

uncle was *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751); his great-aunt was Priscilla Sprigg, who married *Ralph Crabb* (?–1733). MARRIED on May 16, 1771, Mary (1747–1812), daughter of Benjamin Brookes (?–1787) and wife Mary Townley; stepdaughter of Sarah Johnson. Her brothers were Maj. Benjamin, who married in 1785 Margaret (1765–?), daughter of *William Bowie* (1721–1791); John Smith, who married first, Ann Bowie, and second, (first name unknown) Harwood. CHILDREN. SONS: William (1776–?), who married in 1802 Kitty Duckett; Daniel (1777–?); and Walter, Jr. (1785–?), who married in 1812 Amelia Margaret Weems. DAUGHTERS: Margaret (1772–1797), who married in 1792 Isaac Duckett; Elizabeth (1781–?), who married in 1803 Thomas Brooke; and Juliet Matilda (1788–?), who married in 1812 James B. Brookes. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: attended Rev. John Eversfield's school, common schools in Annapolis, and Craddock's school in Baltimore County. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1800; horse racer. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant, owned the firm of Walter Bowie & Company of Bladensburg, Prince George's County. The company shipped tobacco to England and imported goods from England and India. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 2nd–3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776, because the freemen illegally appointed election judges after the ones officially appointed failed to act; reelected and seated); Lower House, Prince George's County, 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779 (Elections 2; Grievances 3), 1781–1782 (Claims 1), 1782–1783, 1783 (elected, but did not attend), 1784, 1785, 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795, 1796, 1797; Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1801–1806: 1801 (did not serve), 1802 (did not serve; probably declined). OTHER STATE OFFICES: associate justice, First District, appointed 1791, resigned 1792. LOCAL OFFICE: Maryland Senate elector, Prince George's County, elected 1786, 1791, and 1801. OUT OF STATE OFFICE: representative, U.S. Congress, 1802–1803 (elected to fill vacancy; seated on March 24, 1802), 1803–1805. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: a leader in the affair that resulted in the burning of the *Peggy Stewart*, 1774. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 674 acres in Prince George's County (529 acres from his father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased considerable additional property during the 1790s, all in Prince George's

County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 9, 1810, intestate, in Prince George's County, after a long illness. He was buried on his plantation "Locust Grove," Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$24,984.60 current money (including 71 slaves, 75 oz. plate, and books); FB, estate overpaid \$2,961.19. LAND: 2,359 acres in Prince George's County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: his annual income at death included rents totaling \$774.18. He owed almost \$10,000, with his largest creditors being the Farmers Bank, *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737–1832), *Robert Bowie* (ca. 1750–1818), Charles Ridgely, and John Turnbull.

BOWIE, WILLIAM (1721–1791). BORN: in 1721 at "Brooke Ridge," near Nottingham, Prince George's County; fourth son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at "Brooke Reserve" (later called "Mattaponi"), Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Bowie, Sr., Gent. (ca. 1688–1759), who probably immigrated from Scotland ca. 1706. MOTHER: Mary, daughter of James Mulliken. BROTHERS: John, Jr. (1708–1753), who married first, Mary Offet, and second, Elizabeth Pottinger; James (1714–1744); Allen (1719–1783), who married first, Priscilla Finch (?–1747), and second, Anne Fraser (1718–1779); and Thomas (1723–?), who married first, Esther (1730–?), daughter of *Osborn Sprigg* (1707–1749/50), and second, Hannah, daughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744). SISTERS: Eleanor (1709–?), who married first, Benjamin Brookes, second, Edward Clagett, and third, (first name unknown) Skinner; Mary (1726–?), who married William Beanes, Jr. NEPHEWS: *Allen Bowie, Jr.* (1737–1803); *Fielder Bowie* (ca. 1745–1794). MARRIED ca. 1745 Margaret (1726/27–1804), daughter of *Osborn Sprigg* (1707–1749/50); stepdaughter of Rachel Belt (1711–?); granddaughter of *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1670–by 1739); stepgranddaughter of *Joseph Belt* (ca. 1680–1761); niece of both *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751) and Priscilla Sprigg, who married *Ralph Crabb* (?–1733). Her half brothers were *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741–1815); and *Thomas Sprigg* (1747–1809). Her first cousins were *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781); *Edward Sprigg* (1723–1758); *Henry Wright Crabb* (1722/23–1764); *Edward Sprigg* (?–?); and *Francis King* (1724/25–1771). CHILDREN. SONS: *Walter Bowie* (1748–1810); *Robert Bowie* (ca. 1750–1818); William Sprigg (1751–1809), who was commissioned a captain in the Fourth Battalion of the Maryland Line in January 1777 and was severely wounded at the Battle of Germantown on October