

Indictments, Caroline County, appointed 1775. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: The Council of Safety issued a permit to Matthew Brown "to pass from any Sea-Port Town in this Province, to Europe with his Baggage" on June 23, 1776; possibly a Loyalist.

**BROWN, NICHOLAS** (ca. 1608–1655). BORN: ca. 1606, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1638 as a free adult from Virginia. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in Virginia by 1634. RESIDED: in Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. BROTHER: Robert Brown, a "waterman," of London, England. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: illiterate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, Kent County, 1638/39. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Kent County, 1648–1654/55. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: under 500 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: buried on July 21, 1655. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, 16,587 pounds of tobacco, plus livestock and other items perhaps worth as much as £50. LAND: 200 acres, plus another plantation of unspecified acreage.

**BROWN (BROWNE), RICHARD** (?–?). IMMIGRATED: in 1648 as a free adult with his wife. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County; moved to Virginia, 1654. PRIVATE CAREER. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr. on arrival; no other evidence of public service except jury duty, 1648/49. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, St. Mary's County, 1649 (Accounts). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: rights to 200 acres.

**BROWNE, DAVID** (?–1697). BORN: probably in Scotland. IMMIGRATED: in 1670 as a free adult from Scotland. RESIDED: in Somerset County. MARRIED by 1672 Winifred, widow of Capt. William Thorne. CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; possibly attended Glasgow University. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Presbyterian. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1686. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Associators' Convention, Somerset County, 1689–1692; Grand Committee of Twenty, 1690–1692; Upper House, 1692–1693 (Laws 2), 1694–1697 (did not attend the 8th session). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1691–1697; justice, Provincial Court, 1693–1694. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Somerset County, 1672/73–1692 (quorum, 1679/80–1692); coroner, Somerset County, 1688–1692. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1679/80–1690;

colonel, 1690–1697. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: active supporter of the revolution of 1689, which brought him his first provincial offices. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,780 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on September 17, 1697. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,838.1.6 sterling (including 4 slaves and 4 servants). LAND: 980 acres.

**BROWNE, JAMES** (1640–1675). BORN: in Salem, Massachusetts. IMMIGRATED: perhaps by 1663/64, certainly by 1667, as a free adult, probably with his wife and children from New England. RESIDED: in Baltimore County; "Farley," Cecil County, ca. 1675. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: came to Maryland in connection with his father's business. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Browne (?–1685), a merchant of Salem, Massachusetts, who had trade associations with Maryland for many years, and who sold 1,676 acres on the Sassafras River in 1663/64. MARRIED in 1664 Hannah, daughter of Henry Bartholomew. CHILDREN. SONS: Bartholomew (1669–?); James (1675–?). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (1671–?); Hannah (1673–?). PRIVATE CAREER. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: partner with father; merchant; storekeeper. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1671–1675 (no evidence he ever sat; left for a voyage to New England before the 1st session). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: over 1,900 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: committed suicide on November 12, 1675. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 143,744 pounds of tobacco, plus a cargo of goods from England and New England probably worth at least £191. LAND: over 1,900 acres.

**BRUCE, ANDREW** (?–1815). BORN: probably in Maryland, of age in 1765. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Frederick County; Washington County; "Mt. Pleasant," Allegany County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. BROTHER: possibly *Normand Bruce* (?–1811). MARRIED Barbara (?–by 1814), daughter of William Murdock (?–1815); granddaughter of Rev. George Murdock, rector of Prince George's Parish, Prince George's County in 1726. Her brothers were William (?–ca. 1825), a merchant of London, England; Benjamin, of Frederick County; and *George Murdock* (ca. 1742–1805). Her first cousin was *William Murdock Beall* (ca. 1742–1823). CHILDREN. SONS: at least eight, including Normand Murdock; William; Andrew; George; and Charles. DAUGHTERS: Susannah; Margaret, who married (first name unknown)