

Cresap; and Helen. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1802. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** attorney, admitted to the following courts: Frederick County in March 1765; Prince George's County in June 1765. **Planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Washington County, 1787-1788. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1775; justice, Washington County, 1777-1789, Allegany County, 1790-at least 1800; commissioner of tax, Washington County, 1777-at least 1779, Allegany County, appointed 1792; justice, Orphans' Court, Allegany County, appointed 1802. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £187.0.0, including 3 slaves, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 2,056 acres in Washington and Frederick counties, plus 1 leased lot in Cumberland, Washington County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired by purchase and patent 4,925 acres in Frederick, Washington, and Allegany counties, 1788-1805. Included in this total are 9 fifty-acre lots in Wills Town Hundred, Allegany County. In 1805, 6 of these lots were added to a 440-acre tract he already owned, and he combined this with a 451-acre vacancy to form his dwelling plantation. He sold a total of 1,403 acres in Washington, Frederick, and Allegany counties (1,060 acres of this was comprised of 1 large tract), 1793-1798. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** at "Mt. Pleasant," Wills Town Hundred, Allegany County; will probated on April 1, 1815. **LAND:** probably ca. 5,578 acres in Frederick, Washington, and Allegany counties. His will mentioned 900 acres in Hardy County, Virginia (later became part of West Virginia).

BRUCE, NORMAND (?-1811). **BORN:** in Scotland. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1748 as a freeman from Scotland. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County, 1748-1765; Bruceville, Big Pipe Creek, Frederick County, 1765-1811. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. BROTHER:** possibly *Andrew Bruce* (?-1815). **MARRIED** on November 19, 1761, Susanna Gardiner (1742-1811), daughter of *Philip Key* (1696/97-1764). Her brothers were Capt. Richard Ward Key (?-1765); *Edmund Key* (?-1766); Dr. John Key (?-1755); Francis Key (1731/32-1770); *Thomas Key* (?-1772); and Philip Barton Key (?-1756). Her nephews were *Philip Key* (1750-1820); *John Ross Key* (1754-1821). **CHILDREN. SON:** Charles, who first resided in the Middle District, Frederick County, but in early life left to live in the West Indies. **DAUGHTER:** Elizabeth Key, who

married John Scott. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1761; Gent., 1768; married into a very prominent family with extensive landholdings in the colony. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** landlord; mill owner. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Frederick County, 1780 (elected, but did not attend; resigned on November 9, 1780). **LOCAL OFFICES:** sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1761-1764, Frederick County, 1768-1771; justice, Frederick County, commissioned 1768 and 1773-at least 1777; Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1774; justice, Orphans' Court, Frederick County, commissioned 1777; commissioner of tax, Frederick County, 1777-at least 1779; purchasing agent, Frederick County, appointed 1779; subscription officer, Continental Loan Office, Frederick County, appointed 1779. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 1776; commanded a battalion of the Flying Camp. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 24 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 20,648 acres in Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's and Washington counties (his wife inherited at least 1,399 acres from her father). His father-in-law owned 5,000 acres in Frederick County, which was a factor in inducing Bruce and his wife to move from St. Mary's County to Frederick County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** patented 3,016 acres in Frederick and Montgomery counties, 1783-1796. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on August 5, 1811, in Frederick County. **LAND:** probably ca. 24,000 acres in Frederick, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Washington counties.

BRUFF, WILLIAM (ca. 1741-1802). **BORN:** ca. 1741 in Talbot County; probably eldest son. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Queen Anne's County, 1764; Island Hundred, Queen Anne's County, 1778; Baltimore Town, 1795. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Richard Bruff (?-1760), of Talbot County. **MOTHER:** Rachel, widow of (name unknown). **BROTHER:** Richard. **STEPBROTHER:** Jonathan (surname unknown). **SISTERS:** Mary; Lucy; Rachel; and Rebecca. **MARRIED** first, by 1765 Catherine (1743-?), daughter of Maj. Nathan Wright (?-1767) and wife Mary (?-1773); stepdaughter of (first name unknown) Bruff; granddaughter of *Charles Wright* (?-1720); niece of *Robert Norrest Wright* (?-ca. 1746/47). Her brothers were *Turbutt Wright* (ca. 1741-1783); Robert (1756-?). Her sister was Mary (1746-1754). **MARRIED** second, by 1794 Catherine,