

4, 1777. The injury forced him to resign his commission on December 15, 1777, and kept him an invalid for many years. William became involved in mercantile activities and owned a store in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County by 1788, but his health seemed to keep him from making the business a success. In 1800 William petitioned the Assembly as an insolvent debtor and when he died in 1809 he owned no land of his own. William married in 1781 Elizabeth, widow of John Clark Sprigg (?-1781) and daughter of Benjamin Brookes, Sr. (?-1787). Osborn Sprigg (?-1806). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (1746-?), who married Walter Smith, of Calvert County; Ann (1765-?), who married Philemon Lloyd Chew, of Calvert County; and Margaret Sprigg (1765-?), who married Maj. Benjamin Brookes, Jr., son of Benjamin Brookes, Sr. (?-1787). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; a subscriber to St. John's College, Annapolis, at death. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1759; Esq., by 1785. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, by 1744. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 1st, 1774, 2nd-3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend), 5th, 1775. LOCAL OFFICES: tobacco inspector, Nottingham, Prince George's County, appointed 1753; churchwarden, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County, period of service unknown; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, period of service unknown; justice, Prince George's County, 1759—at least 1761; Committee of Correspondence, Prince George's County, elected 1774; Committee of Observation, Prince George's County, elected 1775; commissioner of tax, Prince George's County, 1777—at least 1783; committee to raise supplies for the army, Prince George's County, appointed 1778; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Prince George's County, appointed 1786 (declined). JURY SERVICE: foreman, grand jury, in office 1764 and 1766. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1760. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,540 acres in Prince George's and Charles counties (402 acres were the remainder of 612 acres acquired from his father through deeds of gift and inheritance; at least 1,731 acres by purchase; and 89 acres, the remainder of 112 acres patented before his first election). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Before his first election William transferred 432 acres by deed of gift to his son *Robert Bowie* (ca. 1750-1818). This acreage was composed partially of William's inherited land and partially of land he had purchased. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELEC-

TION AND DEATH: transferred by deed of gift 695 acres in Charles County to his son William, 1782; transferred by deed of gift 1 acre in Prince George's County to his son *Robert Bowie* (ca. 1750-1818), 1785. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between March 15 and April 9, 1791, in Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,451.16.0 current money (including 45 slaves, 98 oz. plate, and 4 books); FB, £104.10.11. LAND: 1,845 acres in Prince George's County.

**BOWLES, JAMES** (?-ca. 1727/28). BORN: in England; only son. IMMIGRATED: probably in 1699 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Charles County; St. Mary's County by 1700. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Tobias Bowles (?-1727), a sugar and tobacco merchant of London and Deal, England, who was nominated for the governorship of Maryland after death of his uncle, *John Seymour* (1649-1709). SISTERS: (first name unknown), who married Henry Alexander Primrose; (first name unknown), who married Capt. John Underdowne; and Jane. MARRIED first, by 1718 Jane, daughter of *Henry Lowe* (?-1717); niece of *Nicholas Lowe* (ca. 1662-1714). Her brothers were *Henry Lowe* (?-1721); Bennett (?-1722); *Nicholas Lowe* (?-1728); and Thomas. Her sisters were Ann; Elizabeth; Henrietta Maria; Dorothy; Mary; and Susannah Maria. MARRIED second, Rebecca (1703-?), daughter of *Thomas Addison* (1679-1727) and wife Elizabeth Tasker (1686-1706/7); stepdaughter of Eleanor (1689-1761), daughter of *Walter Smith* (?-1711); granddaughter of both *John Addison* (?-ca. 1705/6) and *Thomas Tasker* (?-1700); niece of *Benjamin Tasker* (ca. 1690-1768). Her half brothers were *John Addison* (1713-1764); Henry; Thomas; and Anthony. Her sister was Elinor. Her half sister was Ann, who married *William Murdock* (?-1769). CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Elinor, who married William Gooch, son of Gov. William Gooch, of Virginia; Mary, who married William Armistead; and Jane, who married Rev. Thomas Price. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, probably had considerable schooling. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: apparently came to Maryland to settle the estate of Capt. Anthony Bowles and to serve as his father's agent in the colony; married the daughters of two of the wealthiest and most politically powerful men on the lower Western Shore. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1710-1711 (elected to the 3rd session); Upper House, 1720-1721/22 (appointed to the 3rd ses-