NM.....#1021

Ms. Jeamie M. Burris-Await,  
Salem, NM.....#1022

**REGISTRATION FORM—Society of Maren Duvall Descendants—Annual Meeting, October 13, 2007**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number Total

Meeting Registration (Adults) \$10.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Catered Luncheon, Historic Odessa – Adults \$19.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Children (12 and under) \$10.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Tour - Winterthur Historic Houses, Odessa – Adults \$ 8.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

Total Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to "Society of Maren Duvall Descendants." Detach and return your reservation form and check no later than September 12 to: Orlando Ridout, 1021 Whitehall Cove, Annapolis, MD 21409. Note: No refunds for cancellations after September 28.

Hotel reservations should be made by contacting the Hampton Inn, Middletown, DE at 302-378-5656 no later than September 12 (see page 2).

If planning overnight accommodations, where will you be staying? \_\_\_\_\_

**RAFFLE TICKET FOR GABRIEL DUVALL PORTRAIT**

I wish to enter \_\_\_ tickets at \$5.00 per ticket for a chance to win the framed portrait of Gabriel Duvall.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Return with your check payable to the Society of Maren Duvall Descendants to Orlando Ridout at 1021 Whitehall Cove, Annapolis, MD 21409. Lanny will ensure the correct number of tickets are entered in your name.

**DID YOU REMEMBER TO PAY YOUR 2007 DUES?**  
 Annual dues are payable at the beginning of each calendar year (January).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Member \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Associate (Spouse of Member) \$15

\_\_\_\_\_ Sustaining Member (Pending Approval) \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership (Payable in one lump sum) \$200

Make check payable to: Society of Maren Duvall Descendants. Mail to: Ms. Priscilla W. Duvall, 3642 Cemetery Lane, Westminster, MD 21158-2003

*The Society of Maren Duvall Descendants*



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