Duke family per the Wilson Collection is located in the Maryland Historical Society Library authored by Letitia Wilson. Letitia Wilson was a professional genealogist. Her biography can be found in Lucketts “Maryland Women” volum 2 pages 444-446 and in Andrew’s “Tercentenary History of Maryland” volum 4 page 119-120. She writes Richard returned to England in1653 with his wife and two children, Richard his eldest son and Thomas (his second son?). His fifth son William soon followed and died unmarried. His (third?) son Andrew and his fourth son James and his (only?) daughter Ann stayed in Maryland.

James I married Mary Dawkins the daughter of Joseph and Mary (nee Hall) Dawkins of Calvert County. Their issue were James II, Andrew, Basil, John and Joseph. James I died in 1693.

James II married Martha (nee Mackall, the daughter of Benjamin and Barbara, nee Smith?, Mackall ). Their issue were James III, Martha, Catherine and Elizabeth. James II died prior to 1731.

James III was born circa 1690. He married Martha whose last name is not given. Their issue were James IV b. 1728, d. 1769; Benjamin b.1730; Leonard b.1732? d. 1763; John b. 1734; Basil; Andrew; Martha and Mary. No dates of birth are given for the last four children. It is noted in this account that Martha wed John Mackall the son of James and Anne (nee Brooke) Mackall. This account then follows the line of Benjamin, included in the narrative of which this is an appendix.

William N. Wilkins, genealogist and attorney, compiled the Wilkins File with a number of assistants at the Maryland Historical Society for many years before his death on April 8,1959. I failed to copy his record of the Duke Family but when and if found it should be included here.

In the “Register of Maryland’s Heraldic Families” copyright 1935, author and editor Alice Norris Parran includes on pages 151,152 this lineage. The “Duke of Lake” Devonshire, England, Knight was ancestor of Richard Duke, progenitor who came to Maryland on the “Ark and the Dove” in 1634 with the other colonists. He brought his family however all returned to England except James who purchased, later, part of Brooke Place Manor from the Lord Robert Brooke, Maryland ancestor (?????). James Duke married Mary Dawkins daughter of Joseph Dawkins and Mary Edwin of St. Mary’s Co. His son James II married Esthur (sic) Parran and had son James III, who married Rebecca Sommerville. She was born 1765, died 1837 the daughter of Colonel Alexander Sommerville and Rebecca Dawkins. James IV m- Mary Duke (?) and had Basil Duke whose lineage leads to those of Lydie Duke etc. Basil Duke b.1790 d.1830 m Mary Adaline Davis b.1834 d.1899, the daughter of Mary Hollingsworth and Samuel Davis of Alabama. Registration of her issue - Lydie etc. one grandson, James Basil Duke, son of John Parker Duke and Geneva Blair. The lineage of James Duke III and Rebecca Sommerville leads to the lineage of Alexander B. Duke. J. Nathaniel Duke had Alexander, Nathaniel, Parran and Helen Duke. James Nathaniel Duke m- Maria Parran whose issue - these Registrants. Through the marriage of Polly Brooke to Alexander Duke (b.1788 d.1885) who was the brother of James Nathaniel Duke and lived at Tawney Place, part of Brooke Manor on Battle Creek Calcert Co. known as Roger Brooke Tawney Place.

James Duke the real progenitor of the Calvert Co. Dukes was vestryman at Christ Church
1731, a Justice of the Peace, Burgess and intermarried with the leading families of the community. The St. Mary’s family of Duke branch at the marriage of James Duke IV with Mary Brown Wilson per Mr. Alexander Broome Duke.

Regist./ Md Herald.Fam. page152 Contributed by Mrs. C. Clarence Duke (née Nannie Baldwin of Harford Co.) She names as registrants her husband Charles Clarence and sister-in-law Ann Eleanor Duke. Quote- Barbara Smith Mackall m. James Duke III, son of James II and Mary Dawkins whose son James IV m. Mary Browne Wilson. Of this union was John Duke who m. Mary Priscilla Egerton and a son John Duke II who m. Mary Ann Dent. Their son was John Francis Duke who m. Margaret Ann Nuthall of descent from John Nuthall who represented Cross Manor as a deputy Governor for Thomas Cornwallys who had returned to England and left him (John N.) in charge. John felt little sense of value and traded his land for a horse, saddle and bridle soon afterwards. The registrant Miss Ann Eleanor Duke is the daughter of this last generation (John Francis and Margaret Ann Nuthall Duke).

Through the lineage of Mary Ann Dent daughter of Capt. George Dent who was the son of Thomas Dent who m. Elizabeth Edwards and he (Thomas Dent) was the son of George Dent, Colonel of the Revolution. He (George) m. Mary Boarman dau. of Colonel William Boarman of Boarman’s Manor. George Dent was son of John Dent who m. Mary Shercliffe. John son of Thomas Dent who m. Rebecca Wilkinson, dau. of Rev. William Wilkerson (sic) who gave his dau. who m. Thomas Dent Manorial rights to Westbury, Giesborough and Boarman Manors. The Duke arms: Heraldic Rights per fesse ar and azure three chaplets counter charged. Crest a demi griffen as holding a chaplet azure. Motto “Always Faithful”.

Page 293 (under Parran) The following memo given by Mrs, Elbert Emack of Beltsville, Md.:- Benj. Duke and Mary Parran were m. in Calvert Co. date unknown. He died the last of September or the first of Oct. 1772 at Battle Creek Md. and was buried at his farm in the forest in Calv. Co. Benj. Duke had 3 brothers Andrew James and Basil and 1 sister Martha who m. John Mackall. Benj. Duke and Mary Parran had children as follows: James d. in his 19th year; Mary m. John Clare; Moses Parran m. Elizabeth Jackson; Elizabeth m. William Jackson; Sarah m. William Patterson; Nancy m. Franf Kashaw. James Duke brother of Benj. m. Mrs Mary Wilson. They had 2 sons: James m. Rebecca Somerville, leaving 2 sons Alexander - living in Kentucky and Nathaniel residing in the old homestead near Battle Creek Calv. Co. Mary Duke’s heirs are Rebecca Howe Coode, Mary Parker and James Clare. Moses Parran Duke’s heirs are Mary Parran Emack, Debra Deakins and Ann Emack and 1 son. Elizabeth Duke had 8 children. Sarah Duke had 1 dau. - heirs living August 1849. The father of William Loundes Jackson of Wash. D.C., several members of the family of later generations of the above marriages are listed here if needed.

Page 294 (author?): Richard Duke, Colonist came to Md. in 1634. He was descended from the family of Lake-House in England which branch originated in Devonshire. Duke Armes were cited here again. See above. The Duke’s of Md. are descended from Richard Duke, Gentleman who came to the province of Md. with Gov. Leonard Calvert in the “Ark and the Dove” in 1634. Richard took a prominent part in the early settlement of the province, was a close friend of the proprietor who writes of him as “our honored and trusted friend”.
Richard Duke with the first settlers in St. Mary’s Co. in 1634 in 1641 was on Kent Island, was a member of the Council from 1637 to 1653 and otherwise a prominent man in the affairs of the colony. In 1653 he returned to England with his wife and two children leaving in Md. two sons James and William and daughter Anne. William soon followed his father to England and died there unmarried. James son of Richard Duke, colonist to Md. married Mary Dawkins of Calvert Co. (she the dau of Joseph and Mary, nee Hall Dawkins). James was sometimes called Captain was an active man of affairs and one of Michael Taney’s advisors in the controversy between the Sheriff and Coade for which he suffered arrest and imprisonment. He acquired by purchase large landed estates; his part of the plantation was a part of Brooke Place Manor. James died after 1693. Issue of James Duke and Mary Dawkins:- Andrew Basil John Joseph and James II who died prior to 1731. James Duke II of Brooke Place Manor inheited the major part of BPM and added largely to his possessions. He wed Martha Mackall dau of Benjamin and Barbara (Smith) Mackall. Issue of James Duke and Martha Mackall:- James III (b. 1690 d. 1754); Martha Catherine and Elizabeth. James Duke III of BPM was one of the Justices of Calv. Co. 1730-1754 and of the Quorum from 1736 and is said to have been the first Protestant member of the family and was a vestryman of Christ Church Calv. Co. He wed first Martha Mackall; second Ester Parran (widow). Issue of the 1st marriage:- James IV b. 1728 d.1769; Benjamin b.1730; Leonard b.1732; John b. 1734; Basil; Andrew; and Martha (who m- John Mackall son of James and Anne (Brooke) Mackall. Mary.....? Benjamin 2nd son of James & Martha d.1773 at Battle Creek and was buried in the forest in Calv. Co. He m- Mary Parran Dau of Moses Parran, son of Dr. Alexander Parran and wife Mary Young. Their issue:- James d. young; Mary m- John Clare; Moses m- Elizabeth Jackson; Elizabeth m- William Jackson; Sarah m- William Patterson; Nancy m- Frank Kershaw.

Moses Parran Duke’s wife Elizabeth was the dau. of Alexander Jackson and Deborah(Morduit) Jackson. Their issue were Deborah Morduit b. 1776; Mary b. 1778; Ann Jackson b. 1780; Benjamin b. 1783 (d. aged 9 or11 years). Deborah M. m- Captain Leonard Marbury Deakins. Their dau. Jane m- Richard Serpall of Double Bois,Cornwall, England. Dau.Amelia (Ann?) m- George MacLeod son of John of Dumphries, Scotland. James Duke IV m- Mrs. Mary Wilson and had 2 sons James V and Basil. James V m- Rebecca Sommerville and had 2 children Alexander and Nathaniel. Alex. moved to Kentucky in 1849. Nathaniel remained in the old homestead at Battle Creek. (Dukes indexed on pages other than referred to above are contemporaries and have little or no value to me).

Page 73,74 of series II of the Reg./ Md’s Her. Fam. clearly lists Richard Duke as one of the 20 Gentlemen who accompanied Leonard Calvert to Md 11/22/1633 - 3/25/1634 form england on the Ark and the Dove. He is listed also as a passenger. The double listing is the case with most of the other 20 too. I don’t think the list is accurate as Cuthbert Fenwick is not on and Richard was an indentured servant.


Sarah Broome dau. Nathaniel and Mary Ann Duke was b. Sunday Jan. 22, 1826. Basil b. (see above) Juliet Wilson was b. 1799. Basil and Juliet were m- 11/11/17. Issue: Rebecca b. 8/2/18 d. 10/17/18. Juliet d. May 2, 1820. Mary Duke dau. of James & Rebecca was b. 8/23/1795. She wed John P. Busman Jr. 6/11/1818. Nathaniel son of James & Rebecca A. Duke was b. April 2, 1799 d. 10/22/1886. Mary Anne Broome, Nathaniel’s wife was b. 5/6/1802 They were m- 11/15/1821.

Colonial Families of the Southern States - Stella Pickett Hardy CS 61H272 MHS p194 Duke Family Introduction by author dated 2/27/1911, corrections brought up to date by 10/14/1958. The Dukes of America are descended from the old Devonshire family and Duke of Lake is presumed to be the head of the American Branch. Richard Duke Came to Md. w/ Father White’s party in the Ark in 1634 and settled in St. Mary’s Parish. In 1641 he was residing on Kent Island. He was an influential member of the King’s Council from 1637 to 1653. In 1653 he returned to England taking with him his wife and two of their children. Issue of Richard 2-1 Richard of England;2-2 Thomas of England;2-3 Andrew of Md.;2-4 James of whom later; 2-5 William of Md. Captain James 2-4 of “Brooke Place Manor” Calv. Co. (date of b. unknown) d. after 1693. He was a prominent man of affairs of the colony, was one of Michael Taney’s advisors in the controversy between the sheriff and Coode for which he suffered arrest and imprisonment. He acquired large landed estates in Md., m- Mary Dawkins dau of Joseph and Mary (nee ?) Dawkins of Calv. Co. Issue: 3-1 Andrew;3-2 Basil;3-3 John;3-4 Joseph;3-5 James. James 3-5 of BPM date of b. unknown, d. prior to 1731. He inherited the major part of his father’s estate and added largely to his landed possessions. He m- Martha Mackall dau. of Benjamin and Barbara (Smith) Mackall. Issue: 4-1 James of whom later;4-2 Martha m- William Grey;4-3 Catherine m- Mr. Beale;4-4 Elizabeth m- Mr. Rowland. Hon. James Duke 4-1 of BPM b. about 1690 d. 1754. He was a prominent man of affairs, was Justice 1731-1754; of the Quorum form 1736 to 1754 and is said to be the first Protestant member of the family. He was a vestryman of Christ Church and a staunch and liberal of same. He m- 1st Martha ?, 2nd Esther (nee ?) Parran. Issue by 1st m -:5-1 James b. 1728 of whom later;5-2 Benjamin b. 1730;5-3 Leonard b. 1732 d. 1763; 5-4 John b. 1734;5-5 Basil b. 1735. Issue by 2nd m: Andrew of Harpers Ferry Va.; 5-7 Mary m- Mr. Hellen;5-8 Martha m- John Mackall. James 5-1 of “BPM” Calv Co.
Va. (sic) b. 1728 d. 1769. He was a very active man in affairs of church and state. He m. in 1764 Mary (Brome) Wilson b. 1729 d. 1809, the widow of Nathaniel Wilson and dau. of Colonel John and Anne (Gantt) Brome and granddaughter of the honorable John and Anne (Hooper) Brome and Thomas and Priscilla (Brooke) Gantt. Issue: 6-1 James b. 1765 of whom later; 6-2 Basil b. 1767 of whom later; 6-3 Anne b. 1769 m. Basil Brooke. James Duke 6-1 Of Calv. Co. b. July 15, 1765 d. Aug. 1825 m. June 25, 1786 Rebecca Sommerville b. 3/28/1765 d. 1837 dau. of Colonel Alexander and Rebecca (Dawkins) Sommerville of Ca. Co. Issue: 7-1 Sarah Howe b. 1787 m. Dr. Thos. Bond; 7-2 Alexander MD. of Kent. b. 1788 m. Mary Macall Brome dau. of John and Betty Heigh (Gantt) Brome; 7-3 Basil b. 1790 of whom later; 7-4 Juliet b. 1791 m. John James Brooke; 7-5 Mary b. 1795 m. Rev. John P. Bausman; 7-6 James b. 1797 d. 1846 m. 1820 Anna Marie Laville; 7-7 Nathaniel b. 1799 d. 1886 m. Mary Ann Brome b. 1802 dau. of Alex. & Sarah (nee?) Brome. Basil Duke 7-3 of C.C. Md. b. 1/30/1790 d. 4/15/1830 m. 7-27/1824 Mary Taylor Mackenzie b. 1/29/1804 dau. of Como and Sarah (Mackall) Mackenzie and granddaughter of Hon. Thos. & Ann (Johns) Mackenzie and Benjamin and Mary (Taylor) Mackall. Issue: 8-1 Sarah Mackall b. 1826 d. 1827; James b. 1828 of whom later.

Lt. James Duke 8-2 of Port Republic C.C. b. 9/22/1828 d. 10/15/1901 Grad. Dickenson Coll. Pa. In 1862 (?) he removed to Alabama and engaged in the practice of law until the Civil War. In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in the CSA serving during the entire war, first under General Albert Sydney Johnson and later as 2nd Lt. in the army of the Mississippi on the staff of Gen’l Braxton Bragg. In 1872 he returned to Md. He m. June 6, 1864 Mary Adeline Davis b. 10/16/1834 d. 10/28/1854, dau. of samuel & Mary (Hollingsworth) Davis of Alabama. Issue: 9-1 Mary Mackenzie b. 1855; 9-2 William b. 1857; 9-3 Everard Parker b. 1859 d. 1897; 9-4 Lucy Mathews b. 1861 d. 1863; 9-5 Adeline b. 1863 d. 1869; Eliza Bond b. 1865; 9-7 Rebecca Taylor b. 1868 m. 1886 Dr. Philip Brisco son of James Thompson & Maria (Parran) Brisco of Ca. Co.; 9-8 John Parker b. 1872.


Capt. Nathaniel Wilson Duke 7-4 of Lexington Ky. b. 1806 d. 1850 was educated at USNA. He was a gallant officer etc. He m. 1833 he m. Mary Anne Pickett Currie b. 1813 d. 1847 dau. of James and Caroline Rives (Pickett) Currie. Issue: Basil, the only child, b. 5/28/1837 of whom later. General Basil Duke 8-1 of Louisville, Ky. b. in Scott Co. Ky. was living in 1909. He served w/distinction in the CSA entering at the beginning of the war in 1861 as 1st Lt. in Capt. John H. Morgan’s Co. of “Morgan’s Squadron”. In 1862 he was made Lt. Col. in Dec. of the same year , Col. In 1864 he was commissioned Brig. Gen’l and he took a prominent and active part in many battles, was wounded at Shiloh and Rolling Fork and at the battle Bluffington 7/19/1863. He was captured and taken to Johnson’s Island and thence to the Ohio Penitentiary. In Feb. 1864 he was removed to Camp Chase and transferred to Fort Delaware and later taken to
Charleston and exchanged. He was a lawyer of prominence and has ever been an influential citizen. He was married 6/18/1861 to Henrietta Hunt Morgan b. 4/2/1838 d. 1809 dau. of Calvin C. and Henrietta (Hunt) Morgan of Lex., Ky. Arms crest and motto the same as that of Duke’s of Ca. Co.


Historical Southern Families Vol 1 Copyright 1957.
John 185 husb of Sarah (Peele), father of Mary who wed John Lawrence of Isle of Wight Co., Va. Nov. 1768.
Vol 2 Eliz , Henry and Lidia - wife Lidia Hansford whose dau was Elizabeth. Ref is to “Henry Duke Councilor”
William Duke resided in Charles City, Va. Mar 1672, wed Hannah Grendon and he d. 1678. Issue ????
Henry Duke wed Elizabeth Taylor issue 1,2,3,4 ????
(1)John Duke b.ca.1699 wed Rejoyce Davis?? and he d. before Aug.1753. Issue: Susanna and probably several other children who might be found in Brunswick records.
(2)John Taylor Duke wed Jane nee? He was still living in 1769 Issue: John Taylor Jr.
(3) Henry Duke in Brunswick in1742 wed Elizabeth ??
Wm. Jr. wed Mary Green. Issue: Wm. Jr. wed Mary Green. Issue: Mary; Winifred;Green (male);Tamar (female); and Mamie. Green wed Elizabeth Parham and his will was probated May 1811. Issue B John wed Lydia ? d. 1773. Issue: Wm. b.1754 d.1842;Taylor; Hardyman;Samuel; Robert.
No lineage is given for John and Lydia’s issue. This book has a copy of Sir Walter Raleigh’s letter to Mr.Duke page 179.
All above are Va. & N. Car. See “ Henry Duke Councilor” for more detail.
Page 52 Anthony Baram of Mulberry Island, Va. (gentleman) residing in England on date of his will Sept.6,1641 probated in England left his sister Mary Duke something of his estate.

Vol. 2 p 77 1854 in S.C.???
p 123 Henry Duke wed Lydia Hansford ca mid 1600’s in Va. Henry may have been the son of John who patented 438 a on Chickahominy R. in 1673. John had wed Jane Scasbrook of York Co. and they and they had a son John. Henry Duke above d. ca 1719 and had a dau. Elizabeth. Notable Southern Families by Armstrong Pub. 1974. This family traces their English ancestry to the family in Suffolk to Col. Henry Duke of Suffolk Co. b. ca 1650.Col. Henry wed Lydia Hansford. issue: Henry (2) wed Elizabeth Cliveuere; their issue: Henry(3) wed Ann ? and their issue were Henry (4) to N. Car. and wed Susannah whose issue were Taylor Duke and others. Henry(4) had other siblings not named. Taylor Duke wed Dicey Jones and had 10 children one of whom was Washington Duke b. 1820. The rest of this genealogy is of the Dukes in N.Car. 1800 forward.

DAR appl ic.of Tacy Norbury Cambell. The record of b.of Martha Duke is 1715 - she the 1st and (only ?) wife of James John Mackall and mother of Benjamin per Wilkenson Bible records.:-

I have or can get the following from the original records in the Hall/ Records, but for emphasis, a James Duke d. before 5/31/1734 as his son James had charged himself with an inventory of the estate on that date. Wm. Gray witnessed it as KIN. James was a literate adult in May 1696 as he witnessed the estate of Daniel Henly / Ca. Co. with Joseph Dawkins on that date and again the inv. of Alphonso Cosden of Ca. Co. with John Turner in Apr.1696. James Duke wed Mary Dawkins before 1685. He was b.1663 or Before. His wife was b. 1667. Son James Jr. was b. ca 1690, He witnessed a will in1709. Layton cites the following from MacKenzie: Rich. Duke d. in England; Jas d. Ca.Co.1762;Jas. Jr. d.after 1693. Jas. 3rd m- Martha Mackall dau of Benj.& Barb. Smith. That last item had been crossed out. There is a notation of Duke - St. Mary’s Charles 80. (I dont know what it means but may be a reference to Rich. Duke’s original grant of 100a on the Wicomico.

Land Records 1639-1659 p37 Duke’s Place: a freehold of 100a assigned by Thos. Copley const.? of plantation dated 8/3/1636 (at Portsmouth ?). Surveyed for said Duke 10/24/1649, Hold of his Lordship’s Manor of West St. Mary’s. Mary’s Widower patented to James Duke 1685. Mary Duke’s Doom (wanc?) 1681. Joseph Dawkins to Mary Duke now possessed by Francis Duke (Fulke?). The following note (as all above and below) is in Layton collection. “Could Mary Duke have held if she had not been a widow? There is a notation, NO. Mary Duke widow of James d. 1672, was a widow before 1681 (?). Francis Duke occupied land patented 1681. James Duke m- before 1685. Mary Dawkins d.1731 when rent rolls were made poss. Mary Dukes Doom.

Facts re Richard Duke per Layton: 1638/39 witnessed wills. 1641 attended General assembly. 1642 Excused from same. In Sept. out of province or County. In 1648 was sued and made deposition as 45 years of age and signs (Arch 4 p 392 ?) In 1649/50 sued twice. In 1655/56 Jan. 19 deposition - a scrivenor aged 32.

A typewritten paper in this collection titled Magna Carta Barons traces as follows: Sir Author Basset m- Eleanor Chicketern (Chichester) issue: Margaret m- Richard Duke of Otterton; issue: Richard Duke first son and heir of R Duke of Otterton, Devonshire England by his wife Margaret Bassett, married against his fathers will and consent. He joined the group of adventurers of Lord Baltimore in 1633 and sailed in the Ark and the Dove for Md. He represented his Hundred at the General Assembly 1637-1653. He returned to England in 1642 shortly after his father’s death. He had been disinherited, his neat brother inherited the estates. He returned to Md., made a second trip to England after 1653, died there and is buried in the Otterton Parish Churchyard. Note: these are also my conclusions from Duke Family History. I must/should have a photo copy of this in my papers.

Duke
1) Richard b.1603 England d. after 1653 m- (?) issue: James d. before 1681 m- Mary (?) living in 1681 when she patented “Mary Duke’s Doom”. 3) James d. 1731 m- before 1685 Mary Dawkins. Issue 4) Catherine 1690-1736 m- Ninian Beall 1687-1781 son of Charles resided in Pr. Geo’s Co. See Beall family. See attached photocopies for details. Last page was not copied as it is James duke’s will of 1731 which I have and also is the 171 acre portion of Brooke Place Manor. This account was made by or for the Beall family and relies somewhat on MacKenzie. Penniman Collection compiled prior to 1933. He died in 1957.

1) James son of Richard Duke, colonist to Md. m- Mary Dawkins of Ca. Co. - detail follows Mackenzie - James d. 1693 issue: Andrew.Basil,John, Joseph and James11 who d. prior to 1731. 2) Jas. Duke11 heinherited BPM m- Martha Mackall. Issue: Jas. 3rd b. 1690 d. 1754; Martha; Catherine, & Elizabeth. 3) Jas 3rd detailed Bio fr/ Mackenzie, no b. or d. dates. He m- 1st ??? Martha Mackall, 2nd Ester Parran (widow). Issue: Jas 4th b. 1728 d.1769; Benjamin b. 1730; Leonard b. 1732; John b. 1734; Basil, Andrew and Martha m- John Mackall. 4) Jas 4th m- Mrs. Mary Brown Wilson (not m- or widow, see p152) I don’t understand or agree with Penniman’s note in parenthesis. Issue: Jas 5th & Basil (p 152 says more children) 5) Jas. 5th m- Rebecca Somerville and had 2 children Alexander and Nathaniel. Alex. moved to Ky. In 1849 Nath. was still living at the old homestead, Battle Creek. Note: Elizabeth Marian Duke dau. of Dr. Jas. Duke
Richard Duke b.1603 according to his own deposition in 1648 in which he gave his age as about 45 years and signed his own name, thus showing he was a man of some education. (Md.Arch.4,p 392)

Richard Duke came with Lord Baltimore’s colonists in the Ark or Dove to Md. in 1633. He patented land called “Duke” in Chas. Co. on Posey Creek which later was escheated, also land in Chas. Co. called “Duke’s Place” and possessed land Ca. Co.

He was present at Assembly or Burgess in 1641, but when the Assy. met in Sept. 1642 he was excused, being absent and out of the Province and was represented by his proxy Capt. Cornwallis. No record is found of him until 1647 and was evidently out of the Province during the five years named.

In 1653 he asked for land for transporting him self into the Prov. and also for bringing his wife and two children which he intended to do that present year. Unfortunately names were not given. According to published records Richard Duke made the second trip to England where he d. some time after 1653. Much has been published, probably from family tradition without documentary evidence to support it. about the wife and children who returned to England. Only one son James has been claimed to remain in Md. The destruction of deeds of Ca. Co. may hold proof of much of this family that would have been of much value. James Duke is believed to be the husband of Mary Duke who patented “Mary Duke’s Doom” in Ca. Co. in 1681 and that the following children are the two sons of Rich. Duke and wife whose name is unknown. James Duke married Mary---- and d. before 1681. Francis Duke who was in possession of land in 1681, which was patented that year for Mary Duke and called “M.D’s Doom”. No later record.


Patents at land Office
Dukes Place by Rich. Duke 1649 100a (2 p 538; 2 p 543; ABH p 31
Mary’s Widower surveyed for Jas. Duke 1688 Liber 22 p329,N.S. #B p547
Everich surveyed for Jas. Duke 1689 Lib. 22 p 428 W.D. p 21
Shirt Come Off surveyed for Jas. Duke 1695 B#23 p244
Second Generation
Jas. Duke 2nd (Richard 1st), evidently one of the two children of Richard who was transported to Md. with his mother in 1653.
According to Duke Family by MacKenzie Jas d. in 1672 and is believed to be the husband of Mary Duke who patented Land in Ca. Co. Md. in 1681 called Mary Duke’s Doome. Francis Duke was in possession of the land when it was patented. “Mary Duke’s Doome was inherited by Jas. before 1706 when Rent Rolls were made. Issue: Jas Duke 3rd m- Mary Dawkins before 1685 q.v.

Patents Land Office Annap. Md.
Mary’s Dukes Doom Parented 1683 by Mary Duke Lib.21 p358 Cert. PatSD#Ap24. Lib21 p358. By virtue of a warrent of 200a, 17 Nov. granted to Joseph Dawkins and assigned to to Mary Duke for 100a and hath laid out for said Mary Duke all that tract of 100a in Ca. Co. called “Mary Duke’s Doom” and now in possession of Francis Duke, beholde of the Manor of Calverton. Upon the back of said certificate was thus written “Know ye all men by these presents, I Joseph Dawkins of Ca.Co do assign all my rights in 100a of land Called “M.D.’s D.” land laid out in a warrent granted to Jos. Dawkins 19 Nov.1681 Wit. Jas.Duke Signed Jo. Dawkins

Whereas Mary Duke of Ca. Co. in our Province of Md. hath due unto her 100a by assignment from Jos. Dawkins out of a warrent of 200a granted to said Dawkins 7 Nov. 1681. We grant to Mary Duke all that tract called “M. D’s D.” in Ca. Co.on north side of Patuxent adjacent to land of Henry Hawler. 19 Dec. 1681 Rent 4s (hillings).

Third Generation
Jas D. 3rd (Jas.2nd, Rich 1st) resided in Ca. Co.where died (being aged) in 1731. When the Rent Rolls were made in 1709 he possessed land that had been patented by Mary D. in 1681. He acquired more land both by purchase and patent. He patented land called “Ever Rich” in1689 and “Shirt Come Off” in1695 and “Mary’s Widower”. He also purchased part of Brooke Place Manor from Robert Brooke. This Plantation he willed to his son James where James then resided. The land called “Shirt Come Off” was devised to grandson Samuel Rowland and was where his father Sam Sr. lived. Legacies were also left to grandchildren Martha and Benjamin. To Dau. Martha Gray and son Andrew he devised 1s, while dau.Catherine Beall was to receive 20s and wife 1/3 of estate as law directed. James D.m- before1685 Mary Dawkins dau./ Jos. and wife Margaret Hall of Ca.Co.
Issue : James, Andrew, dau. m- Samuel Rowland, Martha m- ? Gray, Catherine b. ca.1690 m-Ninean Beall. See Beall family.

From the Penniman family
James Duke 3rd m- Martha Mackall. Issue: Jas m- Mary Wilson, son Jas. D. m- Rebecca Somerville issue: Alexander and Basil. Benjamin m- Mary Parran, issue: Jas d. aged 19. Mary wed John Clare; Moses Parran wed Elizabeth Jackson (issue Jas. 6th); Elizabeth wed Wm. Jackson; Sarah wed Wm. Patterson; Nancy wed Frank Kershaw. On another page is a mention of
a Robert Duke - 8th generation. I think he means Richard. This account has several minor errors. Penniman claims (perhaps rightly) that Jas D. 4th (M.D.?) is descended from Benjamin D. thru Moses P. This can be verified.

Historic Graves of Md. Ridgeley
From the stones at the old Duke Place the following trees are constructed: Jas. & Rebecca (Somervell) issue: 1, Alexander b.9/13/1788 d.2/7/1885 m- Mary Broome. 2, Jas. b.8/27//1797, d.4/16/1843 m- Ann Marie Laveille b. 9/4/1801 d.8/28/1839. Issue of Jas,&Ann: Dr. Jas. Jr. b. 10/22183? d. 9/3/1876, wed Carrie Owen - Issue Eliza Howard b. 2/25/? d. 10/28/1862. 2nd child Ann Rebeccab. 12/1822 d.12/1823. 3rd child Ann b.1832 d.1838. 4th child Mrs. Mary Bausman wife of Rev. John Bausman d. 1/291826 aged 3 years ???????

Brisco ETC. MHS LIBRARY
Jas. Duke m- (1685-) Mary Dawkins Jas. d. after 1693. Issue: Andrew, Basil, John, Joseph, James Jr. b. circa 1690. He wed 1st Martha Mackall dau of Benjamin by 1st wife Barbara Smith, dau of Richard Smith and widow of Thomas Holdsworth.( pp42-44.) In a second statement of this union the part underlined above is crossed out.He wed 2nd Esther Parran. Issue of 2nd : James, Benjamin, Leonard, John, Basil, Andrew, Mary and Martha. Martha wed John Mackall son of James Mackall by his wife Ann Brooke.

Flowering of the Md. Palatinate MHS Libr MF184, M55
Rich. Duke wed Mary ? issue:Richard b. ca. 1633 d. ? James 1 b. 16?? d. 17?? Jas. wed 1685(-) Mary Dawkins. Issue: Jas. b. 1670 d. 1731 (son aged 46 in 1737), wed ? Issue: Jas 3rd b. 1691 d. 1754 (btwn Feb.& Mar.); Andrew; Mary wed Samuel Rowland; Martha wed Wm. Gray; Catherine wed ?Beall. Jas.3rd wed ?. Issue: Jas. 4th; John; Leonard; Basil; Andrew; Benjamin; and dau’s. Martha Mackall and Mary Hellen. John Duke and Catherine Rigby approved the valuation of the estate in the amount of 1,023 pounds, 13 shillings on Aug.21,1754.

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By George N. MacKenzie Vol. 1 P 139-141 Originaly Published in 1907 re Duke.
Richard wed ? Issue: Richard - To England; Thomas to England; Andrew _____; James 1st d. after 1693; William to England. Jas. 1st wed Mary Dawkins. Issue: Andrew; Basil; John; Joseph; Jas.2nd d. prior to 1731. Jas. 2nd wed Martha Mackall dau./ Benj & Barbara Smith. Issue: Jas. 3rd b.ca 1690 d.1754; Martha b. ca.1694 wed Wm. Gray; Catherine b. ca 1799(sic) s/b 1699 wed ? Beale; Elizabeth b. 1705 wed ? Rowland. Jas.3rd wed 1st Martha ? 2nd Esther Parran, widow. Issue: Jas.4th b. 1728 d. 1769; Benjamin b. ca 1730; Leonard b. ca 1732 d.1763; John b. ca 1734; Basil b.???; Andrew moved to Harpers Ferry, Va.; Martha wed John Mackall; Mary wed Hellen. Jas. 4th wed 1764 Mary (Broome) Wilson she b. 3/1728 d. 6/11/1809. Issue: Jas. 5th b.7/15/1765 d. 8/1825; Basilb. 6/21/1767; Anne wed Basil Brooke. Jas 5th wed Rebecca Somerville b.3/28/1765 d.1837 Issue: Sarah Howe b. 3/16/1787 wed Dr. John Thos. Bond.; Alexander b. 9/13/1788 d.1885 wed Mary Broome; Basil b. 1/30/1790 d.4/20/1830 wed 1st Juliet Wilson 1824, 2nd Mary MacKenzie; Julie b. 9/25/1791 at James Brooke; Mary b. 8/23/1795 wed Rev. John P. Bausman; James 6th b.8/27/1797 d.4/1846 wed Anna Maria Laville; Nathaniel b.4/2/1799 d. 10/22/1886 wed 1821 Mary Anne Broome 5/6/1802. (Basil and Mary’s Issue: Sarah Mackall b. 10/22/1826 and James 7th b.9/22/1828 d. 10/15/1901. See reference above for
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Added to the narrative of the Ca. Co. Genealogy is “It is the family tradition he (Rich. Duke) was Father White’s private secretary, he was also a close friend and advisor to Gov. Leonard Calvert who called him “My trusted friend”. He returned to England with his wife (and two of their children per Vol 1) and his sons Thos. and Richard who died young, it is believed, in London and never returned to Md. Richard wed (?) issue: Rich. returned to Eng. _No further record; Thos. ditto Andrew no record; James I d. after 1672. William ditto. James I (will proved 1672) wed Margaret (?) issue James 2nd d. 1693; John; Joseph and William, no record.

Jas. 2nd wed Mary Dawkins, Issue: Andrew; Basil; John; Joseph d. probably before their father, no record. James 3rd d. prior to 1731. Jas. 3rd wed Martha Mackall, Issue: Jas. 4th d. ca. 1754; Martha wed Wm. Gray; Catherine wed (?) Beall; Elizabeth wed (?) Rowland. Jas. 3rd (sic, S/B 4th) wed 1st Martha, 2nd Ester Parran. Issue by 1st wife: Jas 5th b. ca 1728 d. ca 1769 wed Mary (Browne) Wilson widow of Nathaniel W.; Benjamin b. ca 1730; Leonard b. ca 1732 d. unwed leaving his estate to his brother Basil; John b. ca 1734; Basil wed (?) issue: Richard; Moses Parran (the latter is really the son of Benjamin).

A break in the printing indicates that the compiler may have meant the following to be the issue of the 2nd marriage though it is not stated.: Andrew moved to Harpers Ferry, Va.; Martha wed John Mackall, son of James and Anne Brooke Mackall; Mary wed (?) Hellen. John (above) of Ca & St. Mary’s Cos. b. ca 1734-1735 d. after 1780. Owing to the complete destruction by fire of all the official County State and church records of Calvert and St. Mary’s counties there no evidence other then family history of John Duke. It is known he had 3 sons, two of whom, James and Basil remained in Ca. Co. while he removed to St. Mary’s where he married. Issue: John b. 1778. James remained in Ca. Co Basil who probably later moved to Kentucky.

John, above of Whitemarsh, St. Mary’s Co. b. in Ca. Co. ca 1778 d. in St.M. Co. in 1837. In 1799 he wed Mary Priscilla Egerton of St. M. Co. Issue: (1) Mary wed Col. John Walton of Annapolis. Their issue: Roland; Randolph; Edward. (2) a son name not given. (3) John of Whitemarsh b. ca 1800 d. 1838. John (3) wed, 1823, Mary Ann Dent. Issue: Susanna wed John L Abell; George Dent wed Nannie Hebb; James Thomas wed Martha Dent; Mary Priscilla wed Robert H. Wathen; Betie Ann died young; John Francis b. 7/25/1835 of whom later. What follows is well documented and understood by Duke’s of St. M.Co. to be the facts and are incorporated into the history of which the above is only an appendix.

Archives of Maryland References to Duke
116 present at the General Assembly 21 Mar. 1641
118 Do. Do. Do. Do. 22 Do.
145 assessed /23 lbs tobacco by a committee 2/Aug. 1642
169 Excused for his absence as being out of the province or county (with 6 others)
180 Sept. 1642 appeared at the Assy. by his proxy Capt. Cornwalleys 13 Sept 1642.
Vol 2 & 3 none.
  p 48 Debt owed Wm. Smith 4 1/2 lbs beaver Sept 1638
  p 52 Testament re estate of John speed in Court Oct. 1639
  p122 450 lbs of tobacco owed to Capt. Cornwalleys 8/5/1642
  p181 Debt of 800 lbs of tobacco due to John Hollis Feb. 1642
  p 340 do 600 do Nov. 1647
  p 385 do 800 do John Hallows 4/29/1648
  p 392 Deposition taken by Thos. Gerrard 6/20/1648 re Lt. Sowth’s desire to obtain
  an Indian girl. Richard stated he was aged 35 years or thereabouts and signed
  his name.
  p 437 Debt of 400 lbs of tobacco & 3 bbls of corn due Thos. Mathews 11/7/1648
  p 498 do 700 do due Cuthbert Fenwick 10/24/1649
  p 521 do 1,000 do do Jan. 1649
  p 533 Quoted by Mr. Gabriel Odgers that Rich. Duke and John Lancelott “would
  goe upon a plantacion of their owne” in testimony taken at Court
  3/19/1649 regarding a time previous to this testimony
Vols 5, 6, 7 none
Vol 8 p111 James Duke signed his name to an address of the inhabitants to the King
  12/31/1689 in Ca. Co. re sheriff Michael Taney.
Vol 9 none
Vol 10 p96 Dorothy Baldridge demanded of Rich. Duke 200 lbs of tobacco due bill
  5/4/1649/1650.
Vol 19 p196 Mrs Anne Dukeworth was allowed 4,334 lbs of tobacco by the province
  ??? Before moving the Commissary office from St. Mary’s to Annapolis
  per General Assembly proceedings 5/8 to 5/27/1695. Probably
  Dudsworth and not Applicable.
  Baltimore re Pirates that may be detected = not applicable?
Vols 24, to 27 none.
Vol 28 p 450 On 11/15/1748 Jas. Duke, Gabriel Parker, Peter Hellen, John Clare, Wm.
  Ireland, Stutten Isaack, John Smith, Young Parran, and Thos. Ireland Jr.
  Justices of Ca. Co. signed remonstances (on pages 448, 449, 450) pre
  sented to his excellency the Governor Sam’l Ogle.
Vols 29 thru 37 none.
Vol 38 p 250 In an act of the Gen’l Assy to confirm to Wm. Gray an oak tree bounding
  the property of Jas. Duke on BPM is cited May 1719.
  & Jr., Jas. Heigh, Benson Bond, Benjamin Hance, Dr. Jas. Somervell, Benj.
  Johns and Edward Guant were appointed commissioners in Prince Frederick Ca. Co. to build the courthouse
Vol 47 To this point references to Dew, Due and Dicks are to family names that are not
  mispellings of Duke. References to Duck are to cotton cloth except for a George Duck who was
  a 2nd Lt. of English Marines a POW on a ship from Bahamas to Balto. Note; there is no mention
of the surname from the Eastern Shore thru Vol 48.
Vol 49 pp 319,320 Richard duke Scrivenor and citizen of London attested to a latin
pronunciation in court in London, England. He is stated to be 47 years of age or thereabouts at
the Chamber of the Guildhall per his deposition on 5/12/1664. (thus b. 1617)
Vols 50 to 53 none.
Vol 54 p 578 Robert Duke recorded his marke, vizt: a flower de Luce of each ear and one nick
under the left ear recorded 4/20/1671 AD (a cattle brand) in Somerset Co.
Vols 55,56 none.
Vol 57 pp2,3 On 1/19/1665 Richard Duke signed his name and John Adwell made his mark to a
statement regarding delivery of cows and pigs and the presence of the brand on same. Richard
Duke is stated in the court proceedings of 1665/66 to be aged about 32 years or thereabouts and
John Adwell aged 30 years or thereabouts came into the office at St. Mary’s on the
aforesaid 19th of January 1665 and delivered in the aforesaid writing to which upon oath they did
testify the same to be truth and nothing but the truth further declaring the said cattle and hoggs
were in their presence (sic) by the said Wm. Dorrington to the said Wm. Groome delivered
accordingly as is above exprest (sic) Sgnd Dan.Jennifer

p167 Provincial Court Proceedings in 1667. The ages of two servants belonging to Wm. Hatton
were judged in court (vizt) Thos. Tywuer of the age of 11 years and Thos. Duke of the age of 16
years ca. 4/9/1667 (thus b. 1651). Wm. Hatton was of St. George’s Hundred, served on the jury
1665 thru 1670. The next dated entry is 4/10/1667.
Vols 58 thru 60 ?????
Vol 61 p 510 To Esme Bayley Sher for the use of Mary Lou for keeping Wm. Duke’s child for
the year past 1,200 # of tobacco. (from the tax levy of Worcester Co.)

pp 546/547 Charles Duke and Christopher Duke signed pititions for or against the
removal of the Balto. Co. seat from Joppa to Balto. Town 1768. Christopher was also the
collector of 50 names beside his own. Vols 62 to 72 none.

P 258 Duke Richard Duke was one of the colonists who came to Md. with the Ark & Dove in
1634. He settled at St. Mary’s, was a member of the Council. Later he returned to England.
There is a tradition that when Richard Duke returned to England he left a son James in Md. who
became the ancestor of the Duke Family of Ca. Co. This James wed Mary Dawkins daughter of
the first Joseph Dawkins. He received a grant of land known as “Short Come Off” in 1673.
James had a grandson, James 3rd b.1680. It is probable that the James Duke, first of the family of
Ca. Co. was a son of the first Richard Duke as his birth must have been prior to 1640 for him to
have had a grandson in 1680. James Duke received a grant of land called “Mary’s Dukedom” in
1681 and a grant called “Mary’s Widower” in 1686. James Duke was known as “Captain” and
was a staunch supporter of Lord Baltimore at the time of the Protestant Revolution in 1689. His
plantation was situated near the southside of Battle Creek in St. Laonard Creek Hundred. He died
about 1692. His son James 2nd wed Matha Mackall a daughter of the 1st Benjamin Mackall. The
rent rolls show that James 1st owned “Rich Level” a tract of 300 acres near BPM. Daughter
Martha wed Wm. Gray. James left “Rich Level” to his son Benj. in 1731. To his Grandson
Samuel Rowland he left “Short (sic) Come Off”. His son James 3rd was left a portion of BPM
which had been purchased from Robert Brooke 2nd. James Duke 3rd. 1680-1754 was a justice of
Ca. Co. from 1731 until his death and was “of the Quorum” from 1734. He is said to have been the first of his family to be born a Protestant. He was a vestryman of Christ Church for many years. James was twice married. His 1st wife was Martha, surname unknown and his 2nd was Ester Parran by whom he had a son Moses Parran Duke who is said to have built the old house near Battle Creek now called “Lavielle Place.” Uriah Lavielle wed one of the daughters of Moses P. James 4th was Mary Broome and his son Jas. 5th 1765-1825 a prominent planter of his day.

Details of Jas. 5th. 6th, 7th and so on can be had from “Colonial Families of the United States” Vol 4 by Mackenzie.


Vol 82 An account of controversy between Sheriff Taney and Capt. John Coode.

Vol 103 A ref. to ownership of BPM by Jas. Duke only.

Vol 118 Jas’ rank w/ other families of Ca. Co. 1750-1775. (he owned 796 acres)

Vol 317 Sommerville Family, one of whom, Rebecca, wed James Duke.


Vol 294 Mary Mackenzie wed Basil Duke.

Vol 172 nil 286 Moses Parran Duke believed to have built “Lavielle House”.

Vols ? or pages 167, 174, 185 Nathaniel Duke was a representative in the General Assembly in the 1830’s; owned more than 50 slaves in 1860 and extensive plantations and held office in 1870’s.

Page 360 A Samuel Duke owned 19 acres of “Gideon and Cleverly’s Right”, 86 A. of Middlesex in lower 100 of the “Cliff’s” in 1782. He was also assessed for 8 slaves, 1 horse, 25 cattle. The total assessment was 328 pounds sterling. There was 1 male in the household over 16 and 4 other white inhabitants.

The lands once owned by John Duke b.1734 included Fishing Creek, 82 a., Chaplain 50a., . East Chaplain 50a, Nutts Cliffs 75a and East Fishing Creek 25a totaling 282 acres were held by John Parran in “Eltonhead Hundred” in Ca. Co. in 1782. John P. also had 12 slaves 2 horses and 9 cattle for which he owned 908 pounds sterling. (see also George Wheeler below). Mary Duke was assessed for 212 a in 1782, (Brooke Place Manor 192 a and Batchelor’s Hall 20 a.) 14 slaves. 7 oz. of plate (silver), 2 horses, 12 cattle in the amount of 709 Pounds sterling. The household counted one male over 16 and 3 other whites. Moses Parran had another 300 a of BPM, 203 a of “Harwood and Letchworth”, 20a of “Mill Land”; 16 slaves, 7 horses, 21 cattle and was assessed 1,644 pounds. There was one male over 16 and 5 other whites in the house. George Wheeler was also assessed for 82 a of Fishing Creek, 25 a of East Fishing Creek, 50 a of Chaplain, 50 a of East Chaplain and 75 a of Nutts Cliffs in “Eltonhead Hundred” in 1782. He had 22 slaves, 18 oz. of plate, 7 horses, 18 cattle for which he was assessed 1,227 pounds. 1 male and 1 other white person was in the house. “Mary’s Dukedom”, 100 a was the name of the land owned by Wm. Dawkins in 1782. With 79 other acres he owned 8 slaves, 7 horses, and 17 cattle. Assessed 413 pounds. One male over 16 and 2 other inhabitants were counted in the household in St. Leonard Creek Hundred. “Rich Level” 94 a (w/ Persia and Truwell ???) was held by David Hellen in 1782. Scarth (?) Hellen had 272 more a of “Rich Level”. John Pardoe had 65 a of “Rich Level”. James Duke is listed with 7 slaves in St. Leonard’s Creek Hundred in 1733.


Memorial to Christopher Johnstone - author? MF187 C-15 J73 C. In the will of Alexander Parran
of Ca. Co.1764;8/29/1765(signed & probated) he names his Niece Mary Clare, widow of John Clare and to trusted and well beloved friends Rev. Mr. Francis Louder and Mr. Hugh Hopewell both of St. Mary’s Co.trustees to my grandchildren and administrators of my estate. John Parran’s will was signed 5/25/1743 and was probated 6/22/1743. His wife Ester received the residue of his land for life, after grants to brothers Alexander, Young, Benjamin, Moses and Samuel, plus 1/3 of his personal estate. John and Ester had no children. She became the second wife of James Duke (4th or 5th). Young Parran who signed his will 4/28/1764 and which was probated 4/7/1772 left his son John lands in St. Leonard’s Creek called Nuts Clifts, Chaplain, East Chaplain, Queries (sic) taken up by Evan in Fishing Creek and E. Fishing Creek. also Discovery adjoining the latter tract. He signed another codicil on 9/22/1770 and therefor died after that date.

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