



The Du Val Family in Richmond

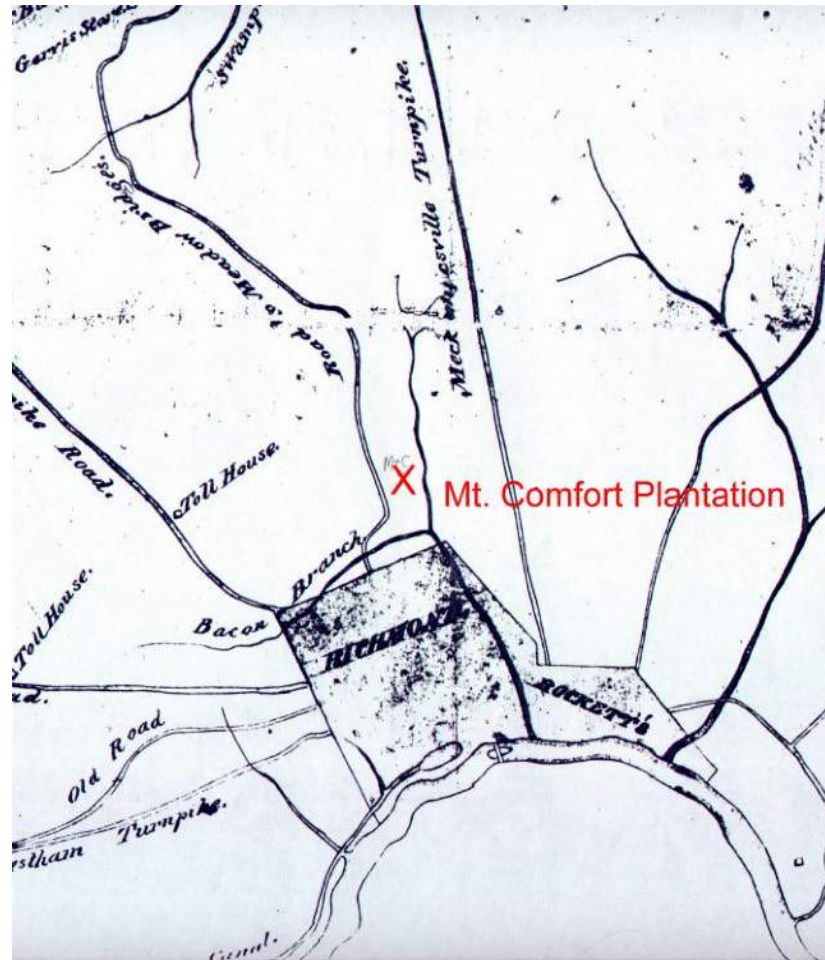
*The First 100 Years
(1750 – 1850)*

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Smith's Map of Henrico Co., Va., 1853



Planter – Samuel DuVal, Sr.

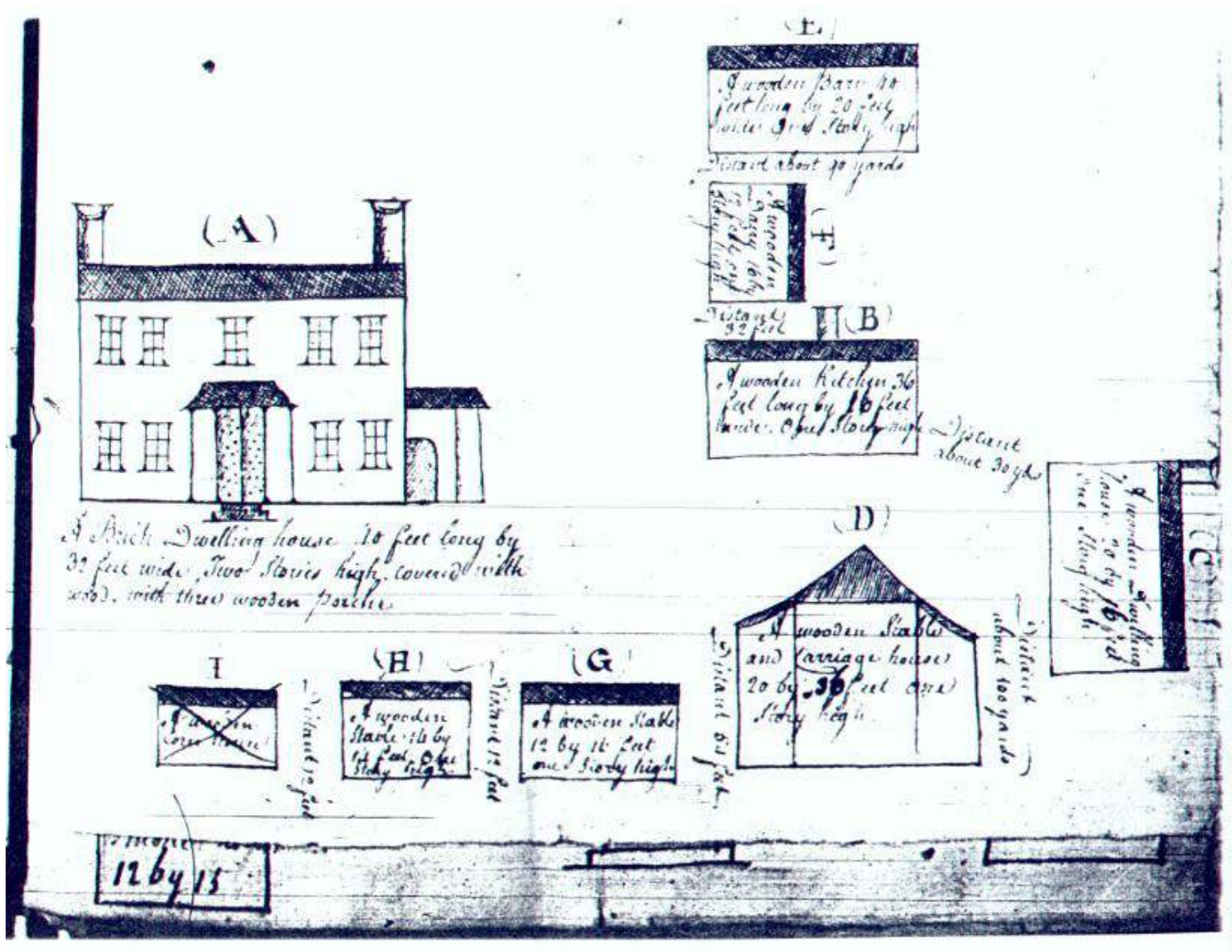


Wood's Map of 1817, (Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA)

Samuel Du Val, Sr. arrived about 1749 having purchased 300 acres 1745 from the Swiss doctor Samuel Tschiffely for 120 lbs in Va. Money. Described as land on the north side of the James River "...standing on the east side of a branch of Shockoe Cr...."

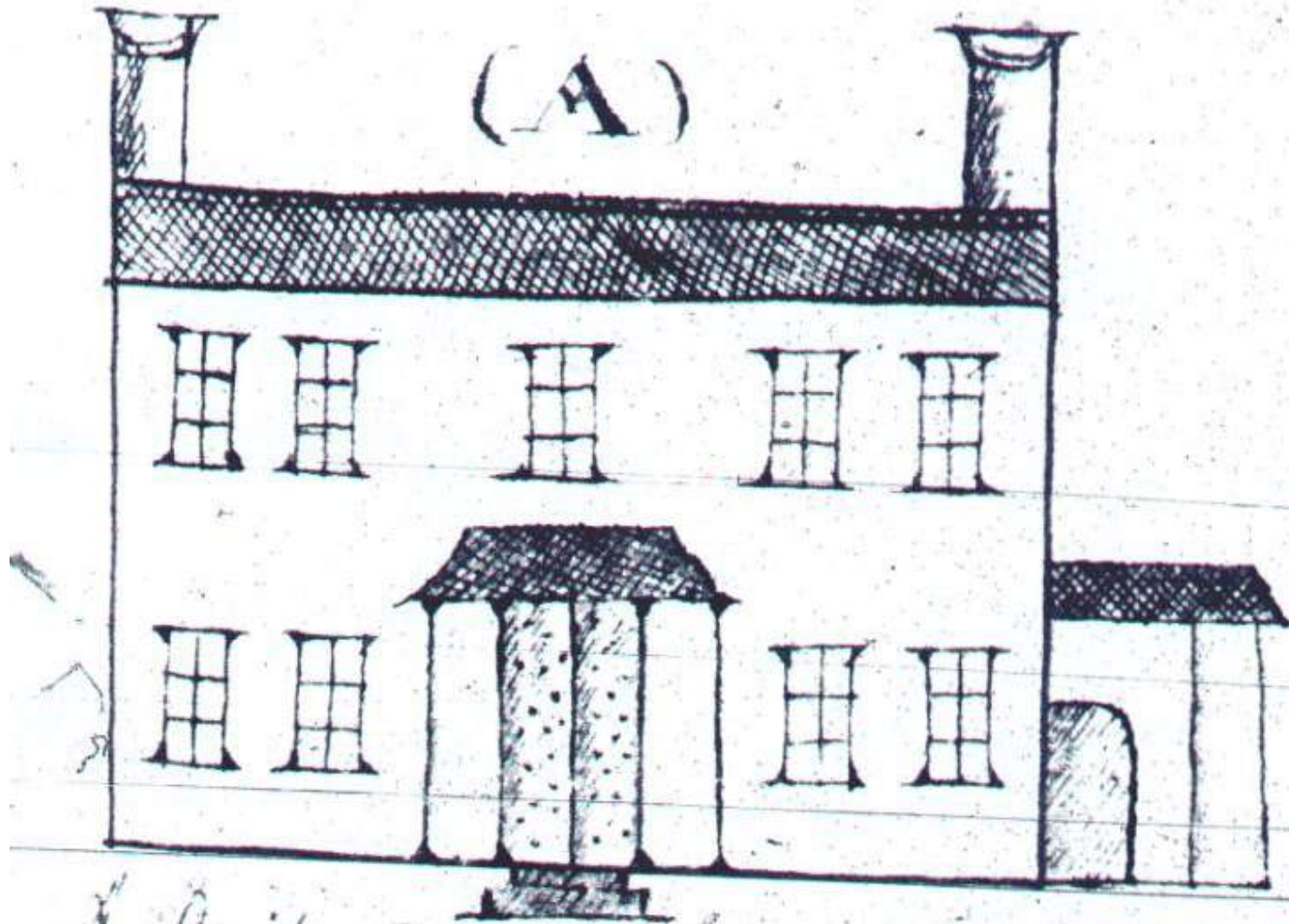
(Henrico Co., VA Deed Bk. 8, p.112)

Architect and Builder – Samuel DuVal, Sr.



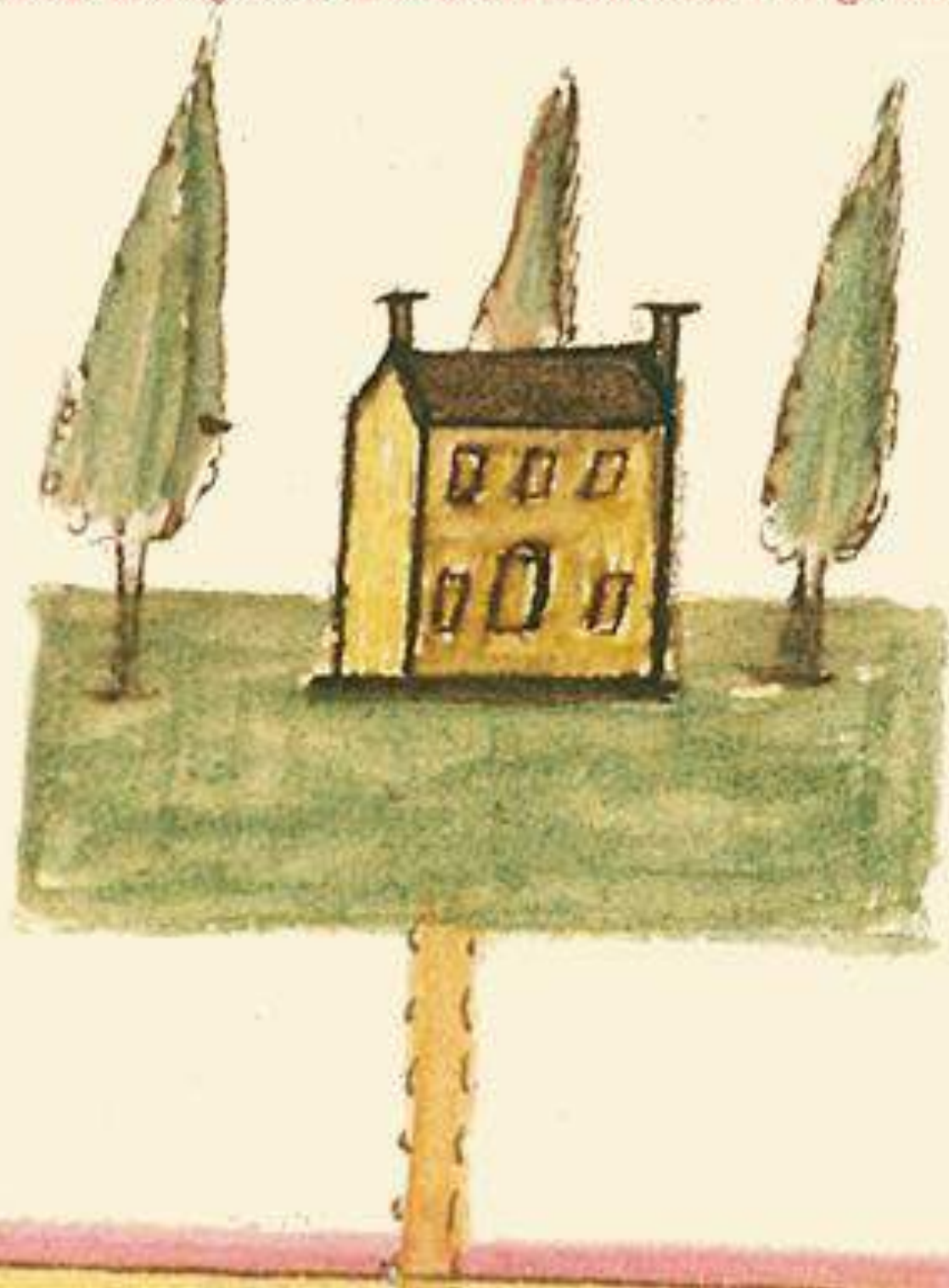
From the Mutual Assurance Society declaration for Thomas Wilson's Mount Comfort buildings in 1802.

(Mutual Assurance Society Records, Virginia State Library, Richmond, VA)

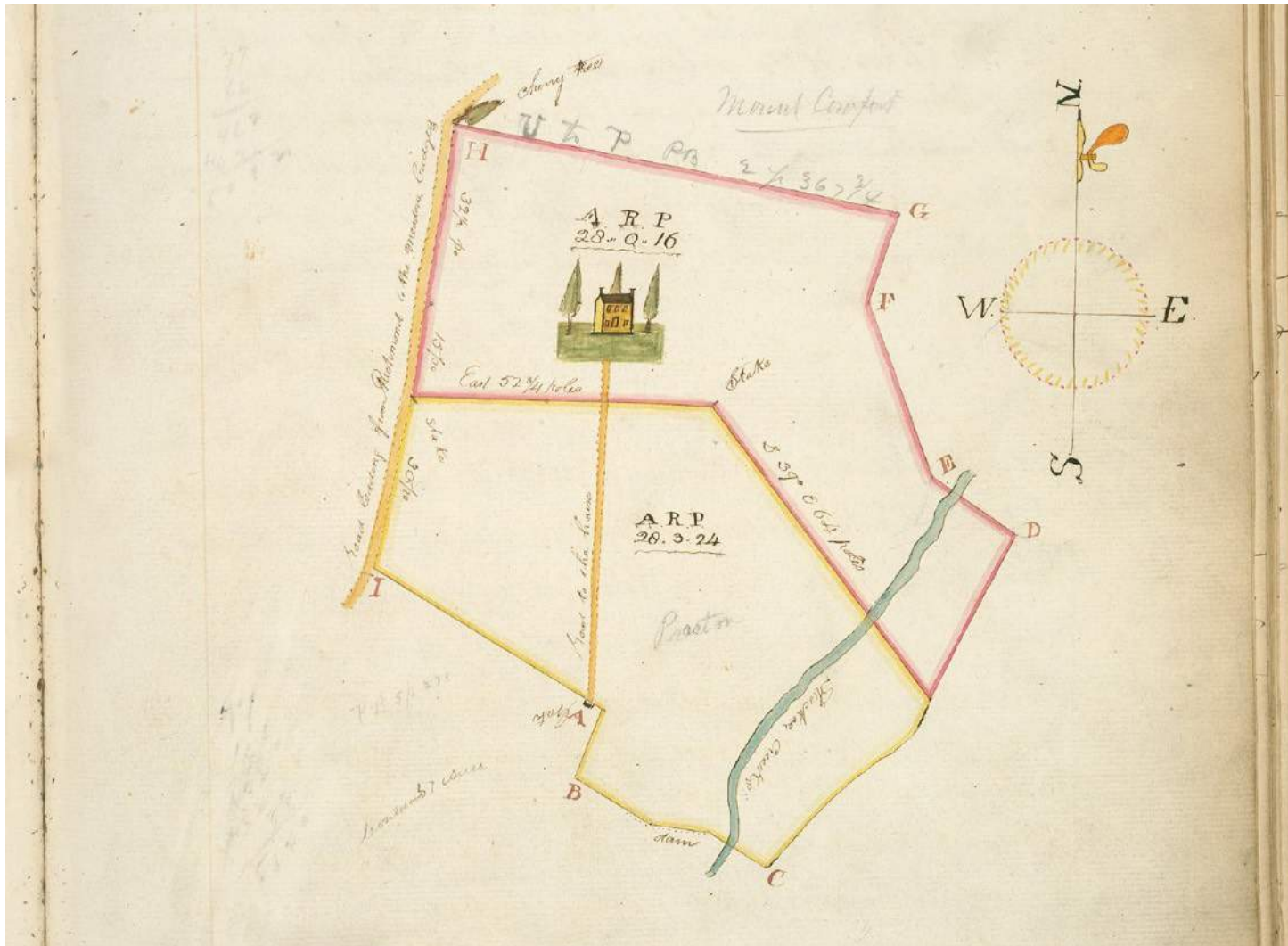


A Brick Dwelling house 10 feet long by
32 feet wide, Two stories high, covered with
wood, with three wooden porches

Mount Comfort Plantation, Richmond, Virginia - 1821



Mount Comfort Plantation of Samuel DuVal, Sr.



(Virginia State Library & Archives, Richmond, VA)

As in looked in 1821 as the residence of P. V. Daniel

List of structures on which Samuel DuVal, Sr. worked.

Petsworth Parish, Gloucester Co., VA

In May, 1746, the vestry of the adjoining parish of Petsworth decided to build a new glebe house and in the records of a meeting of the vestry held August 1, 1746, the following entry appears:

'Ordered that the church warden enter into bond with Mr. Samuel Duval to build a Glebe House pursuant to the last order of the vestry.'

On September 23, 1748, the vestry ordered that the "Balance left in Mr. Thos. Stubb's hands be paid Mr. Samuel DuVal as also the two shillings a head levied in year 1747".

Blisland Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, vestry Book of.

ENTRY Sept.2, 1755 Samuel DuVal signed a contract to build a brick addition to the Upper church in Blisland Parish.

ENTRY Oct.12, 1756 Vestry to pay Mr. Samuel DuVal his balance for an addition to the Upper Church, 4,000 lbs. tobacco.

Also an entry from 1742 where Samuel bid against a Mr. Russell for window construction at St. Peter's Parish (New Kent and James City) Russell got the work. An entry Oct. 6, 1757, where work by a Colonel Burwell Bassett on the Glebe was "valued by Samuel DuVal" and paid at 3,266 lbs. tobacco.

(There were apparently parish line revisions 1740-1760 involving New Kent and James City Counties and involving St. Peters, St. Pauls and Blisland Parishes.)

Samuel DuVal's house carpenter apprentice, 1750

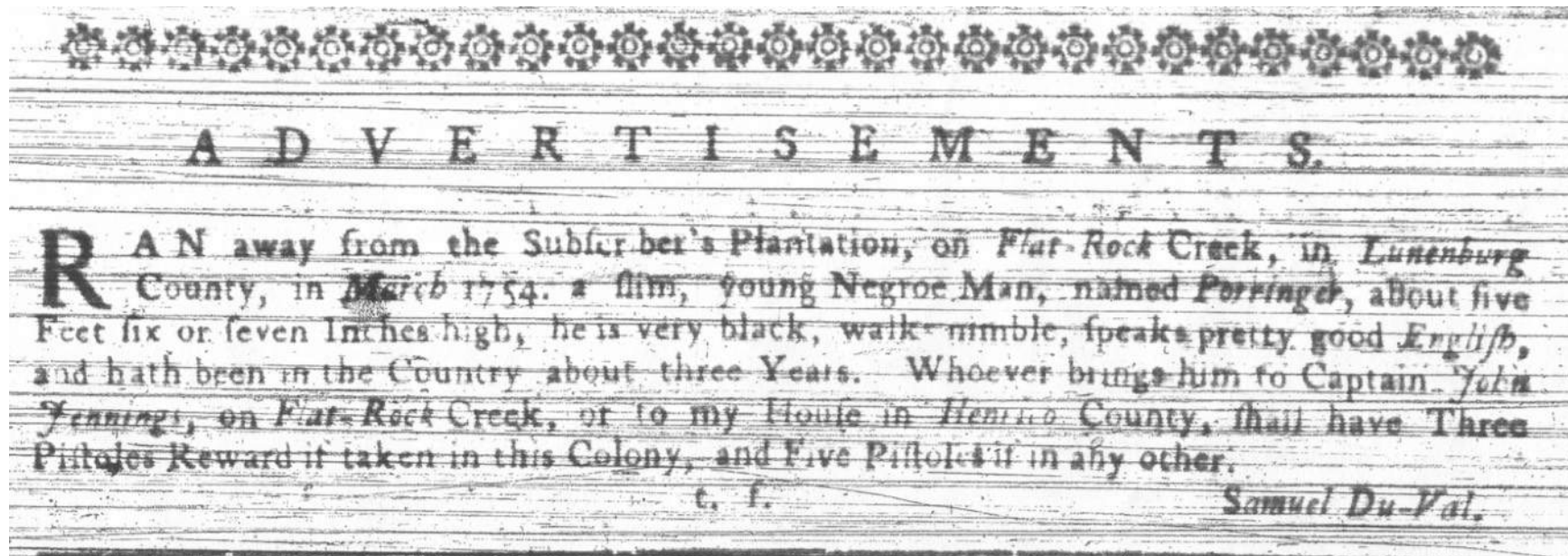
Virginia Gazette

(Hunter), Williamsburg ,

February 14, 1750-1.

RAN away from the Subscriber, living in Henrico County, near the Falls of James River, on Sunday Night, being the 19th Instant, an Apprentice, about 20 Years of Age, named **Richard Green, a House Carpenter and Joiner** by Trade, about 5 Feet 9 Inches high, slim-made, thin Visage, freckled, and very talkative, with long small Legs; he had when he went away a blue Cloth Coat and Waistcoat, lin'd with blue Shalloon, the Coat is short waisted with long Skirts, an old white Devonshire Kersey Coat, with a lying Collar, formerly fac'd with Velvet, but wore off, a Pair of new tann'd Sheep Skin Breeches with a Bawdy-house Flap, with carv'd white Metal Button, a Pair of blue Worsted Stockings, two Pair of blue Yarn ditto, Virginia- made Shoes, with carv'd Silver Shoe Buckles, two white Shirts, a Neck Cloth, two Virginia Cotton blue and white strip'd Shirts, and a Virginia-made Hat: he went away in Company with one James Innes, a Scotsman, about 24 Years of Age, speaks very plain English, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, pale Complexion, flat-footed, knock-knee'd, and carries one of his Toes very much out as he walks, a Knot on one of his Wrists, occasion'd by his Arm having been broke: He serv'd his Time on Rappahannock River, and had when he went away, a coarse blue Cloth Coat, lin'd with coarse red Shalloon, a new Pair of Buck-skin Breeches, a Pair of old dim, and a Pair of light colour'd ditto, a green Waistcoat much worn, with white, flat, eight-square Metal Buttons of two Sorts, and bound when new with green Cord, whereof there is some Remains yet, a Pair of blue and white clouded Yarn Stockings, a Pair of Scotch Shoes new soled, a new Castor Hat, and several other Cloaths: They both have short Hair, and wear white Caps: They stole from the Subscriber a hunting Saddle with a Hog-skin Seat, green Cloth Housing, with green and white strip'd Worsted Lace; they also stole two Horses from Mr. Thomas Atcheson, at the Falls of James River, one a middle siz'd dull Bay, the other a Chesnut Sorrel: Their Brands and Flesh-marks, if any, unknown to me. Whoever apprehends the said Men and Horses, so that I may have them again, shall have Five Pistoles Reward if taken in Virginia, and Ten if out of it; or, Three for Richard Green, and Two for James Innes if taken in Virginia; and Six for Green, and Four for Innes if elsewhere, paid by Samuel Du-Val.

Slaveholder – Samuel DuVal, Sr., 1755

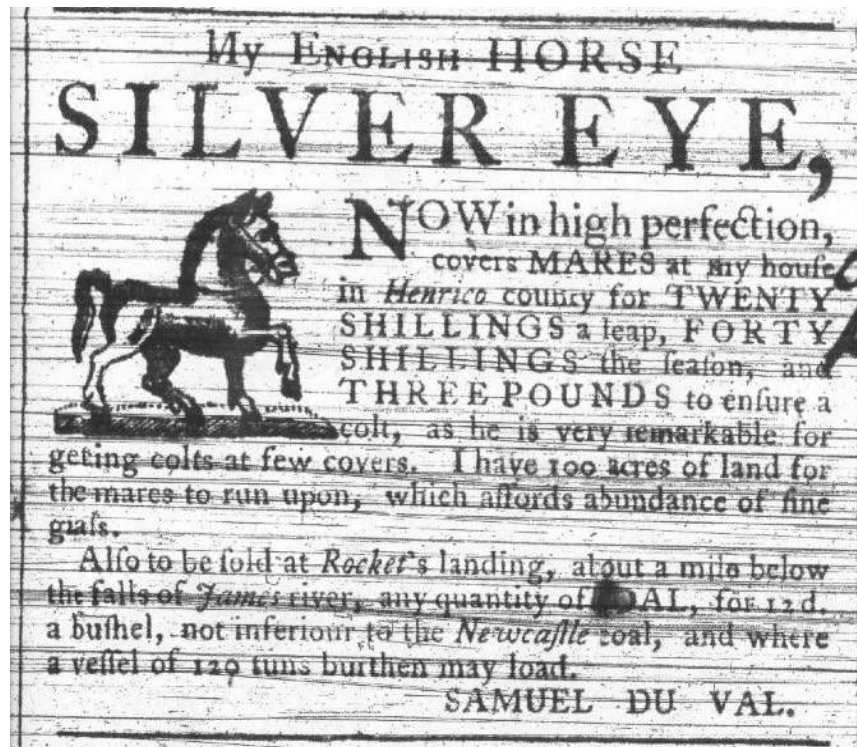


Virginia Gazette
(Hunter), Williamsburg
March 28, 1755.

RAN away from the Subscriber's Plantation, on Flat-Rock Creek, in Lunenburg County, in March 1754, a slim, young Negroe Man named Porringer, about five Feet six or seven Inches high, he is very black, walks nimble, speaks pretty good English, and hath been in the Country about three Years. Whoever brings him to Captain John Jennings, on Flat-Rock Creek, or to my House in Henrico County, shall have Three Pistoles Reward if taken in this Colony, and Five Pistoles if in any other.

Samuel Du-Val.

Horse Breeder—*Samuel DuVal, Sr.*, 1766



My ENGLISH HORSE
SILVER EYE,
NOW in high perfection,
covers MARES at my house
in *Henrico* county for TWENTY
SHILLINGS a leap, FORTY
SHILLINGS the season, and
THREE POUNDS to ensure a
colt, as he is very remarkable for
getting colts at few covers. I have 100 acres of land for
the mares to run upon, which affords abundance of fine
grass.
Also to be sold at *Rocket's* landing, about a mile below
the falls of *James* river, any quantity of COAL, for 12 d.
a bushel, not inferior to the *Newcastle* coal, and where
a vessel of 120 tons burthen may load.
SAMUEL DU VAL.

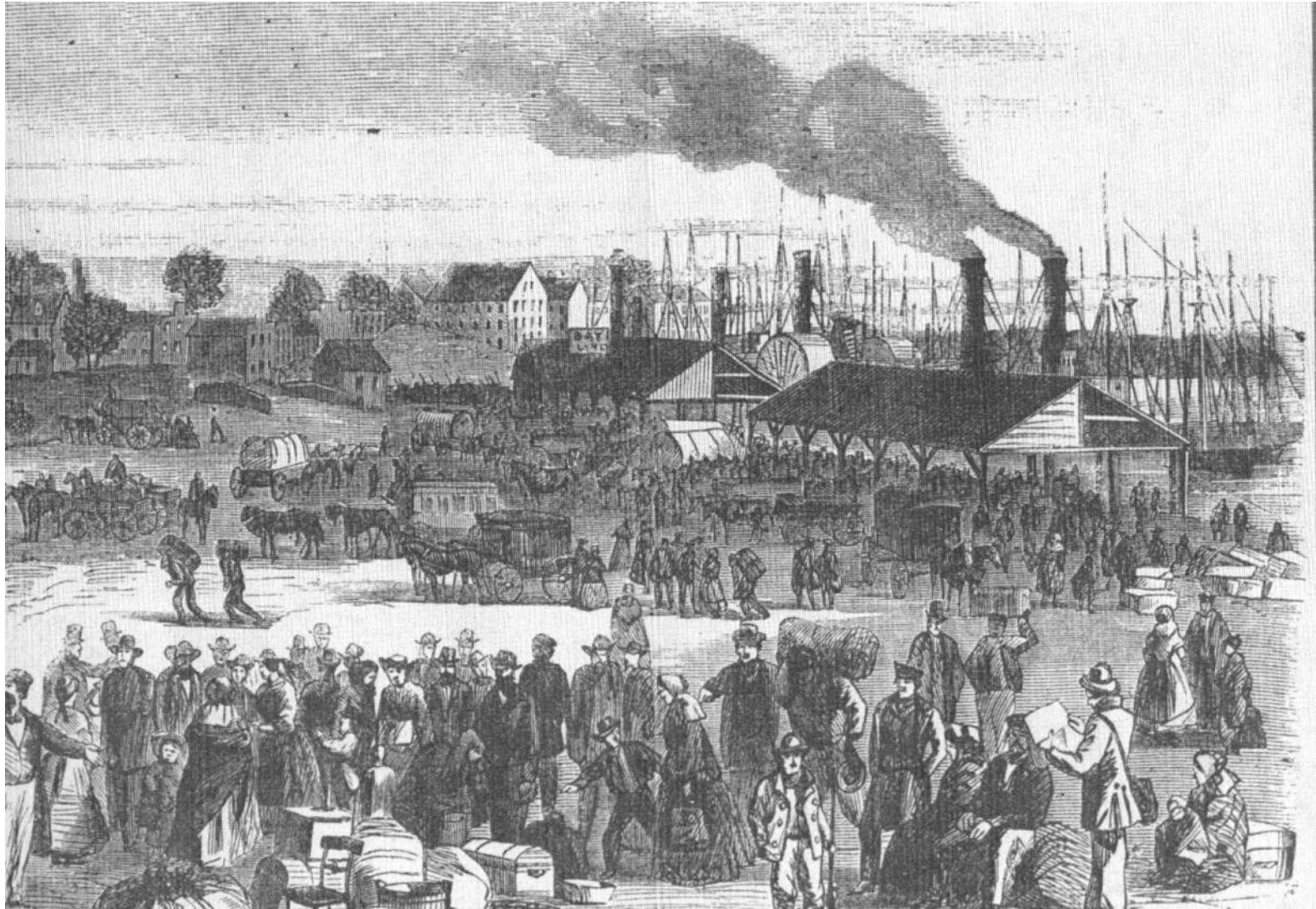
“My English Horse SILVER EYE

NOW in high perfection, covers mares at my house in *Henrico* county for TWENTY SHILLINGS a leap, FORTY SHILLINGS the season, and THREE POUNDS to ensure a colt, as he is very remarkable for getting colts at few covers. I have 100 acres of land for the mares to run upon, which affords abundance of fine grass.

Also to be sold at *Rocket's* landing, about a mile below the falls of the *James* river, any quantity of coal, for 12 d a bushel, not inferior to the *Newcastle* coal, and where a vessel of 120 tons burthen may load.

Samuel Du Val”

Ship Port Developer – *Samuel DuVal, Sr.*, 1764



In 1764 “...and that said Samuel Duval his Executors Administrators...shall and will well and Truly at his...own Proper Labour & Expencc build & Erect good & Substantial Houses & wharfs And make other good & Sufficent Improvenments on the said Land & Premises Hereby Demised... “

Rockett's Port, c.1910

Rocketts Port of RICHMOND, Va.



(Richmond Postcard Collection, Special Collections and Archives,
James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia)

Samuel DuVal's lease agreement for Rocketts, 1764

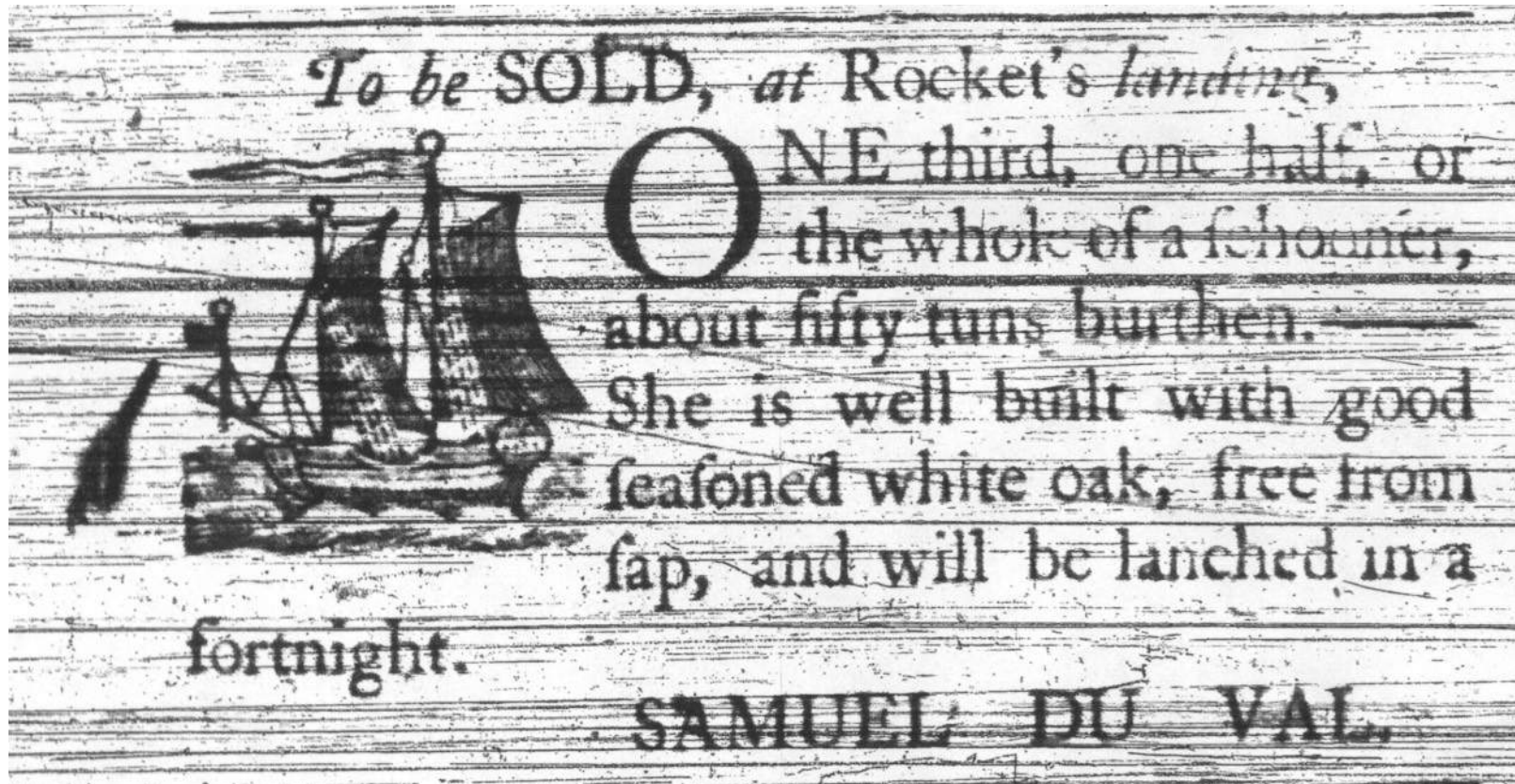
In 1764, when widow Mary Burton and her eldest son, Wiltshire Marrin, ("otherwise called Wiltshire Gromarrin,") agreed to rent a tract to Samuel Duval, they stipulated that he follow certain conditions and agreements:

...for and in Consideration of the Rents Covenants Exceptions & Agreements herein Afsd. mentioned Reserved & Contained by and on the part & Behalf of the said Samuel Duval... do demise Grant and to Farm let unto said Samuel Duval all that Measuage Tenament plantation Tract and parcel of Land Scituate lying and being on the west side of Gilleads Creek...Containing Two Hundred Acres... Bounded by the Lands in the possession of John New Richard Adams & Morgret Brown & so Down the said Creek to James River part of which said Demised Land is Called & known by the name of Rockets Landing & all the Landings & Fishing places with Liberty of Arecting warfs and full Liberty of fishing in the Rivers & Creeks thereto belonging or Adjoining...& and also al Houses out Houses yards gardens Orchards Trees woods Ways waters watercourses profits Commodities & Advantages whatsoever to the said Tract... Except a Certain piece of Level Land on the Top of a Hill now in the Occupation of one Thomas Cardwell Containg about Twenty Acres part thereof...for...the...Term of fifteen Years from hence... paying thereupon yearly For the first Ten years of the said Term the yearly Rents or Sum of fifteen Pounds Current Money of Virginia at or upon the first day of January...for Remaining five years...Sum of Twenty pounds...The first day of January...And that said Samuel Duval his Executors Administrators...shall and will well and Truly at his...own Proper Labour & Expencc build & Erect good & Substantial Houses & wharfs And make other good & Sufficient Improvenments on the said Land & Premises Hereby Demised...Timber which the said Samuel is at Liberty to get from said Land for that purpose not permitting waste...at the end...of the said Term of fifteen years shall and will peaceably & surrender and yield up unto the said Mary Burton & Wilsher Marrin or to such person Or persons as shall then be Lawfully intituled to the possession Thereof...

There is no certain documentary evidence that such structures in the above agreement were situated at the Rocketts #1 Site; however this is distinctly possible, as the site appears likely to have had structures on it by this time.

(The Archaeology of the Rockett's Number 1 Site (44He671) Lot 203 in the City of Richmond, Va. Volume 1: Text by Daniel Mouer, Ph.D. et.al. and prepared for the Va. Dept. of Trans.)

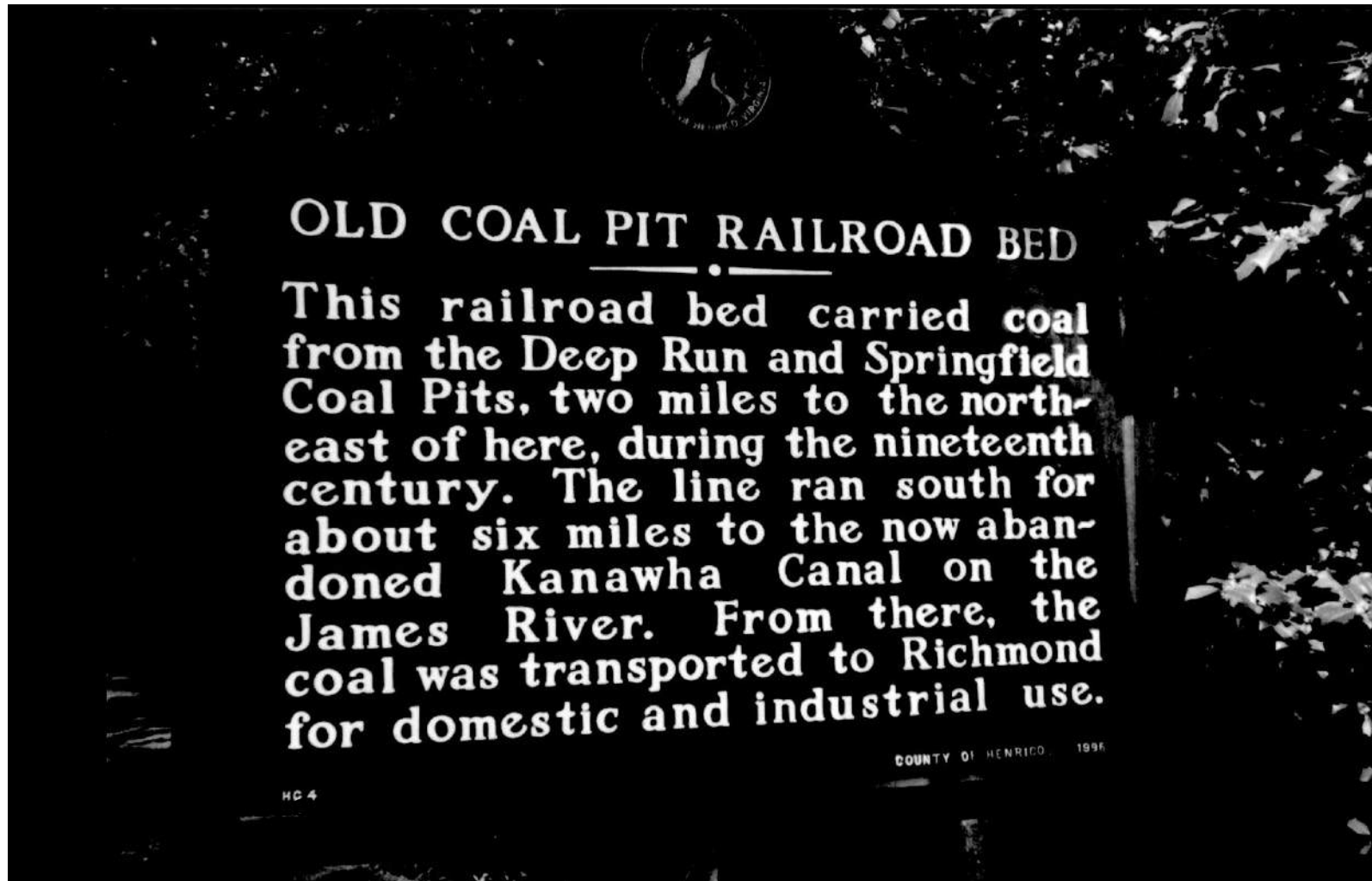
Ship Dealer -*Samuel DuVal, Sr.*, 1768



To be SOLD, at Rocket's *landing*,
ONE third, one half, or
the whole of a schooner,
about fifty tuns burthen.
She is well built with good
seasoned white oak, free from
sap, and will be lanchted in a
fortnight.
SAMUEL DU VAL.

“To be SOLD, at Rocket's *landing*,
ONE third, one half, or the whole of a schooner, about fifty tons burthen.
She is well built with good seasoned white oak, free from sap. An dwill
be launched in a fortnight.
SAMUEL DU VAL”

Coal Mine Developer– *Samuel DuVal, Sr., 1760*



Beginning in 1760 Samuel DuVal began purchasing land in the Deep Run area and by 1763 had accumulated about 1400 acres. This land had a soft bituminous coal that he claimed “not inferior to the New Castle coal” and mined by the pit method. In 1780 he put this land and mines up for sale. By developing Rockett’s he assured a much larger market for his coal.

The coal industry in Richmond and Henrico County

... As early as 1760, Samuel DuVal of Mount Comfort in Henrico opened a coal mine or pit next to the Three Chopt Road, which at that time formed a junction with the Richmond-to-Charlottesville road west of Richmond. Utilizing ten laborers, DuVal excavated coal by the pit method of digging into the coal outcrop. Once the coal was dug, it was piled by the roadside and carried in wagons to Richmond where it was sold for domestic and industrial use. Although it was advertised as "not inferior to the New Castle coal," it was soft and did not produce intense heat unless used in quantity in a restricted area. In 1766 DuVal advertised his coal "to be sold at Rocket's landing about a mile below the falls of the James River, any quantity of coal for 12d a bushel."

The Deep Run pits continued in operation throughout the Revolution under DuVal's management and supplied the coal used at the Westham Foundry from 1777 to 1780. The foundry records are not complete, but they show that 5,998½ bushels were delivered for the years 1777 and 1777-1778 from the Deep Run pits. In addition, 2,781 bushels of "good pit coal" were sent to the Pennsylvania Committee of Safety at ¼ d. a bushel. DuVal offered his coal pits "containing 1400 acres" for sale for "Cash or Tobacco" on September 20, 1780. The sale was to be made on November 6, and he noted that "the vein of coal extends 2 miles in length, and as to its width and depth the labor of 10 hands ever since the year 1760 has proved sufficient for a discovery.... it lies well and commands many advantages unmentioned." The Deep Run pits continued in operation for the next century. Additional pits had been opened after the war, and other individual pits were opened later. One group of pits east of DuVal's original excavations was called the Springfield pits; thus the basin is sometimes referred to as the Springfield Basin.

(The History of Henrico County by Louis H. Manarin & Clifford Dowdey, p. 118.)

Public Servant – *Samuel DuVal, Sr.*

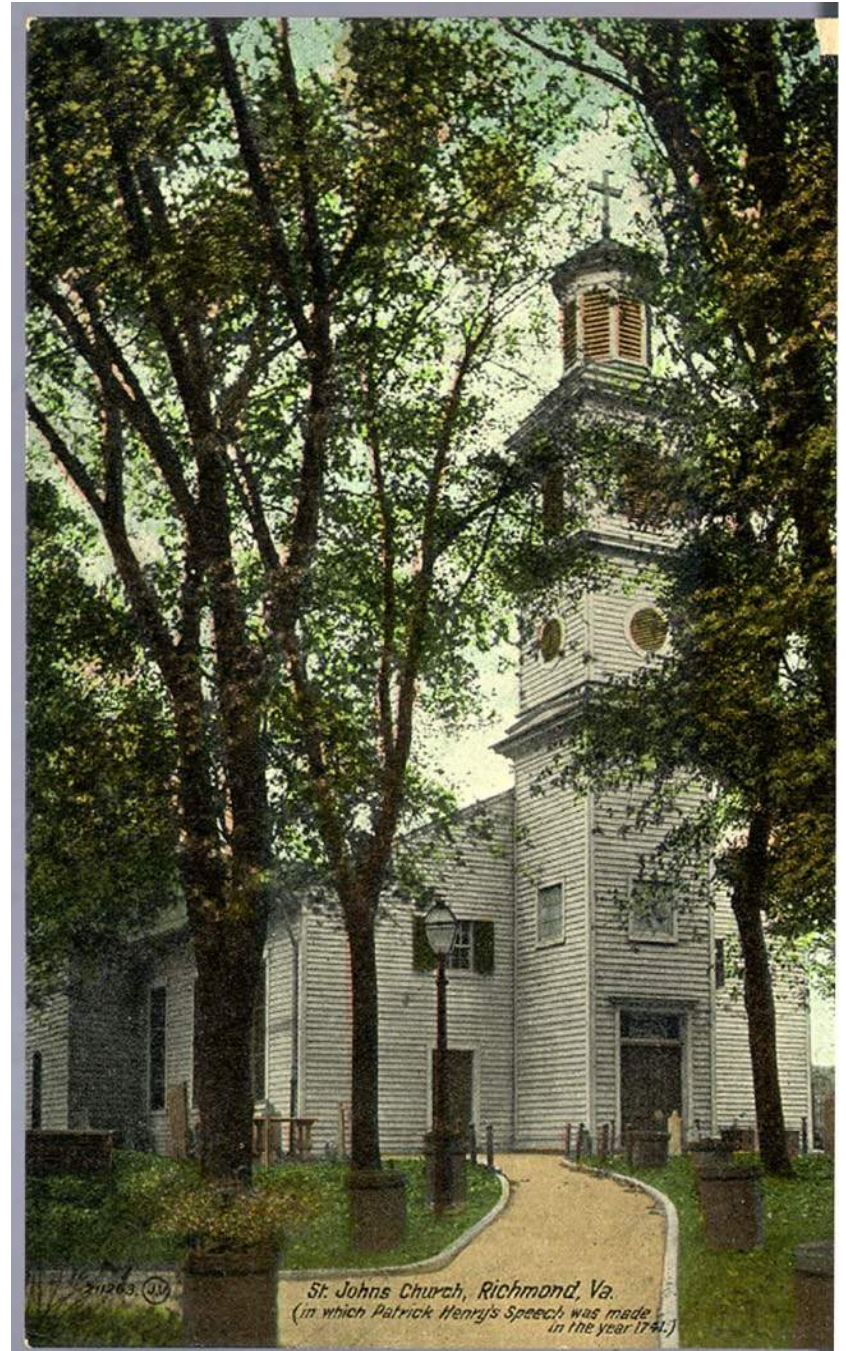
St. John's Church, c.1910

In 1752 he was made vestryman of St. John's Church. He served 32 years as a vestryman.

In 1752 he became a trustee of the town of Richmond, VA.

In 1780 appointed director of public buildings as the result of the State Capital being moved from Williamsburg to Richmond.

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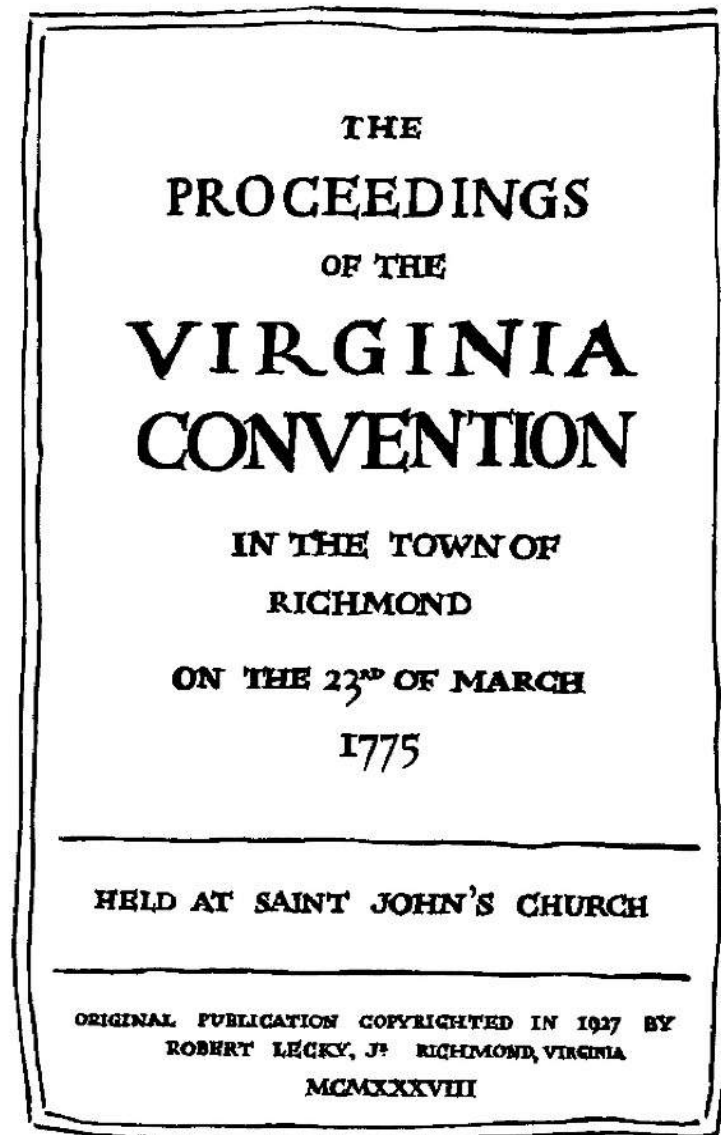


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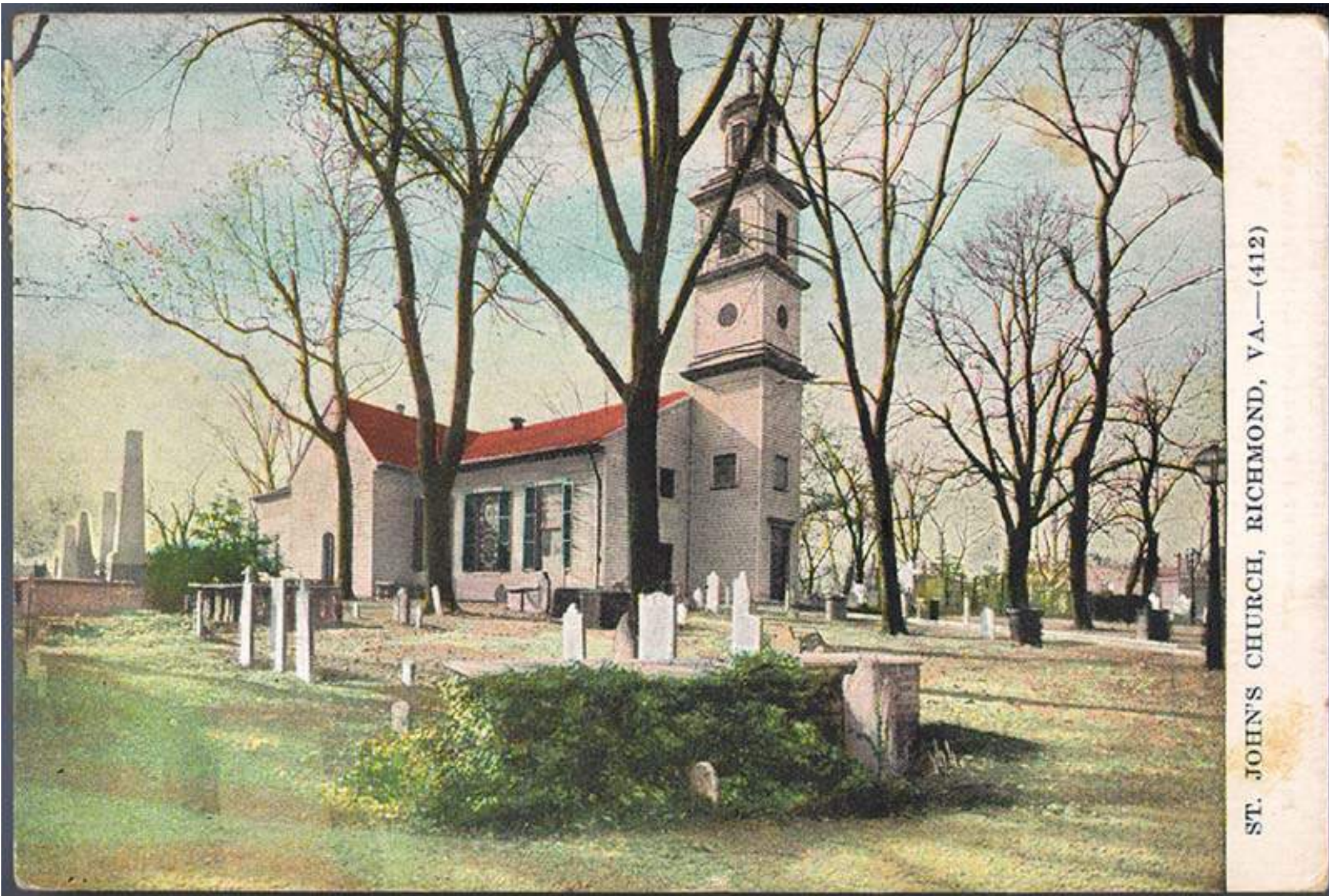
From 1773 to 1776 Samuel was a member of the House of Burgesses from Henrico County.

A member of the first Virginia Convention which assembled in Williamsburg Aug. 1st 1774, and also of the second Convention which met in Richmond, VA in 1775.

1775 -Member of the Committee of Safety and Correspondence for both Richmond and Henrico County.



St. John's Church, c.1910



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.—(412)

(Richmond Postcard Collection, Special Collections and Archives, James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.)

St. John's Church interior, c.1910



RICHMOND, Va. Interior of St. John's Church.

*Am so busy I am almost crazy. School opened Monday
and that means six hundred kids to wait on
bodie*

(Richmond Postcard Collection, Special Collections and Archives, James Branch Cabell Library,
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.)

The Miller & Rhoads Store, c.1930



(Richmond Postcard Collection, Special Collections and Archives,
James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia)

William DuVal's home at the corner of Sixth and Grace Streets is now the site of "The Miller & Rhoads Store" which as early as 1907 was deemed the "the largest department store in the South".

Surveyor – Benjamin DuVal, Sr., 1764

is known all men by these presents that we Benj^{sr} Duval Isaac Young
and husband of In^{rs} Pasford are held and firmly bound unto our Sovereign Lord the
King his heirs & Successors in the sum of five hundred Pounds lawful Money the
Payment whereof well & Truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs & Jointly
This severally & jointly by these presents Seals & Dated this 6th Day of Feb^r 1764
The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas they
Above Bound Benj^{sr} Duval is constituted & Appointed Surveyor of this
County During pleasure by Com^{rs} bearing Date the 21st Day of Jan^y 1764
So that now if the sd Benj^{sr} shall Truly & faithfully execute & perform the said
Office of Surveyor During his Continuance therein then this Obligation to
be void else in force
Seals of Deeds
in presence of }
Benjamin Duval
Isaac Young husband
In^{rs} Pasford

Benjamin DuVal was the next to arrive in Henrico Co., in 1757. On the 21 Jan. 1764 he was appointed the surveyor for the County of Henrico and confirmed 6 Feb. 1764.

(Henrico Co., VA Deed Bk. 1750-1767, p. 833.)

Planter—Benjamin DuVal, Sr., 1765

Benjamin DuVal Wth Thomas Mann Randolph
 1765
 June 10 to two hilling hoes 0-10-0
 18 to two hilling hoes 0-10-0
 August 2 to two hilling hoes 0-10-0
 May 2 to two hilling hoes 0-8-0
 May 2 to two hilling hoes 0-8-0
 May 19 to sett of Boalts to amill 0-7-6
 20 to Pointon two hoes 0-2-6
 July 14 to Pointon & Eye to shoe 0-0-6
 to two setts of Boalts 1-15-0
 21 to two Boalts 0-2-6
 Aug^t 27 to two Boalts & handle 0-3-9
 29 to New Leayin two tromel hoes 0-5-8
 to a set of 0-1-0
 3-6-9

Benjamin DuVal's plantation was on the western edge of the county along Tuckahoe Creek and was adjacent to the Randolph's of "Tuckahoe". In this blacksmithing bill of 1765, Benjamin had work done by Thomas Mann Randolph, (or more likely by his servants or slaves) as did many neighboring planters would have done.

(Virginia Historical Society, Richmond, VA)

Surveyor / Planter—Benjamin DuVal

To be SOLD, on Thursday the 17th of January, pursuant to the last Will and Testament of Benjamin Du Val, deceased, on the Premises, in Henrico County,

ALL the ESTATE of the said Benjamin Du Val, consisting of a valuable TRACT of LAND on Tuckahoe Creek, containing three hundred and eighty six Acres, with twenty five Bushels of Wheat sown thereon, a good Dwellinghouse, and all other convenient Houses; there are about eighty Acres of fine Meadow Land, some of which will bring good Tobacco; also all the Stock of HORSES, CATTLE, HOGS, and SHEEP, CORN, WHEAT, and FODDER, a very good STILL that holds fifty Gallons, a Parcel of Carpenters and Joiners TOOLS, a very good set of SURVEYORS INSTRUMENTS, six choice WHEAT FANS, with two Riddles in each that work both together, eighteen choice SLAVES, mostly *Virginia* born, amongst them a good Pair of Sawyers, a Carpenter and Cooper, a valuable House Wench, and Cook; also all the PLANTATION UTENSILES, and many other Articles too tedious to mention. Two Years Credit will be given for the Land, and twelve Months for all Sums above twenty five Shillings, on giving Bond, with approved Security, to bear Interest from the Date; but if the Money is paid on the Day it becomes due, the Interest will be abated.

All Persons having any Demands against the Estate be desired to make them known by the Day of Sale, and those indebted to pay off their

In his estate sale there was advertised in addition to Surveyor's Instruments, Virginia born slaves (among which were sawyers, a carpenter & a cook), and a 50 gallon still in "very good" condition.

(The Virginia Gazette by Purdie & Dixon, Williamsburg, 10 Jan 1771)

Benjamin DuVal's estate sale newspaper publication, 1771

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All persons having any Demands against the Estate are desired to make such known by the Day of Sale, and those indebted to pay off their debts.

ROBERT DU VAL, Junior”

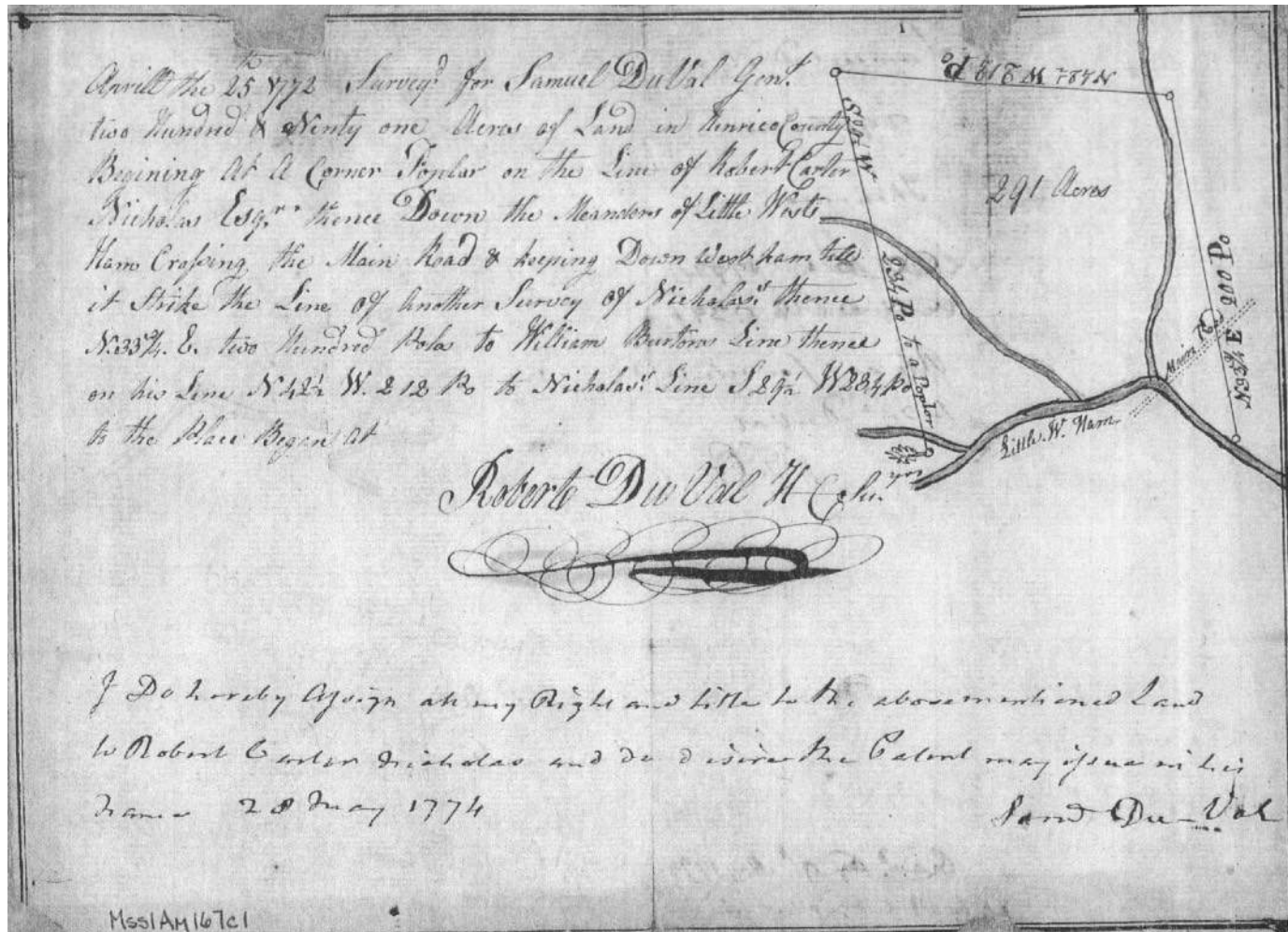
(The Virginia Gazette (by Purdie & Dixon), Williamsburg, 10 Jan 1771)

Builder –*Robert DuVal*, 1764

“1764, Nov. 5th Littleberry Epperson apprenticed to Robert DuVal to learn the trade of House Carpenter and Joiner for two years from the 16th of October last.”

(Henrico Co., VA Deed Bk. 1750-1767, p. 893.)

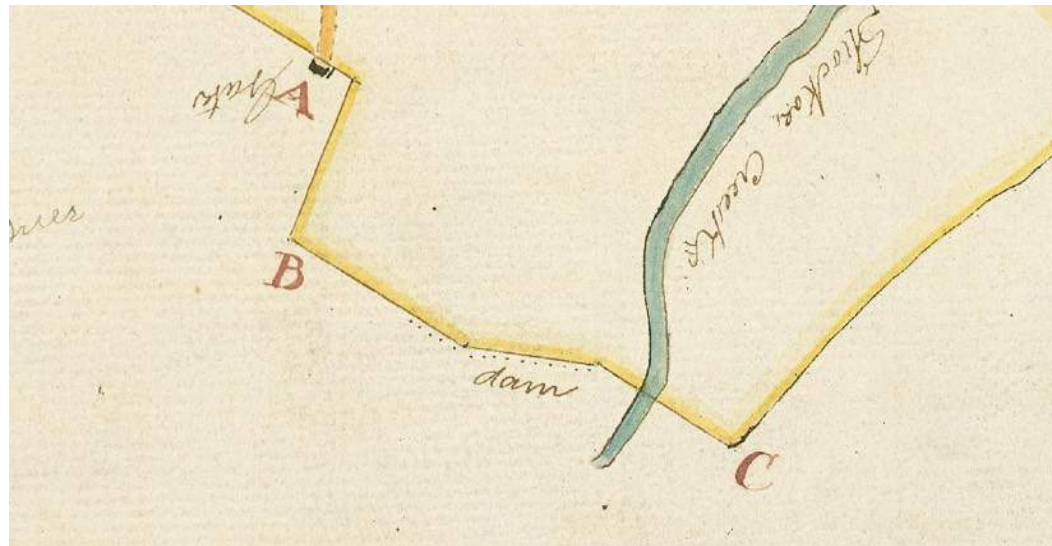
Surveyor – Robert DuVal, 1772



In 1772 Robert DuVal, HCSur. (Henrico County Surveyor) executed this survey (in his own hand) of 291 acres on Little Westham Cr. for his uncle Samuel DuVal. In 1774 his uncle Samuel DuVal assigned this land to Robert Carter Nicholas in a note below (in his own hand).

(The Virginia Historical Society, Mss1AM167c1)

Miller – Joseph DuVal, 1785 & Samuel DuVal, Sr.



Joseph DuVal petitioned the court to build a Water Grist Mill on Stoney Run on January 14th 1785. A group of people would be appointed by the court to see if the resulting millpond from the dam would injure the neighbors. Most mills were owner-operated and ground grain for for the owner's needs and for sale to neighbors or in the city markets. These mills were not a purely commercial venture.

Samuel DuVal had a mill on Shockoe Creek for his Mount Comfort plantation. The location can be seen in the detail from the deed of the plantation above

Apothecary - Benjamin DuVal, Jr., 1793

...continues to practice Physic as usual, and those who may be pleased to employ him, may rely on the strictest attention to their respective cases...

WANTED

Rattle Snake Root, Black Snake Root, Ipecacuanha Root, (commonly called Indian Physic) the gums of Peach, Cherry, Persimmon and Sweet Gum trees...

(The Virginia Gazette & Weekly Advertiser, Richmond, Sept. 13th 1793.)

Benjamin Du Val,
Respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has just imported from LONDON, in the ship Powhatan, a general assortment of

M E D I C I N E S,
Painter's Colours, Perfumery, Confectionary, and Patent Medicines of all kinds,—which he is now selling by wholesale and retail, at the sign of the

GOLDEN MORTAR,
—Next door above Mr. WILLIAM GALT's Store.—

THOSE who may be pleased to favour him with their custom, may depend on receiving Medicines that are genuine and of the best quality, as he has carefully inspected the whole, and discarded all that was in the least defective,—and having imported the best Medicine Searches, and no pounded Medicine, he is enabled to offer such as will bear the strictest examination, as to quality and fineness.—An object of importance with every practitioner of Physic, as those which are imported in powder are often adulterated, and seldom made sufficiently fine.

A considerable allowance will be made to wholesale purchasers, and others may be supplied on as low terms as genuine Medicines can be afforded.

N. B. He continues to practice Physic as usual, and those who may be pleased to employ him, may rely on the strictest attention to their respective cases, and on the most moderate terms.

W A N T E D^(t f.)

Rattle Snake Root, Black Snake Root, Ipecacuanha Root, (commonly called Indian Physic) the gums of the Peach, Cherry, Persimmon and Sweet Gum trees, for which the highest price will be given.

Richmond, July 1st, 1793.

Apothecary - Benjamin DuVal, Jr. - 1798

These valuable pills are sold by the patentee, at the sign of the Golden Mortar, in Richmond,...

...great efficacy in cleansing the stomach and bowels from bile and other injurious matter... so often the cause of disease...

(Virginia Herald, Fredericksburg, Oct. 23rd 1798)

D U · V A L ' s
PATENT ANTIBILLIOUS PILLS,
SO much approved by all who have taken them for upwards of four years past, for their great efficacy in cleansing the stomach and bowels from bile and other injurious matters, so often the immediate cause of disease: By which means they cure Agues and Billious Fevers, Cholics, Head Ache, Giddines, Costiveness, and most Diseases of the stomach and bowels, without injuring the tone of either, as emetics and strong purges are apt to do. — They are sufficiently powerful, yet mild and innocent, and may be taken by men, women and children in any situation, and at any time, without hindrance from business or alteration in diet. — These valuable Pills are sold by the patentee, at the sign of the Golden Mortar, in Richmond; and for the convenience of distant customers, as well as to promote the circulation of so valuable a Medicine, he has appointed the following gentlemen to dispose of them in different parts of Virginia, at twenty five cents per single box, and two dollars per dozen, which are wrapped in printed directions.

Mr. David Henderson, merchant, Fred'g.
Mr. Leroy Anderson, mer. Williamsburg.
Mr. Andrew Hannah, bookseller, Norfolk.
Mess. Hattersley & Fisher, grocers, Suffolk.
Mr. John Brandebur, postmaster, Peterburg.
Mess. Benjamin Brand & Co. merchants, Hanover/Town.
Mr. John V. Thomas, bookseller, Alexandria.
Mr. J. S. Thos, & E. Deane, Carterville.
Mr. Josiah Jacobs, merchant, Charlottesville.
Mr. J. Tunstall, jun. merchant, T. d's-bridge

Apothecary -*Benjamin DuVal, Jr.* -1823

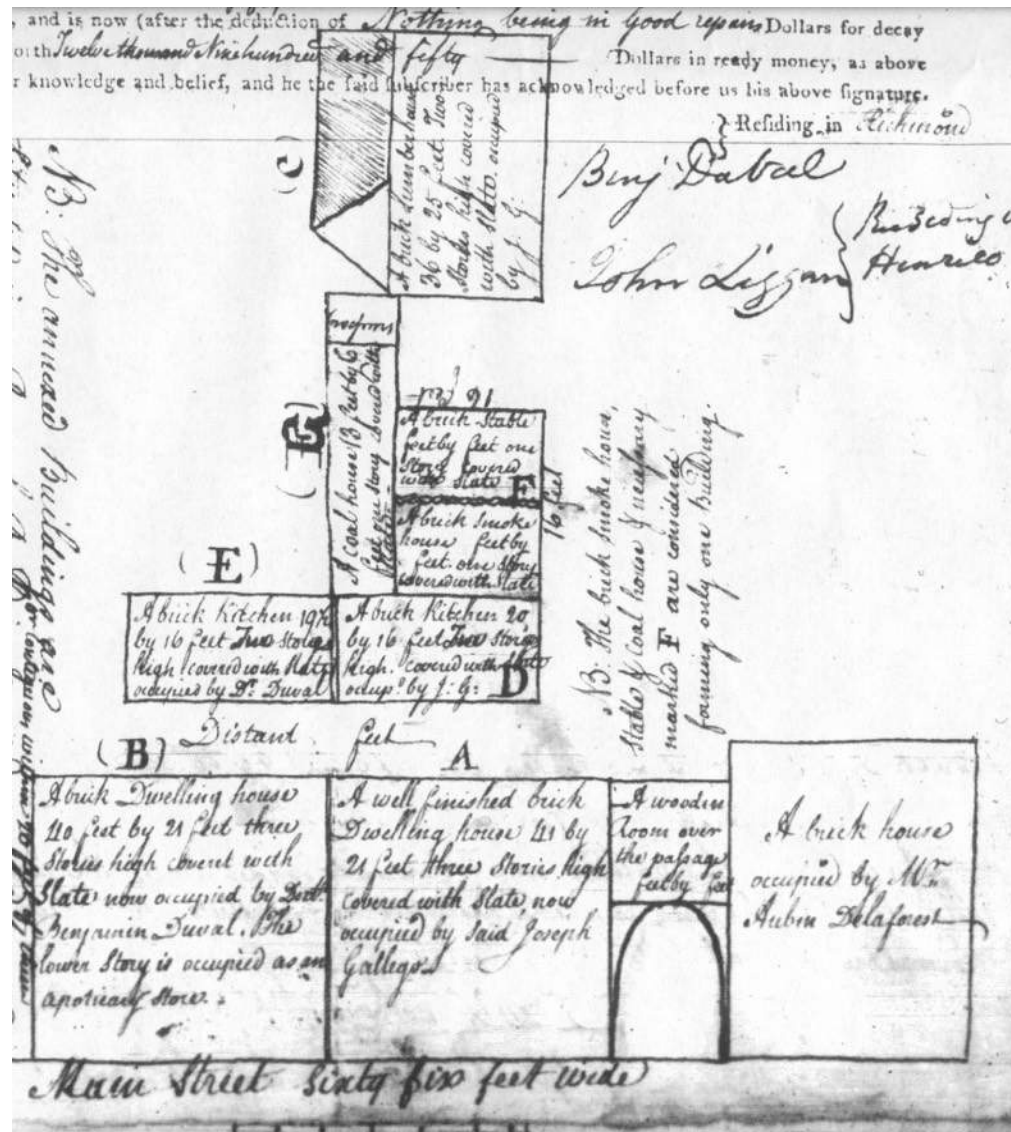
Read's Patent Spiral Trusses.
THE subscriber being appointed by the patentee sole
vender of these valuable trusses in this City, has just
received a full supply at his medicine store 7 doors above
the Bell Tavern, where he has for sale all kinds of Drugs,
Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Perfumery, &c. on the
most reasonable terms, and warranted to be genuine.
BENJ. DUVAL.
February 20. 23-64

The Richmond Enquirer, Richmond, Henrico County, Virginia, March 7, 1823

Read's Patent Spiral Trusses, sold by Benjamin DUVAL of Richmond, VA

This is the earliest nostrum I found Benjamin selling at his “medicine store” as it is referred to here and Located “7 doors above the Bell Tavern, where he has for sale all kinds of Drugs, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Dye Stuffs, Perfumery, &c. “

Apothecary – Benjamin DuVal, Jr., 1802



(Mutual Assurance Society –1802)

Residence and apothecary of Benjamin DuVal, Jr., located on the south side of Main Street, between 13th and 14th Streets. Joseph Gallego is listed as the owner.

Richmond, Va., 1907



Corner of Mayo's Bridge Rd. and Main St., Richmond, Va.



Southwest corner of 14th and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

Insurance Agent (President) – Benjamin DuVal, Jr., 1805

NOTICE.

Mutual Insurance office, Richmond, March 4th,
1805.

THE members of the mutual Insurance Company against fire on Goods & Furniture in the state of Virginia, are particularly requested to meet at the said office, either in person or by proxy on Monday the 8th of next month (April) on business of the utmost importance to the company.

On referring to the 21st article of the Constitution of the said company, it will be found that no member is at present insured, or can be, until a meeting shall be convened, and certain rules and regulations complied with, which, with other matters of much consequence renders it necessary that there should be a strict compliance with the above requisition.

BENJAMIN DU-VAL, President.
(ep, 8w)

(The Enquirer, Richmond, VA., Mar. 12th 1805).

Tile Factory –*Benjamin DuVal, Jr., 1808*

Benjamin DuVal's association with the mutual assurance company and the ever-present danger of fire and wooden roofs precipitated the 1808 formation of the:

Richmond Tile Manufactory

“The subscriber having procured the exclusive right to manufacture in this and several other states, Harwood's much improved patent tile for covering houses, and at considerable expense erected the necessary buildings, &c. for carrying on that useful business extensively, now offers to supply, at a short notice, any quantity that may be required, at the modest price of thirty-five dollars per thousand, deliverable at his factory.

He can with confidence, founded on actual experience in the actual covering of about 20 houses in this city, assert that houses can be covered with this tile as cheap... as with shingles of the first quality...

BENJAMIN DUVAL

Richmond, March 19, 1808.

N.B. I wish to sell patent rights in several other states.

(Virginia Argus, Richmond, March 22, 1808)

Stoneware Factory –*Benjamin DuVal, Jr., 1811*

Benjamin DuVal, Jr. received his introduction to pottery when an Englishman, named Durst, discovered clay of a quality that could be used to make stoneware in the Tuckahoe Creek valley near his home. It is supposedly from this area that the clay for his factory in Richmond came.



Benj. DuVal's newspaper advertisement for Stone Ware, 1815

Will deliver free of charge anywhere in the city.

Will under sell any manufacturer in the U.S.

Inventory of: jugs, pots, pitchers bottles, ticklers, chamber pots, churns, milk pans, and ink stands with prices.

(Virginia Argus, Vol. 1, No. 10, Richmond, Va., 19 Apr. 1815.)

STONE WARE.

The subscriber has on hand at his Manufactory, a large quantity of

STONE WARE,

Of superior quality, and well assorted:

Is carrying on the business very extensively, and will deliver the Ware in any part of the City, free of the expense of cartage, and at the New York prices: the freight from thence to this place would average 20 *per cent* at least — Under these circumstances, he is induced to hope that few, if any, will send their orders abroad, when they can be supplied at their doors, with better ware and on far better terms. The following were the prices in New York previous to the late war, and he is determined that no Manufacturer in the United States shall undersell him at any time.

3	gallon	jugs & pots,	per dozen,	\$ 9
4	do	do do do	do	8
3	do	do do do	do	6 25
3	do	pitchers,	do	6 50
2	do	jugs and pots,	do	4 50
2	do	pitchers,	do	4 75
1	do	jugs and pots,	do	3
1	do	pitchers,	do	3 25
1 1/2	do	jugs and pots,	do	2
1 1/2	do	pitchers,	do	2 12 1-2
3	point	bottles,	do	1 50
1	quart	do	do	1 12 1-2
1	do	jugs & pitchers,	do	1 12 1-2
1	do	pots,	do	1
1	pint	jugs and pots,	do	75
		ticklers,	do	1
		chamber pots,	do	2
4	gallon	churns,	do	12
3	do	do do do	do	10
2	do	do do do	do	8
		milk pans,	do	3
		ink stands,	do	1

Orders left with Mr. James Brown, junior; Messrs. Moncure, Robinson & Pleasants; Murphy & Scott; W. J. & Roscoe Cole; Philip DuVal & Co. or at the Manufactory, will be duly attended to, and the greatest attention paid to selecting and packing.

BENJAMIN DU-VAL.


Richmond, April 22, 1815. St&wf

Benj. & James DuVal's newspaper advertisement for Stone Ware, 1817

James DuVal took control of the pottery in 1817 from his father Benjamin DuVal, Jr. At that time this add was run informing the public of the change in ownership and the assurance of continued high quality and low prices.

(Richmond Enquirer by Thomas Ritchie, Richmond, Va., Vol. XIV, No. 4, 20 May 1817)

Richmond Stone-Ware Manufactory.



THE Subscriber thanks his customers for the great encouragement they have given to this useful establishment, and informs them that it will be conducted in future by his son James DuVal, on his own account, who has made himself a complete master of the business in all its various branches, by several years' experience. The workmen have also become more perfect in the art by practice. The works are in full and complete operation; and it is believed, that this establishment, the first of its kind in this city, has arrived to as great perfection as any in the United States. Its customers can, therefore, have no cause to withdraw their patronage.

BENJAMIN DU-VAL.

JAMES DU-VAL having succeeded his father in the *Richmond Stone-Ware Manufactory*, at the sign of the Jug, second square east of the court-house, informs his friends and the public, that he has on hand a very large quantity of well-assorted *Stone-Ware*, and flower-pots, milk-pans, &c. of *Earthen-Ware*, and is now conducting the business on an extensive scale. The prices continue the same, which, it is believed, are as low as they are in New-York, and much lower than in Baltimore, viz:

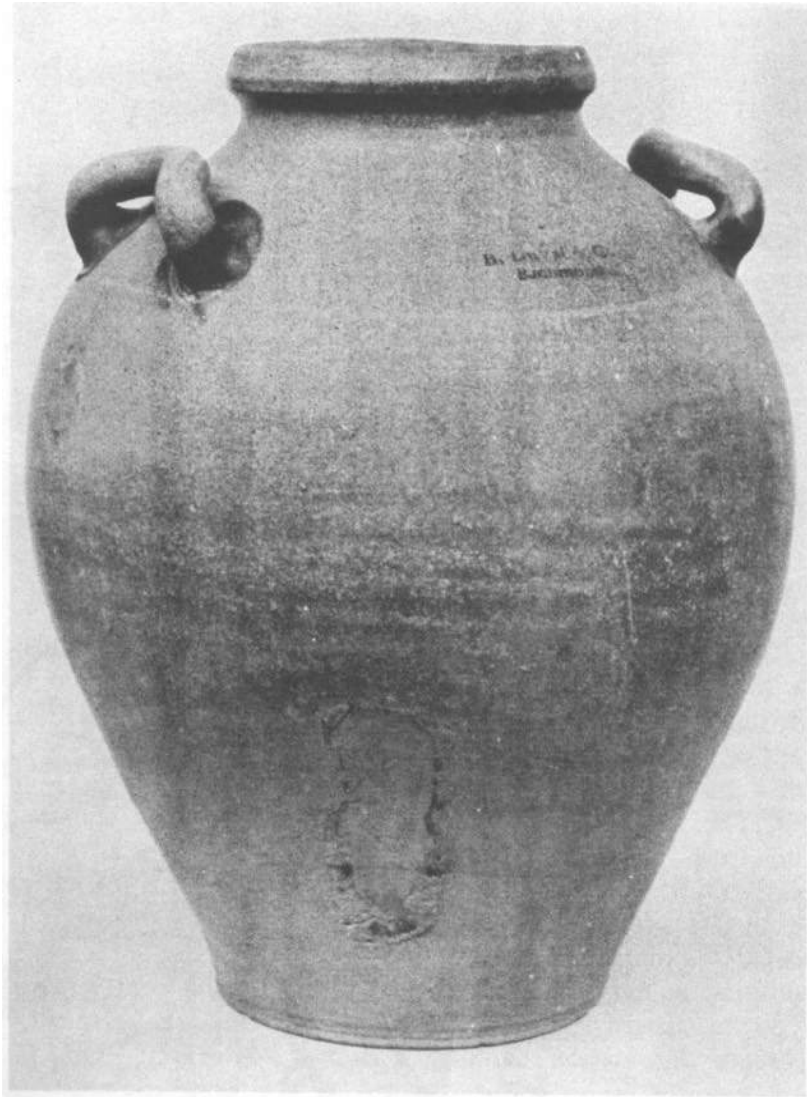
5 gallon Jugs and Pots, per dozen,	\$2 00
4 do. do. do.	8
3 do. do. do. and Pitchers	6 25
2 do. do. do. do.	4 50
1 do. do. do. do.	3
1 do. do. do. do.	2
1 do. do. Bottles do.	1 12½
1 do. Pots	1
1 do. Jugs, Pots and Ticklers	75
Chamber-Pots	2
Churns	to 12
Milk-Pans	3
Ink-Stands	1

Orders left at the Factory, or with Messrs. Wilson & Drew, Messrs. Thomas White & Co. Messrs. James McKildoe & Co. and Mr. Joseph Carter, will be duly attended to, and the Ware packed carefully, and with dispatch.

✶ A well-disposed Boy, of good character, about 15 years of age, will be taken as an APPRENTICE to the above business.

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May 9.



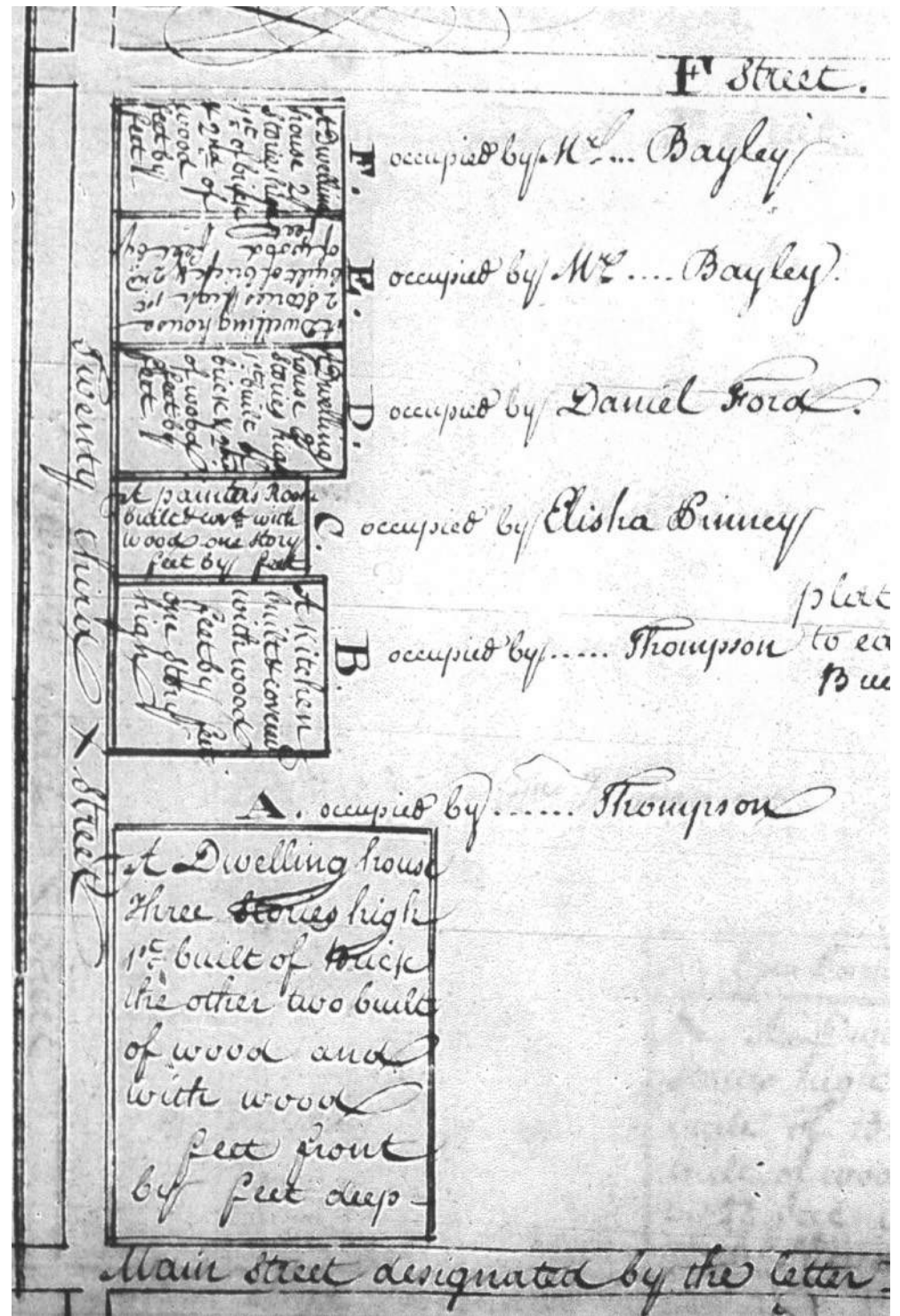
Drawing of a "B. DuVal & Co" Jug by Richmond Artist, R. Bland



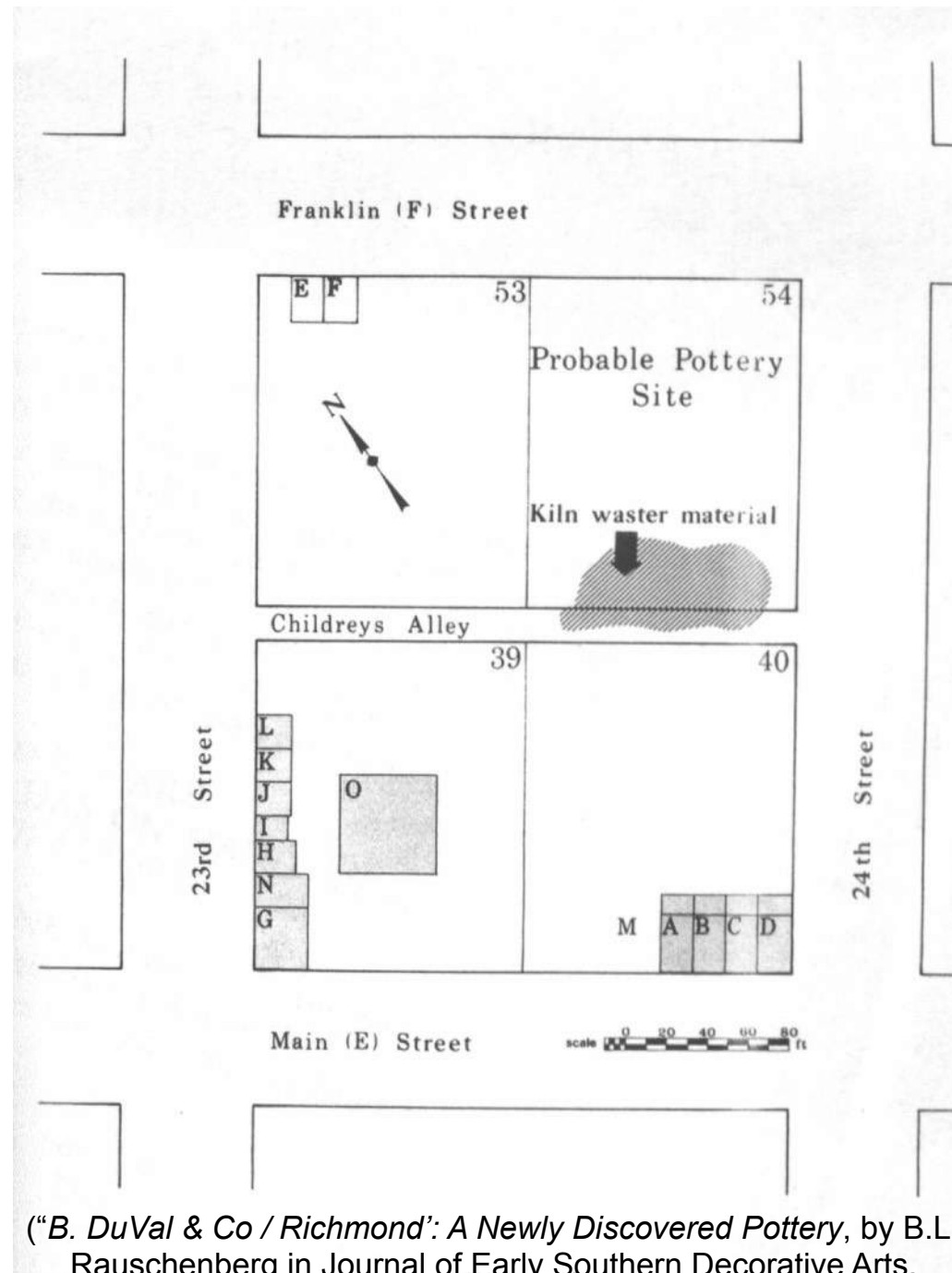
Site of Tile and Stone Ware Factory in Richmond, Va., 1816

North side of Main Street showing the dwelling house on the corner. Benjamin occupied this house the previous year in 1815 and the following year would become the *Indian Queen Tavern*. This is one block east of the courthouse.

(Mutual Assurance Society declaration, No. 1964, Mar 18, 1816)

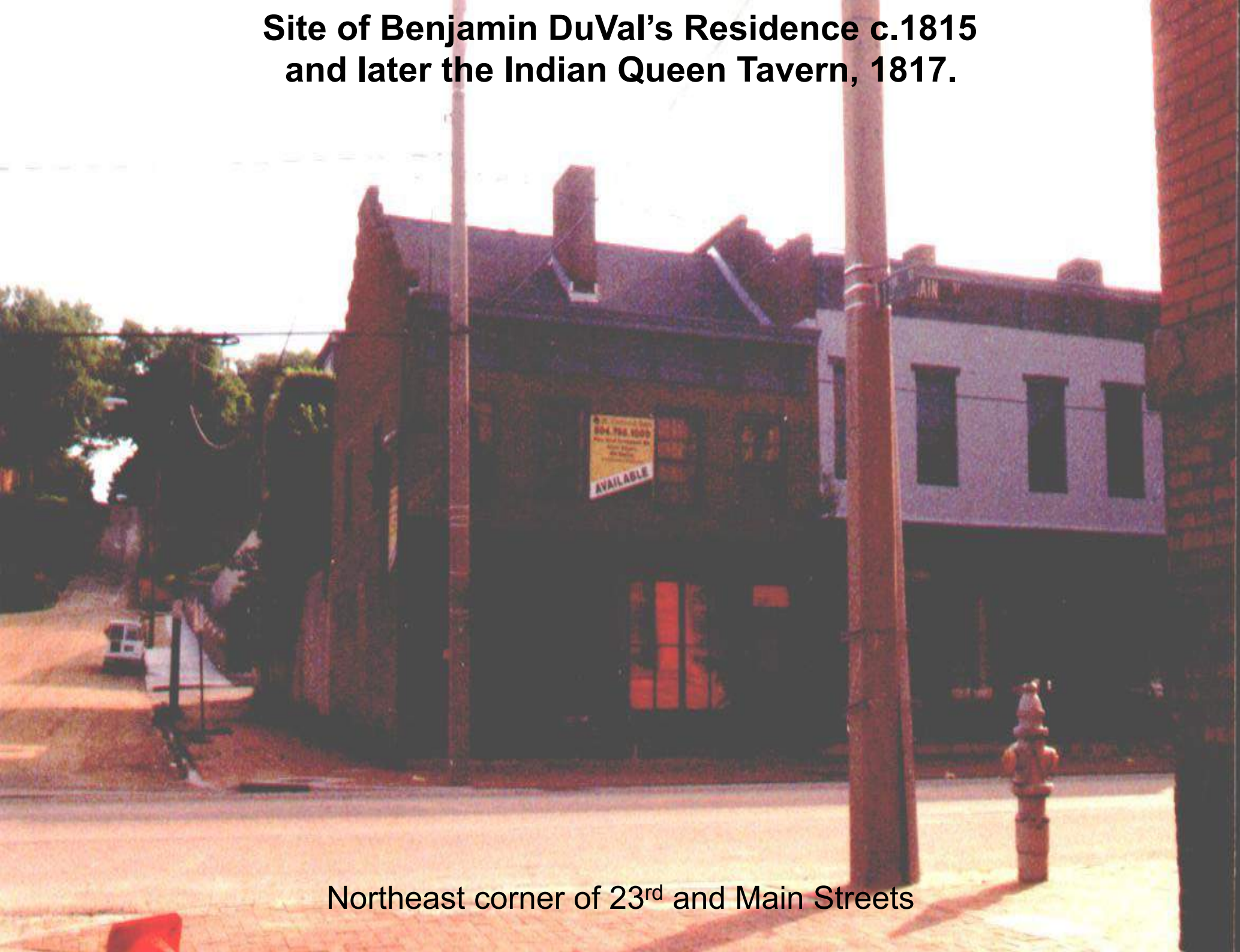


Site of Tile and Stone Ware Factory in Richmond, Va.



“B. DuVal & Co / Richmond”: A Newly Discovered Pottery, by B.L. Rauschenberg in *Journal of Early Southern Decorative Arts*, Winston-Salem, NC, v.4, no.1 (1978), p.45-75

**Site of Benjamin DuVal's Residence c.1815
and later the Indian Queen Tavern, 1817.**



Northeast corner of 23rd and Main Streets

**“The Market at Tobacco Row”
Location of Tile and Pottery Factories
2003**



Northwest corner of 24th and Main Streets, Richmond, Va.

Location of Tile and Pottery Factories

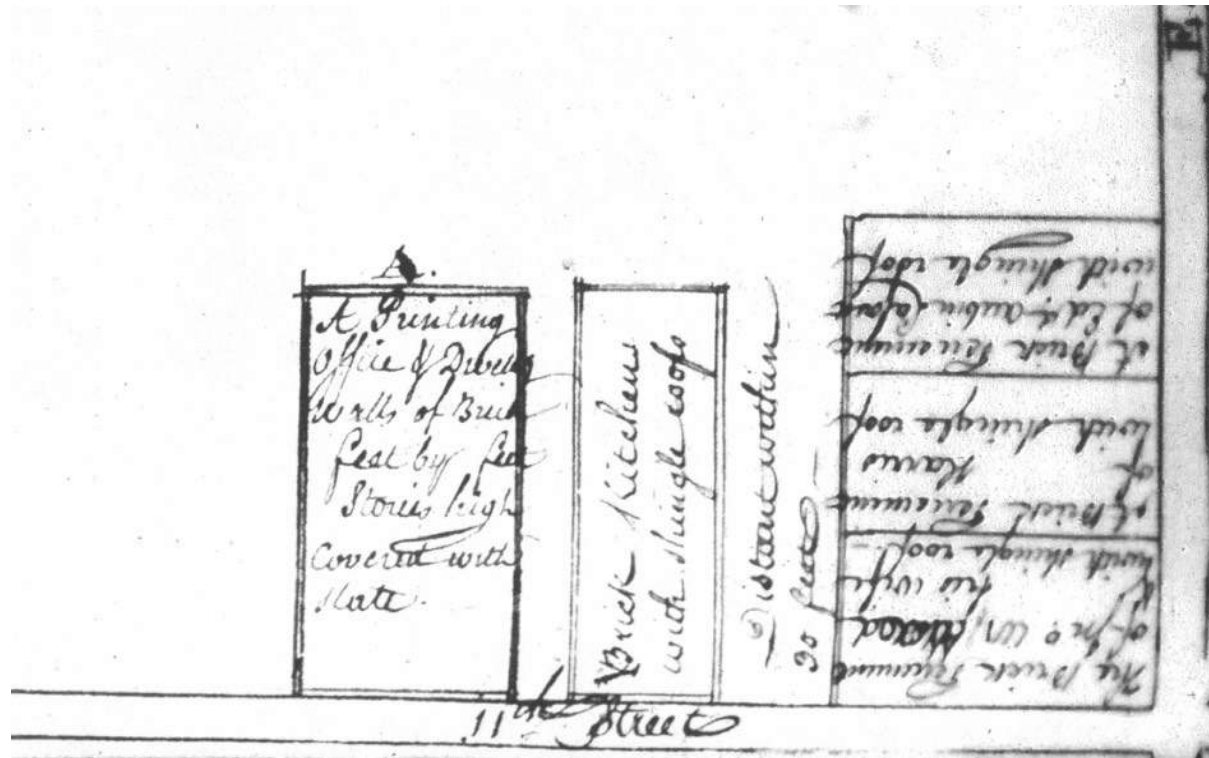


Main Street looking West towards Shockoe Bottom.

Proposed Road Marker for the DuVal Tile and Stone Ware Factory

On this site stood Richmond's first tile and stoneware factory. As early as 1808 Benjamin Du Val, Jr. an established pharmacist began the manufacturing of roofing tiles. This no doubt was the result of the need to provide more fire retardant structures while he was president of the Mutual Assurance Society beginning in 1805. On this same site in 1811 was established a stoneware factory known as *B. Du Val & Co., Richmond* which continued until 1817 when the concern was transferred to his son James Du Val under the title of *Richmond Stoneware Manufactory "at the sign of the jug"*. Benjamin Du Val utilized his apothecary shop, *Benjamin Du Val & Son "at the sign of the golden mortar"*, in operation since 1790, as the local outlet for his stoneware. This manufactory, which continued until at least 1819, is considered the south's earliest identifiable pottery."

Publisher –Philip DuVal, 1818



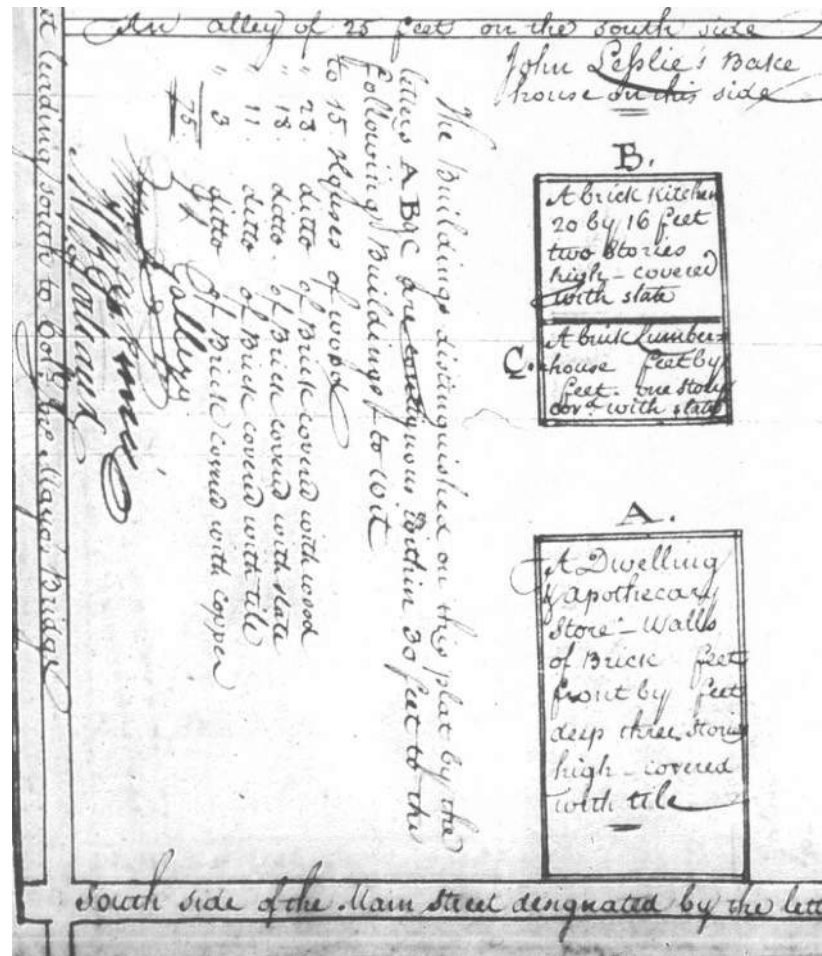
(Mutual Assurance Society, Reel 6, Vol. 55, #1097)

In January 1818 Philip DuVal was occupant of this printing office and dwelling located on the east side of 11th Street north of Main Street.

“A daily paper called *The Daily Compiler*, owned and run at one time by Philip DuVal, who was one of the first publishers and printers of the city.”

(DuVals of Virginia, B. Grabowskii, 1931, p. 181 –quoting from an earlier history)

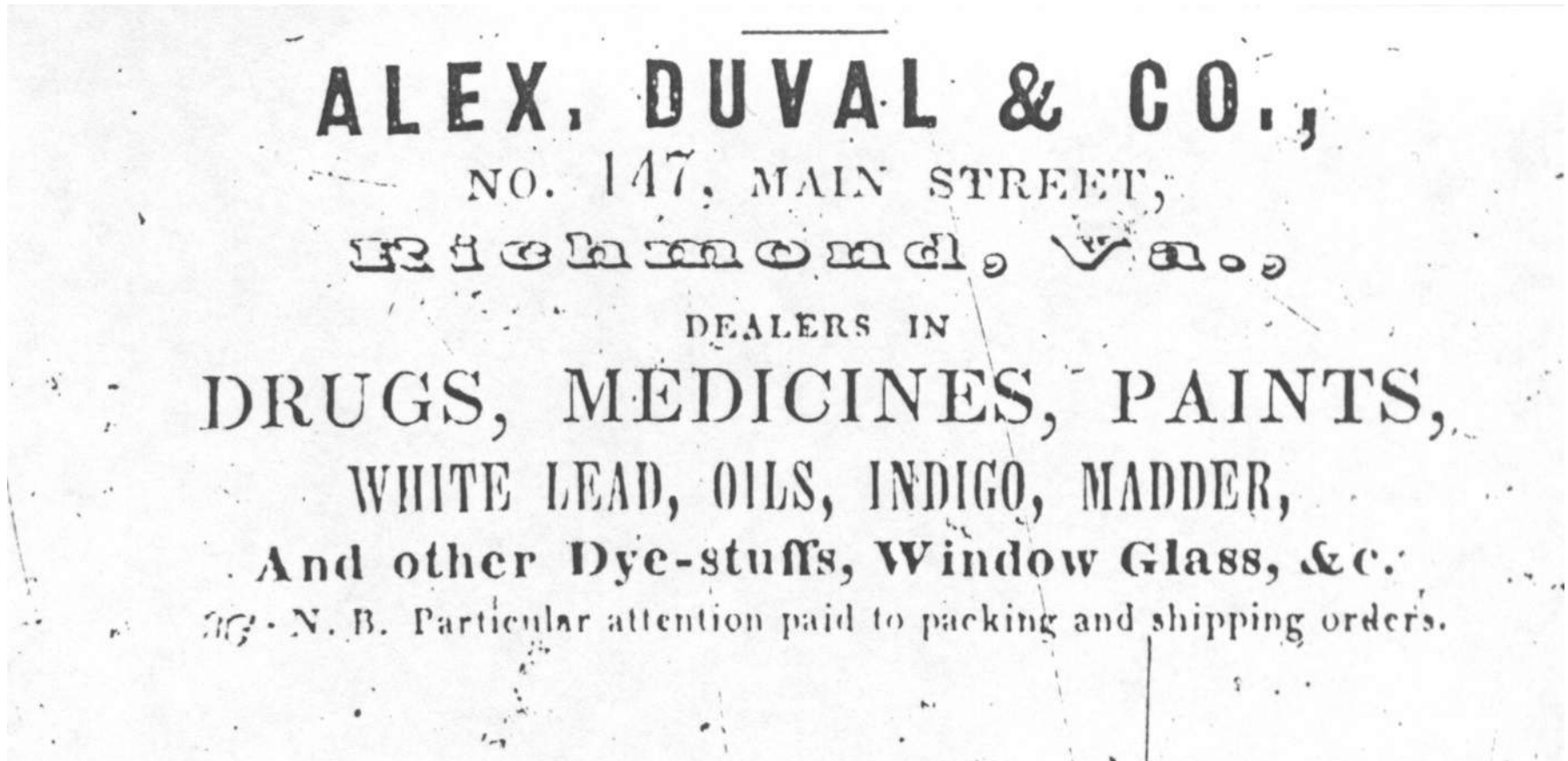
Benjamin & Philip DuVal, 1815



(Mutual Assurance Society, Reel 9, Vol. 69, #1659)

This policy taken out Oct. 6, 1815 located on the south side of Main St. between 14th and 13th Streets. Benjamin's apothecary shop and Philip's dwelling was located at this site.

Druggist –Alexander DuVal, 1845



Ellyson's Richmond Business Directory, 1845-46.

1845 147 N. Main Street (Secretary of the City Savings Bank -office under Exchange Hotel)

1850 148 Main Street (Druggist and bank secretary)

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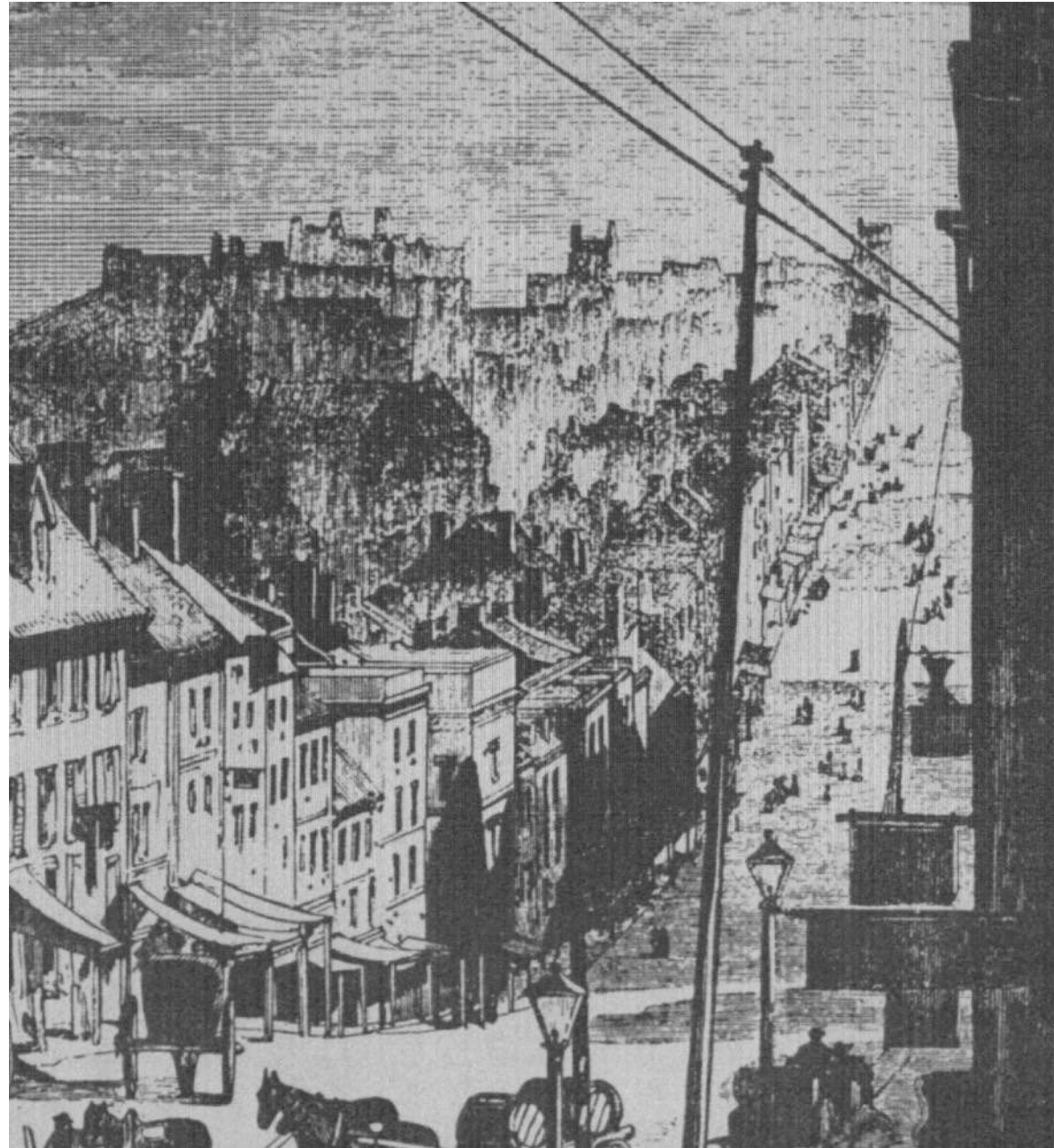
Dealer in Mineral Water –*Alexander DuVal*, 1845

WHITE SULPHUR WATER,
FROM THE
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS,
GREENBRIER COUNTY, VA.
ALEXANDER DUVAL & CO.,
DRUGGISTS.
No. 147, Main Street,
Richmond, Va.

Are general agents for the sale of this celebrated water, in the United States. The water is transported from the Springs in boxes and half boxes, which have undergone careful and thorough preparation. Messrs. Wm. B. Calwell & Co., the proprietors, have been for many years engaged in thus transporting this water to all parts of the United States. Many persons have thus been enabled to use it whilst surrounded by the comfort of their homes, and without undergoing the fatigue incident to travel. Many letters, establishing its efficacy when removed from the fountain, are in the possession of the proprietors, copies of some of which may be found in the pamphlets, which are furnished to the vendors for gratuitous distribution among their customers.

Ellyson's Richmond Business Directory, 1845-46.

Main Street, Richmond, Va., c.1850

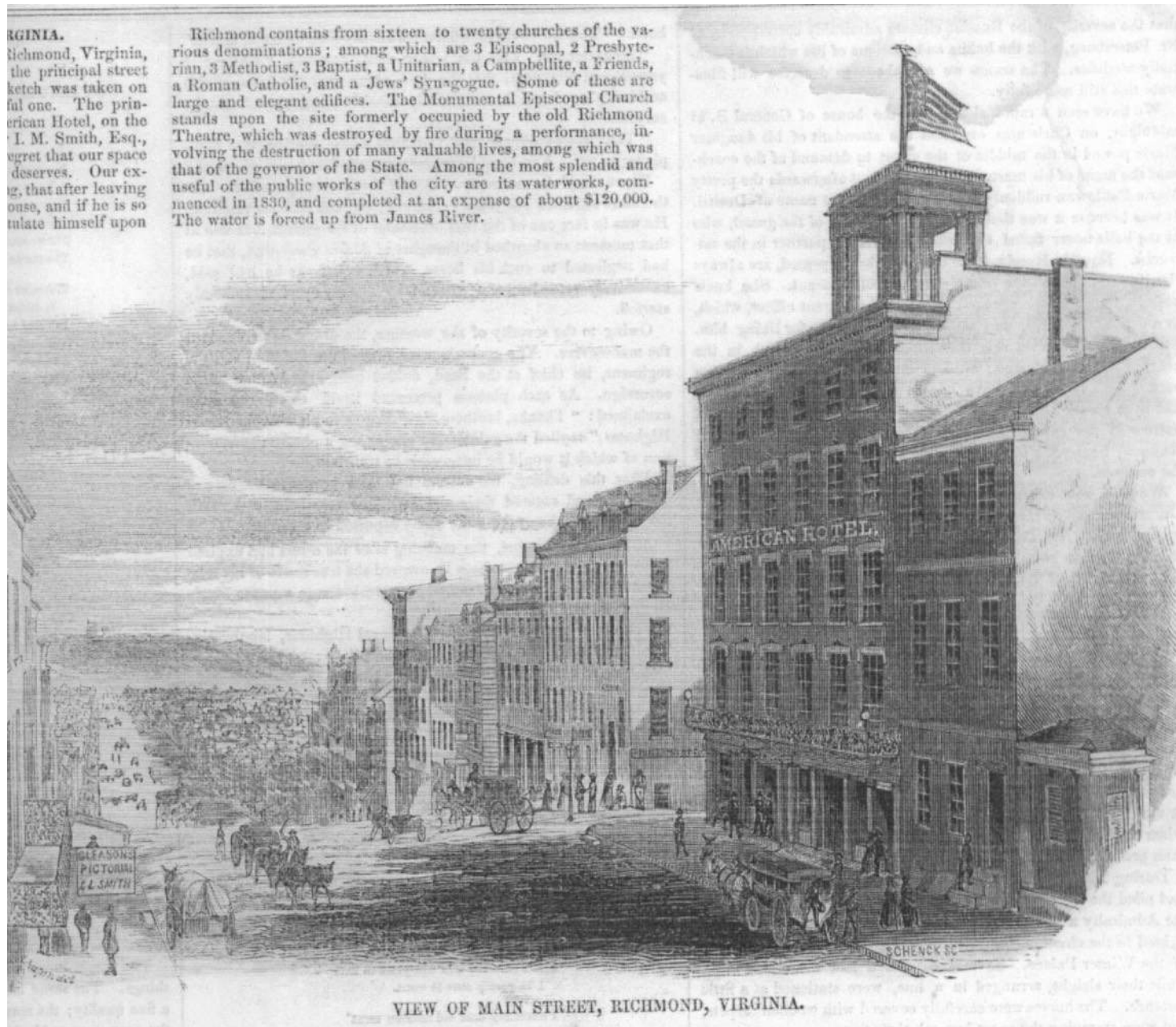


☐ Telegraph
1847

☐ Mortar &
Pestle

Main Street (south side) looking east to Shockoe Bottom c.1850. In the right of the engraving can be seen a shingle in the shape of a 'mortar and pestle' and the location of Alexander DuVal's drugstore (1836-1850).

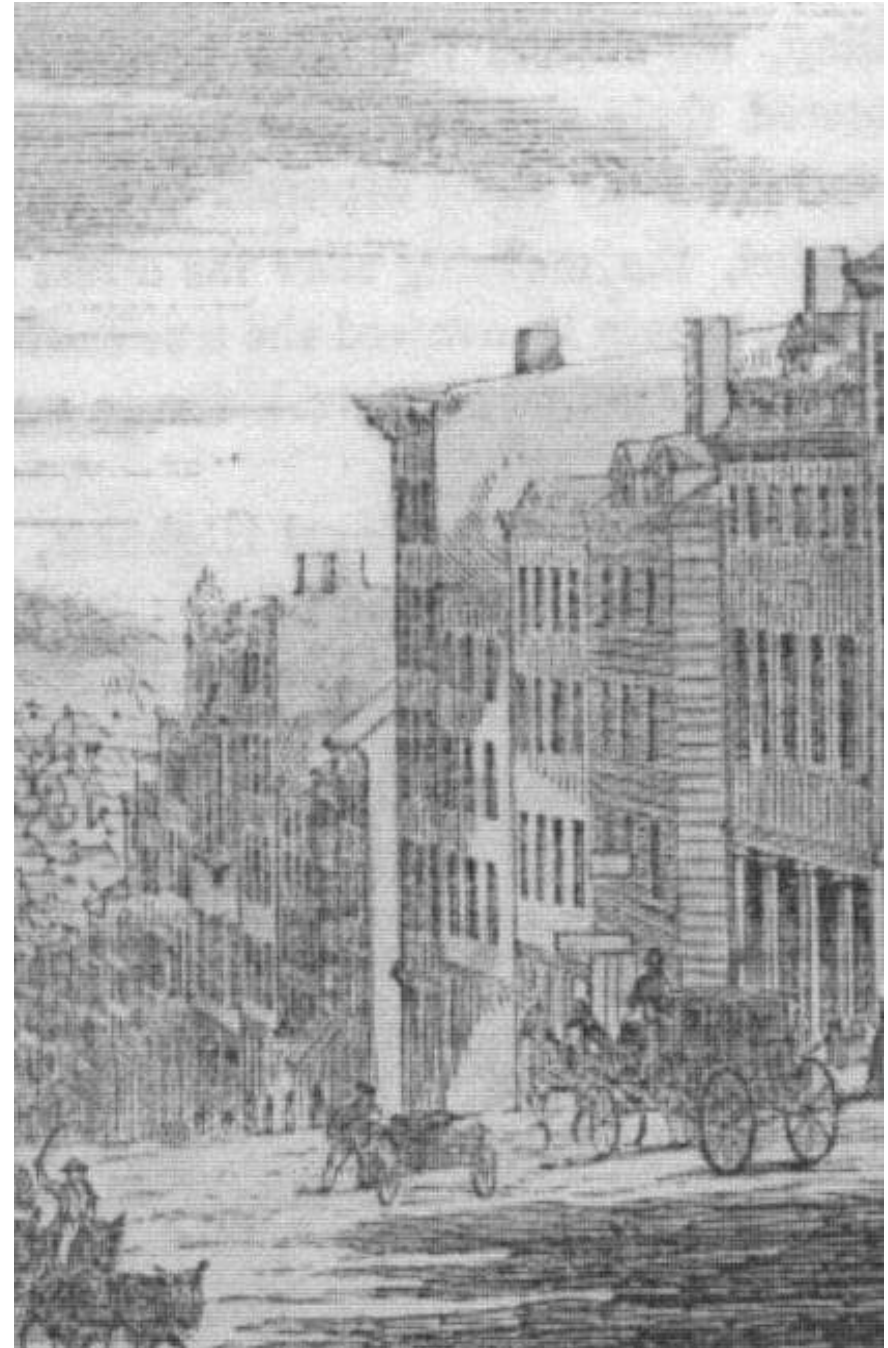
Main Street from Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion, c.1858



Main Street (on the north side) looking east to Shockoe Bottom. In foreground is the American Hotel site of Alexander DuVal's, third (1858) apothecary shop. Formerly the site of Robert R. DuVal's drugstore in 1844.

Main Street from Gleason's Pictorial Drawing Room Companion (detail)

In the center the five-story building was the site of Alexander DuVal's second drugstore (1851-57) at the Exchange Hotel. In the center of the next block (to the left) was the Eagle Hotel the site of Alexander DuVal's first apothecary shop c.1836-50.



Site of Alexander DuVal's Drugstore at the Eagle Hotel between 12th & 13th Streets



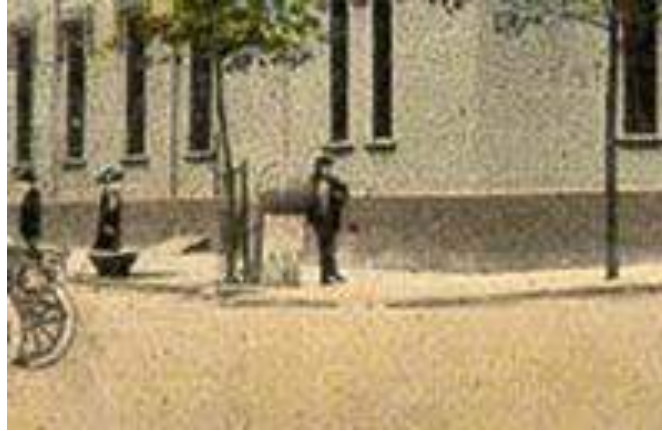
DuVal's Pills –*Alexander DuVal*



(Richmond Postcard Collection, Special Collections and Archives,
James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia)

Regimental Armory, (7th and Marshall Streets,) Richmond, Va.

DuVal's Pills



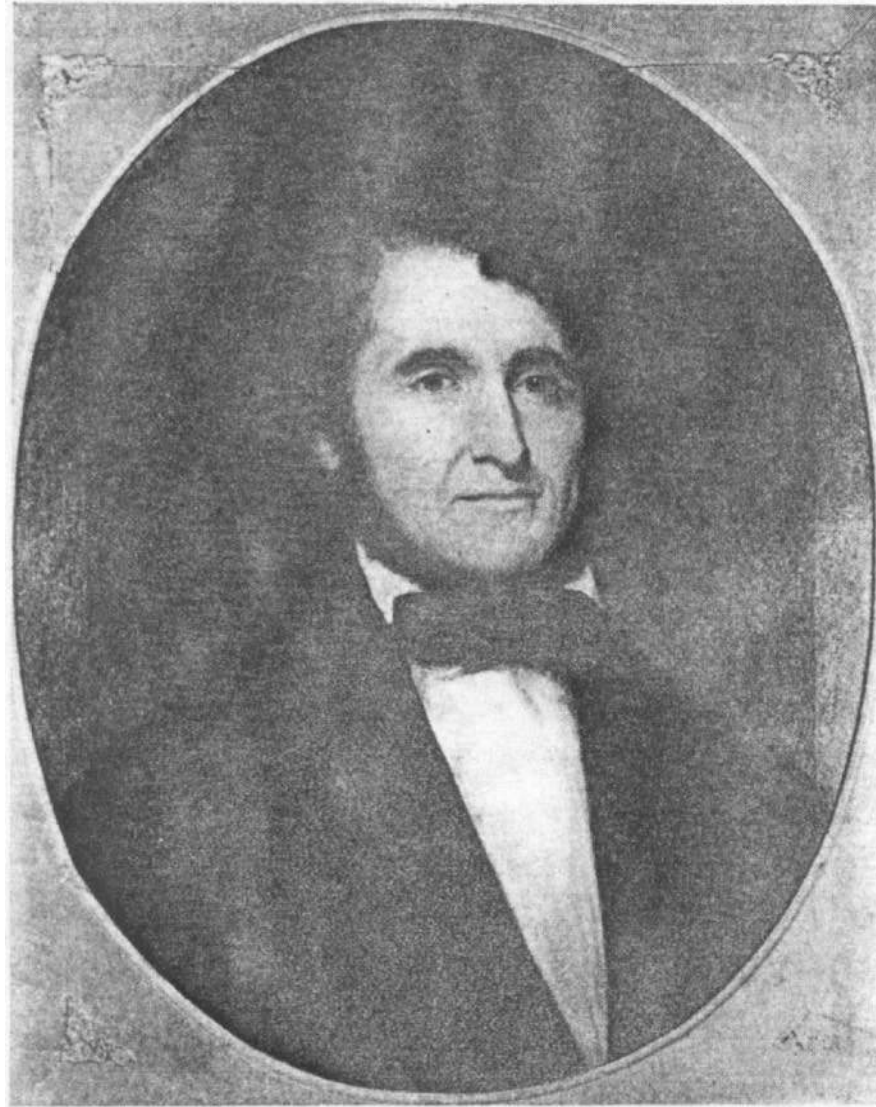
These “pills” were across the street from Alexander DuVal’s residence. Alexander is most likely for whom these large stone balls were named.

“It seems that there were some very large granite balls brought to Richmond, by some naval officer, purposed to be used on a public building. They were unloaded and left on the wharf at Rocketts. There they stayed until one of them rolled into the river, when a Mr. Moncure had them removed, pedestals made and had them placed at the corners which are now around the Armory at Eighth and Marshall streets.

This at the time was very near DuVal’s drug store, and for years they were called DuVal’s Pills. They were in reality, Turkish cannonballs, from the Bosphorus, and the writer said, that he thought they would be very efficacious if used in the proper way”. They may have arrived as ship ballast.

(DuVals of Virginia, B. Grabowskii, 1931 quoting from A. Christian’s Richmond, Her Past and Present)

Druggist – *Robert Randolph DuVal*, c.1850



ROBERT RANDOLPH DUVAL (1817-1875)

By WILLIAM JAMES HUBARD (1807-1862)

Oil on canvas. 30 X 25 inches. *Lent by the Virginia Historical Society.*

Painted in Richmond, 1850-1855.

(Richmond Portraits, *In an Exhibition of, Makers of Richmond, 1737-1860*, The Valentine Museum, Richmond, Va., 1949.)

ROBERT RANDOLPH DUVAL (1817-1875)

One of the earliest Richmond apothecaries was Philip DuVal. He married Maria Beverley Randolph, daughter of the third Richard Randolph of Curles. Their son Robert opened a drugstore at 185 Main Street by 1845, soon moved a block west, to the corner of 10th, and by 1855 had taken his brother James into the business. He himself seems to have left Richmond soon after, but he was back again in 1866, on the 800 block East Main Street, where his drugstore remained until a few years before his death. Several well-known later pharmacists were apprentices in DuVal's shop. In **1849** he married Sallie Dandridge Cooke, sister of the novelist John Esten Cooke. They had five children, including Maria Pendleton, Florence Beverley and St. John DuVal.

(Richmond Portraits, *In an Exhibition of, Makers of Richmond, 1737-1860*, The Valentine Museum, Richmond, Va., 1949.)

Chemists & Druggists –Robert R. & James DuVal, c.1855

A recipe for fertilizer or artificial guano.

Robert R. DuVal & Bro., Chemists and Druggists, under the American Hotel, Richmond, Va.

Ellyson's Richmond Business Directory lists the address at 185 W. Main Street.

DR. VALENTINE'S RECIPE
FOR
MAKING ARTIFICIAL GUANO.

No. 1.	Dry Peat,*	-	-	-	-	20 bushels.
" 2.	Wood Ashes,	-	-	-	-	3 "
" 3.	Fine Bone Dust,	-	-	-	-	3 "
" 4.	Calcined Plaster,	-	-	-	-	3 "
" 5.	Nitrate of Soda,	-	-	-	-	40 pounds.
" 6.	Sal Ammoniac,	-	-	-	-	22 "
" 7.	Carb. Ammonia,	-	-	-	-	11 "
" 8.	Sulph: Sodae,	-	-	-	-	20 "
" 9.	" Magnesia,	-	-	-	-	10 "
" 10.	Common Salt,	-	-	-	-	10 "

* If Peat cannot be obtained, use garden mould, or clean virgin soil instead.

DIRECTIONS FOR MIXING.

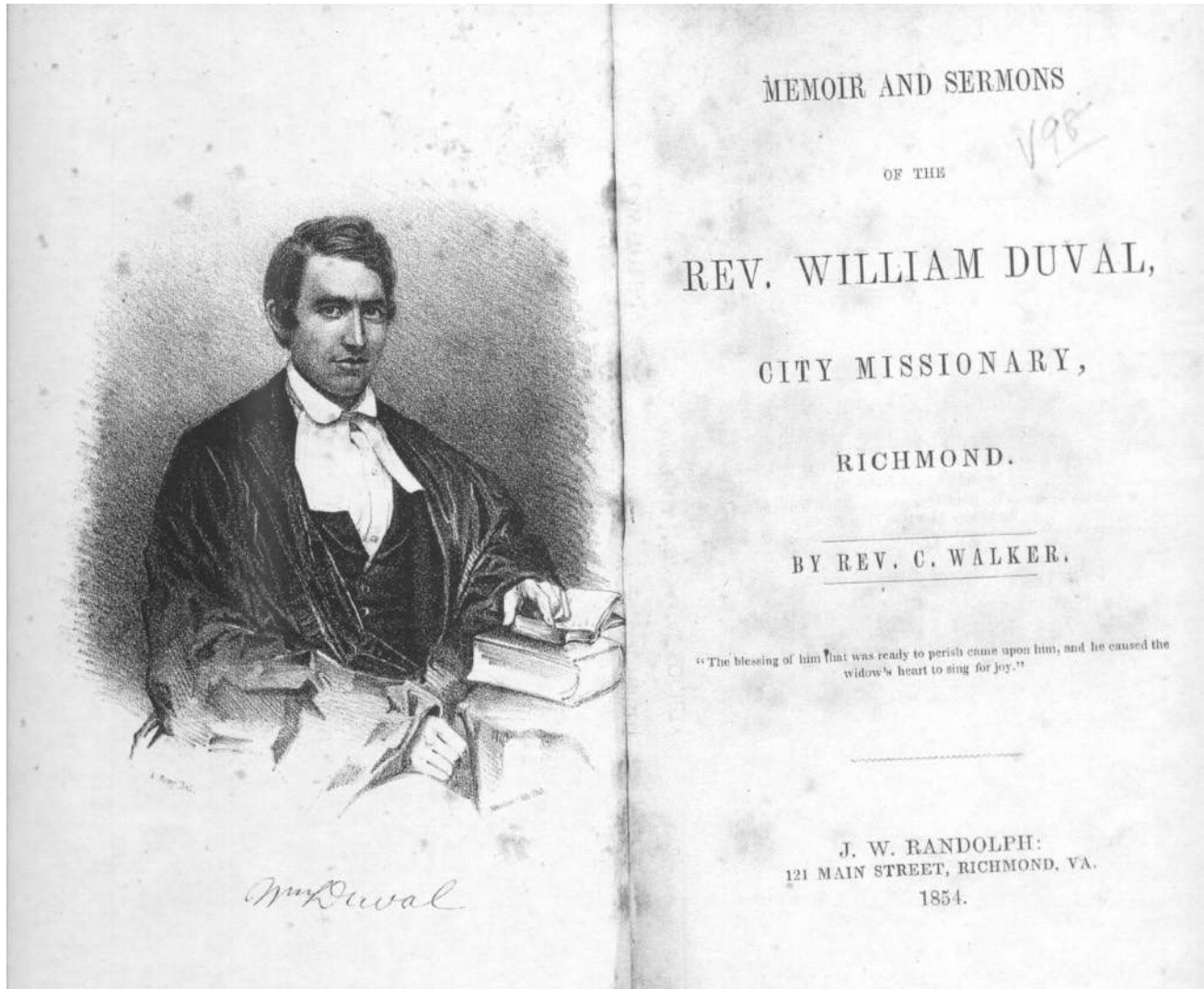
Mix Nos. 1, 2, 3, together—mix Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, in four or five pails of water, or enough to dissolve the ingredients. When dissolved, add the liquid to the mixture, (1, 2, 3,) and mix as in making mortar. When thoroughly mixed, add No. 4, (the calcined plaster,) which will absorb the liquid and bring the whole to a dry state. Mix under cover in a dry place—pack so as to exclude air—observe the proportions in making small or large quantities. The above receipt will make one ton, which will manure seven and a half acres of land.

Having furnished the above to a number of farmers who have tested its qualities—many thinking it equal to natural Guano—the subscribers have made arrangements to furnish any quantity during this season, and will sell the ingredients exclusive of the Peat, Wood Ashes, Plaster and Salt, (articles on every farm,) at the low price of \$10 per ton. One sugar hogshead will hold ingredients enough for five tons. All orders will be carefully and promptly executed, and sent to any part of the State.

ROBERT R. DUVAL & BRO.
Chemists and Druggists, under the American Hotel, Richmond, Va.

(Virginia Historical Society, Mss1A1 546a 49-64)

Minister—Rev. William DuVal



MEMOIRS AND SERMONS OF THE REV. WILLIAM DUVAL, CITY MISSIONARY, RICHMOND.

Richmond, VA: J. W. Randolph, 1854. 256pp.

(Virginia Historical Society, Rare BR 1725D8W3)

Rev. William DuVal

The Rev. William DuVal in a deed dated 19 Jun 1848 purchased of Thomas Baillie and J.D. Hammersley "...for the sum of three hundred dollars... one printing press, about three hundred pounds Bourgeois, one hundred pounds Bremer, one hundred pounds long premier, one font of English, one font of script, one pound cannon, one font cannon black, two fonts wood type, several fonts of card type, Borders, composing stick, furniture rules of different kinds, stands, fourteen pair of cases, stone, chaises, &c.... belonging to the printing office known as Hammersley and Ballie's Job Office..."

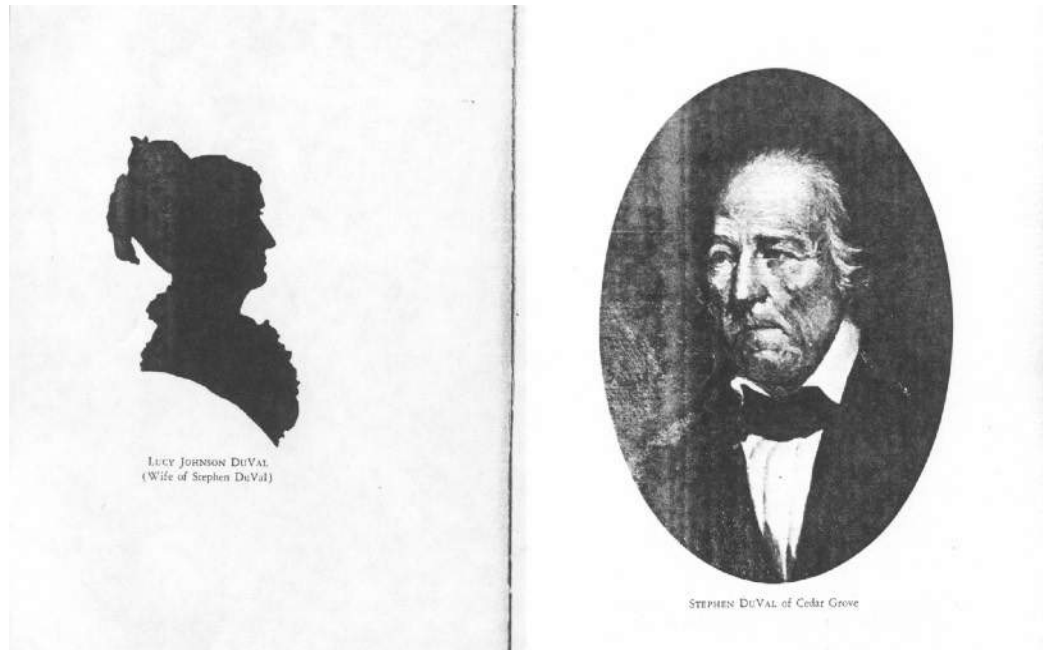
It appears that William was outfitting himself to produce Bible tracts.

(Richmond, Va. Deed Book 54, p.204)

Episcopal Minister, and City Missionary of Richmond, Virginia, died in 1850, age 28. Ordained into the ministry in 1845 by the Bishop Meade, and given the post of City Missionary, of Richmond, Va. He is referred to in records of Richmond as "William the good," or the "Pious William DuVal. "

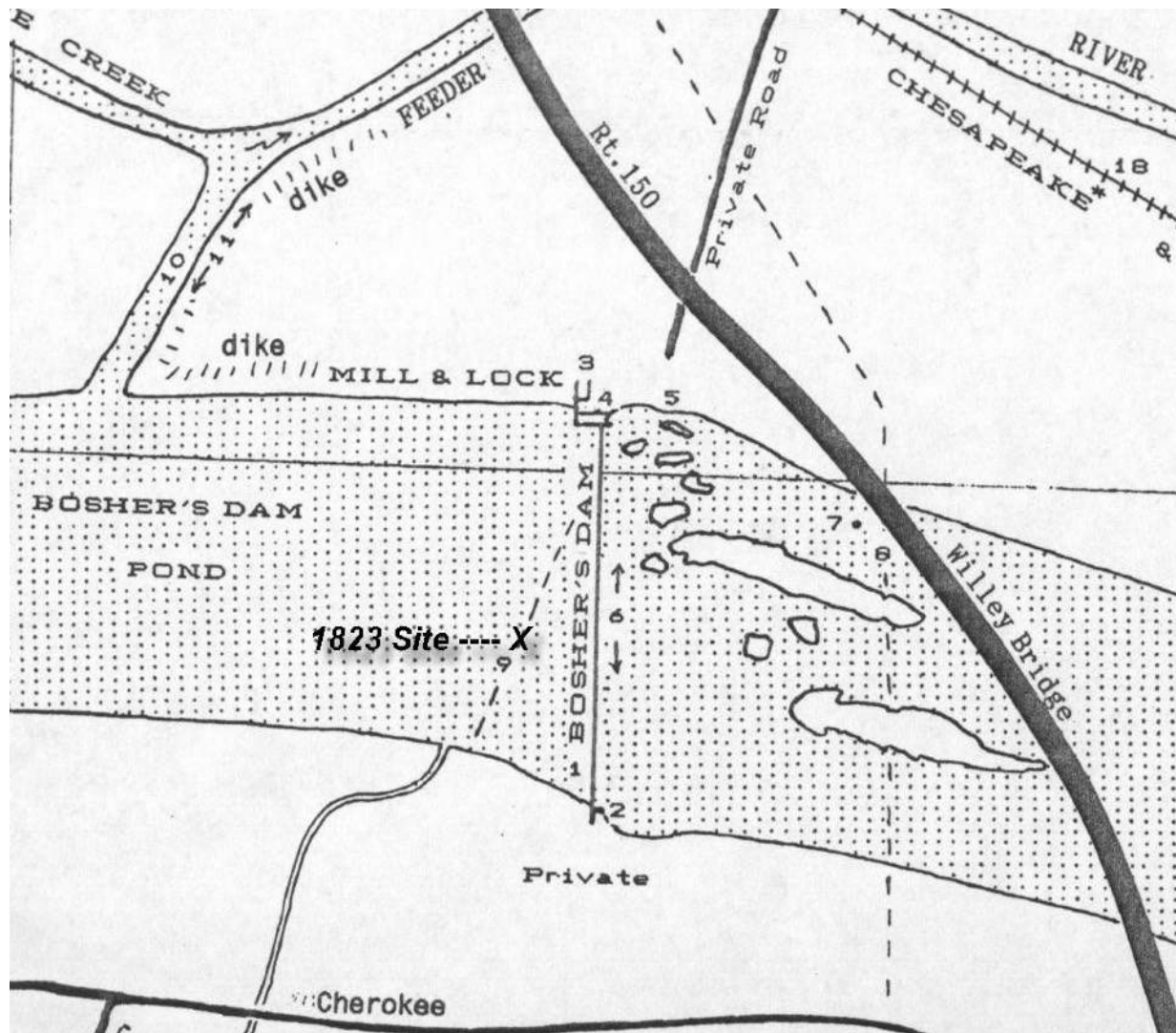
(DuVals of Virginia, B. Grabowskii)

Stephen DuVal –(1782-1850)



- Lived at “Cedar Grove” in Chesterfield Co., Va.
- Built Boshers Dam 1823—by use of a cofferdam.
- President of the Tuckahoe Canal Co. in 1836.
- Nail Manufactory –water powered from the dam.
- Planning Mill
- Match Factory

(DuVals of Virginia, Bessie Grabowski, pp. 94,96.)



Boshers Dam

“The original 1823 Boshers Dam was... a wood crib dam, built of heavy timbers like a log cabin across the river, filled with stone and planked watertight.”
(Falls of The James Atlas, Pl.#1.)

Bosher Dam as seen from Willey's Bridge, 2003



(Photo: Katherine Lewis)

St. John's Church, c.1910



(Richmond Postcard Collection, Special Collections and Archives, James Branch Cabell Library, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va.)

RICHMOND, VA. AND ITS VICINITY.

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J. Wells, del.

Engraved according to an oil on Canvas painted by Thomas H. Smith, Esq., in the Survey Office of the Surveyor-General, the 10th July 1847.

E. Hinshelwood, sc.

1. James River

3. Spring Hill.

5. Iron & Flour Mills.

7. Water Works.

2. Manchester.

4. James River Canal.

6. Hollywood Cemetery.

8. Capitol & Square.