

in Dorchester County (inherited 100 acres from his stepfather, but sold it to his brother before his election; purchased 650 acres and patented 250 acres). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 200 acres in Dorchester County between 1741 and 1748; sold 350 acres in Dorchester County to his sons and one stepson between 1760 and 1765; sold 105 acres in Dorchester County between 1765 and 1768. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on May 3, 1770, in Dorchester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £322.5.8 current money (including 8 slaves and books); FB, £255.9.4. LAND: at least 694 acres in Dorchester County.

BROWN (BROWNE), JOHN (?-1793). BORN: in Queen Anne's County, of age by 1750. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Upper District Hundred, Queen Anne's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: James Brown (?-ca. 1756), of Queen Anne's County, a planter. MOTHER: Sarah. BROTHERS: James; Joel; William (1741-?); and Samuel (1744-?). SISTERS: Elizabeth; Hesther (Easter), who married Andrew Hall; Sarah; Ann (1746-?); and Rebecca (1751-?). MARRIED on January 13, 1757, Catherine, daughter of William Carmichael (?-1769), who immigrated from Scotland, a merchant, and wife Elizabeth; stepdaughter of Ann Brooke (1712-ca. 1754); stepgranddaughter of Roger Brooke (1673-1718), of Prince George's County, and wife Elizabeth Hutchins. Her brothers were Walter; James (?-1778), a ship's captain, who married Selitia Emory; and William (?-1795), of Chestertown, Kent County, an attorney. Educated in Edinburgh, Scotland, William served as secretary to the commission in Paris comprised of Silas Deane, Benjamin Franklin, and Arthur Lee, which attempted to persuade France to aid the colonies, ca. 1775. He also served as a delegate to the Continental Congress from 1778 to 1779, as secretary to John Jay, minister to Spain, ca. 1780, and as chargé d'affaires in Madrid, Spain in 1782. Unpaid for years, and with his fortune depleted, William died in Madrid in 1795. He married first, (first name unknown) Stirling, daughter of an Episcopal rector of Queen Anne's County, and second, Antonia Reynon, of Spain; she and their daughter Alphonsa came to live near Chestertown, Kent County, after William's death. Catherine's half or stepbrother was *Richard Bennett Carmichael* (1753-1824). Her sisters were Ann; Elizabeth, who married Samuel Thompson; and Margaret (ca. 1741-1767), who married Arthur Holt. Her stepsister was Elizabeth Brooke, born before her mother's marriage to William Car-

michael, then adopted by him and who married *John Lambert Wilmer* (1747-1799). CHILDREN. DAUGHTER: Sarah (1757-?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1773-1774; Conventions, Queen Anne's County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 5th, 1775; Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1778-1779 (Grievances 1; Tax Commissioners 1; Claims 3), 1779-1780 (Grievances 2, 3), 1787-1788, 1789 (elected, but did not attend), 1790 (elected, but did not attend). LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County, in office 1752 and 1769; justice, Queen Anne's County, 1756-1793 (quorum, 1763-1793); St. Luke's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office 1762-1768, 1772-1773, 1783-1785; commissioner of surveys, Queen Anne's County, in office 1766; Committee of Correspondence, Queen Anne's County, elected 1774; justice, Orphans' Court, Queen Anne's County, in office 1777-1780, 1786-at least 1791; commissioner of tax, Queen Anne's County, in office 1777, 1782-at least 1792; judge, court of appeals, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, Queen Anne's County, appointed 1778. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1756. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,923.0.0, including 49 slaves and 108 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 884 acres in Queen Anne's County (received 298 acres from his father's estate; patented 186 acres and purchased 400 acres). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned a total of 1,145 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1783. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 14, 1793, in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: he mentioned 16 slaves in his will. LAND: 1,137 acres in Queen Anne's County.

BROWN (BROWNE), MATTHEW (?-?). IMMIGRATED: probably. RESIDED: in Somerset County, April 1773; Dorchester County by June 1774. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1776. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Charles County in November 1772 (sworn in as "Matthias Brown"); Dorchester County in March 1773; Prince George's County in March 1773; Provincial Court in April 1773; Caroline County in November 1775. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Dorchester County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775. LOCAL OFFICE: clerk of