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(elected in December 1774, but no meetings of Congress were held), 1775–1776 (elected in April 1775, August 1775, May 1776, July 1776, and November 1776; no evidence of attendance after October 1776), 1777 (elected in February 1777, but did not attend; declined to serve on February 22, 1777), 1777–1778 (elected in December 1777, but did not attend until September 1778), 1783–1784 (elected in November 1783, but did not attend until March 1784); delegate, Federal Convention that formed the Constitution, 1787 (elected, but declined to serve). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: one of the four Maryland delegates to the Continental Congress who signed the Declaration of Independence. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,574.11.6, including 32 slaves and 157 oz. plate, 1783; wife's dower, £1,000.0.0. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 442 acres in Charles County, which he purchased from his uncle ***Daniel Jenifer*** (by 1729–1795). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 2,406 acres in Charles County (of which 206 acres were confiscated British property) between 1777 and 1785; secured 13-year lease on 20 acres, which included a mill seat, mill, mill stones, and houses, 1782; purchased from his uncle, ***Daniel Jenifer*** (by 1729–1795), a house and lot in Annapolis, plus three adjoining lots and two lots directly opposite, 1783; by 1783 owned 175 acres of "Poynton Manor," the ancestral home of the Stone family, which he probably inherited; purchased one-fourth of a one-tenth share of the Baltimore Iron Works as confiscated British property, 1784. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on October 5, 1787, in Alexandria, Virginia; buried at his estate, "Haber de Venture," in Charles County. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: When his wife died suddenly on June 1, 1787, Thomas retired from public office, and on the advice of his doctors planned a sea voyage to recover from his despondency. He died in Alexandria while awaiting the ship. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £2,665.10.1 (including at least 25 slaves and a library of 530 law volumes and 258 other volumes). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: By 1798 a total of £4,189.18.10 had been added to Stone's estate from both sperate debts and sales. In 1809, 15 slaves, valued at $3,090, were given to the estate in payment of a debt owed by the estate of Stone's uncle, ***Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer*** (1723–1790). LAND: ca. 3,000 acres in Charles County; eight years remaining on a lease to 20 acres of mill land in Charles County; a house and 4 adjoining lots in Annapolis; one-fourth of one-tenth share of the Baltimore Iron Works, acreage not known.

STONE, WILLIAM (ca. 1603–ca. 1659/60). BORN: ca. 1603, in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1648 or 1649, as a free adult with wife and children from Virginia. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County; Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** UNCLE: Thomas Stone, a merchant, of London. BROTHERS: Andrew; John; Matthew; and Richard. **MARRIED** by 1640 Verlinda (?–1675), daughter of Thomas Graves (?–ca. 1636) and wife Katherine. Her brothers were John (by 1605–by 1640); Thomas (ca. 1617–by 1674); and Francis (ca. 1630–by 1691), who married by 1678 Jane. Her sisters were Ann (1620–1683), who married first, by 1637, Rev. William Cotton, second, by 1642, Rev. Nathaniel Eaton, and third, ca. 1657, Rev. Francis Doughty; Katherine, who married first, William Roper, of Accomack County, Virginia, and second, Thomas Sprigg (1630–1704) of Calvert County, Maryland. **CHILDREN.** SONS: Thomas (ca. 1635–1676), a justice of Charles County in 1661, who married Mary; Richard (?–1667); ***John Stone*** (ca. 1648–1697); and Matthew (?–1676), clerk of Charles County, 1674–1676, who married Margery. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married in 1661/62 ***William Calvert*** (ca. 1642/43–1682); Mary, who married first, John Thomas (?–1673) of Stafford County, Virginia and Charles County, and second, Robert Doyne (?–1689); and Catherine. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, probably had Puritan leanings. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: immigrated to Virginia by 1628 as an agent of his uncle, Thomas Stone; owned 5,250 acres in Virginia in 1640; was a recognized political leader in Virginia with strong ties to the English and Chesapeake Puritan communities when Lord Baltimore appointed him governor in 1648; recruited a substantial number of Virginia Protestants to Maryland; received Poynton Manor in 1654 for his "laudable services," and for transporting himself, his wife, four children, and four servants. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Upper House, 1658 (did not attend). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: governor, 1648–1656 (replaced March 29–June 28, 1652, and 1654–1656, by the Parliamentary Commissioners); Council, 1656–ca. 1659/60; justice, Provincial Court, 1657/58–ca. 1659/60. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1659. OUT OF COLONY SERVICE: Hungar's Parish Vestry, Accomack County, Virginia, 1635; sheriff, Accomack County, 1634,

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