

1699. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £285.13.2 sterling (including 5 slaves, 4 servants, and books). LAND: 2 plantations of unspecified acreage.

CLARKE (CLERK, CLARK), ROBERT (ca. 1611–1664). BORN: ca. 1611, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1637 as an indentured servant of Father Thomas Copley, a Jesuit priest. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County. MARRIED first, (name unknown). MARRIED second, by November 1654 Winifred, widow of both *Thomas Greene* (?–ca. 1651/52) and Nicholas Harvey. MARRIED third, in 1656 Jane (1612–?), widow of both John Cockshutt and Nicholas Causine. CHILDREN. SONS: John (?–1686), who married Ann; Robert (1652–1698); and Thomas (1654–?). STEPSONS: *Ignatius Causine* (ca. 1642–1695); *Leonard Greene* (?–1688); Thomas Greene; Robert Greene, who married Mary, daughter of *William Boreman* (ca. 1630–1709); and Francis Greene. DAUGHTER: Mary. STEPDAUGHTERS: Jane, who married *Thomas Mathews* (ca. 1622–1675/76); Mary, who married *Henry Adams* (?–1686). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; had clerical skills. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1638; his Council appointment probably followed his marriage to the widow of Thomas Greene, a councilor and often acting governor; his loyal service to the proprietary family brought repeated patronage and upward mobility; he was frequently reported to be in financial difficulties. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: servant, free by 1638; placeman; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, present 1637/38, present 1638/39, present 1641/42, special writ 1642A, present 1642B, present 1647/48, St. Mary's County, 1649; Upper House, special writ 1650 (Laws, dismissed during the 1st session); Upper House, 1658, 1659/60, 1661, 1662, 1663 (died before the 2nd session). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: deputy surveyor general, 1639/40–1648; surveyor general, 1648–1661; temporary clerk, Provincial Court, 1648; clerk, Council, 1647–1653/54; Council, 1653/54–1654, 1658–1664; justice, Provincial Court, 1653/54–1654, 1658–1664. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: spokesman for the Jesuits, 1637/38; consistent supporter of proprietary interests. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: acquired 1,000 acres in 1652. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in July 1664. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, 10,462 pounds of tobacco (£70.12.4). LAND: probably 1,150 acres.

CLARKSON, ROBERT (?–1666). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1657, probably

as a free adult. RESIDED: in Middle Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel County. MARRIED Milcah, who subsequently married in 1666 *Richard Hill* (ca. 1640–1700). CHILDREN. SON: Robert (?–ca. 1686). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Mary, who married first, Thomas Francis, and second, *Samuel Young* (1662–1736). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant; Quaker by 1657. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1659/60. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: he was fined for refusing to bear arms, 1662. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 200–500 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on May 22, 1666. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, 78,100 pounds of tobacco. LAND: 1,000 acres.

CLAYTON, SOLOMON (1685–1739). BORN: in 1685, probably in Maryland; second son. NATIVE: probably, if so, second generation. RESIDED: in Talbot County; Queen Anne's County, after 1707. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Clayton (ca. 1655–1721), who was illiterate and served on the St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County from 1707 to 1721. STEPMOTHER: Joan (?–1730). BROTHER: *William Clayton* (ca. 1682–1728/29). SISTERS: Rachel (?–1749), who married William Finney (?–ca. 1723), son of *William Finney* (ca. 1637–1696); Alice, who married *Edward Wright* (?–1740/41); and Margaret, who married Thomas Kemp. MARRIED first, by 1714/15 Rachel (?–1729), daughter of Edward Smith (?–1700) and wife Ann Sheppard Marshall. MARRIED second, in November 1729 Mary, widow of *John Chaires* (?–1728/29). CHILDREN. SONS: William; Edward; Solomon; and Charles. STEPSONS: John Chaires; Thomas Chaires; and James Chaires. DAUGHTERS: Rachel, who married William Coursey (1703–1769), son of *Henry Coursey* (1662–1707); Mary, who married William Clayton, son of *William Clayton* (ca. 1682–1728/29). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1723; Gent., 1726; Esq., 1729. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1715, 1732–1734, 1738, 1739 (died before the 1st session). LOCAL OFFICES: St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, 1707, 1723–1727, 1728; justice, Queen Anne's County, 1722–1735 (quorum, 1729/30–1735). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: owned one-half of the 30-ton brigantine, *Charming Molly* in 1732 and at death; one-half of a 13-ton sloop in 1738 and at