

1800, 1801, 1802, 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1808–1809, 1809, 1814 (speaker), 1815 (speaker). OTHER STATE OFFICE: Executive Council, 1816–1817, 1818–1819. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Charles County, commissioned 1789, 1791, and 1793; associate justice, First District, Charles County, appointed May 1792–resigned September 1792; Maryland Senate elector, Charles County, in office 1796, 1801, 1811. MILITARY SERVICE: ensign, Second Maryland Regiment, 1781; lieutenant, 1782; continued service in the Maryland Battalion until November 1783; major, by 1821. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 7 slaves, 1790; 16 slaves, 1798. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: received as a gift from father 558 acres in Charles County, 1793; inheritance from father, acreage unknown, ca. 1801; purchased and patented 706 acres in Charles County, 1807–1816. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: prior to December 1821 in Georgetown, D.C. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$12,125.70 (including 56 slaves); FB, \$9,436.61. LAND: at least 1,164 acres in Charles County, plus lots in Annapolis, and the right to four military lots (200 acres) in Allegany County (now Garrett County).

CHASE, JEREMIAH (?–1755). BORN: in England, of age by October 1743; younger son. IMMIGRATED/NATIVE: arrived in 1734 with his father, probably as a minor, from England. RESIDED: in Charles County, by 1749. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Rev. Richard Chase (?–1742), of St. Andrew's, London, England; educated at Cambridge University; immigrated in 1734. An Anglican clergyman, he was appointed chaplain to *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699–1751) on March 25, 1734; served as rector of St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County from 1734 to 1734/35, of All Hallows' Parish, Anne Arundel County from 1734/35 to 1737, of Christ Church, Calvert County from 1737 to 1742, and of Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County from 1742 to death. On April 25, 1735 Commissary Jacob Henderson, who was charged with superintending the conduct of the clergy, wrote to the bishop of London that Chase was a man of "much levity, no learning, and supposed to be a free thinker, or deist. He gives himself great liberties in ridiculing religion and that set of people highly caress and admire him." Richard Chase was the son of Samuel Chase, freeman of London, England, and a member of the Honorable Company of Tylers and Brickmakers and the owner of considerable property in Westminster and Maid-

ahead, England. MOTHER: Margaret Frances, daughter of Jeremiah Townley, of London, England, a merchant. BROTHER: Richard (?–1757), a lawyer. FIRST COUSIN: *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811). NEPHEW: *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). MARRIED Judith (?–1790), daughter of William Dent (1706–1757) and wife Anne Warren; granddaughter of *Thomas Dent* (1685–1725). Her brothers were *Warren Dent* (?–1794); George, who married first, Rose Townshend Knox (?–1794), and second, in 1796 Elizabeth Harrison Knox. Her sisters were Eleanor, who married *John Jordan* (?–1763); Mary, who married Rev. William Dowie (Bowie?); Ann, who married Samuel Briscoe; Grace, who married Robert Harrison; and Rebecca, who married *William Harrison* (?–1789). Her niece was Mary Hanson Briscoe, who married *Michael Jenifer Stone* (1747–1812). CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1749; Esq., at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: a lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Provincial Court in October 1743; Charles County by June 1744; Prince George's County in March 1746; Court of Chancery by December 1753. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1754–1755 (Laws 1, 2; died before the 3rd session). LOCAL OFFICES: clerk and cryer, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, commissioned 1743. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 278 acres in Charles County (all by purchase). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on April 2, 1755, as a result of poisoning at a gentleman's house while on a journey for the Baltimore Assizes. On January 10, 1755 William Stratton, one of Chase's servants, gave his master some boiled milk and bread that had been mixed with poisonous herbs and powders. Chase immediately became ill and died on April 2. Stratton and two slaves were convicted of the crime and sentenced to death. Another slave was convicted of conspiring to murder Chase. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,897.11.3 sterling, plus £1,489.0.6 current money and 88,660 pounds of tobacco (including 5 slaves, 1 servant, 339 oz. 18 dwt. 12 gr. plate, and books); FB, £2,706.7.11 sterling, plus £1,373.17.2 current money and 33,989 pounds of tobacco. LAND: 278 acres in Charles County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: his principal heirs were his wife Judith and his brother Richard.

CHASE, JEREMIAH TOWNLY (TOWNLEY) (1748–1828). BORN: on May 23, 1748, in St. Paul's