

Butts. BROTHER: Samuel, (?–1813), a physician who resided at Mt. Welby, Prince George's County. **SISTERS:** Margaret, who married (first name unknown) Armstrong; Catherine, who married (first name unknown) Ralph; and Sarah, who married (first name unknown) Powell. **MARRIED** Margaret Trueman (?–1798), daughter of Margaret Somerville. Her sister was Susannah, who married *George Fraser Hawkins* (ca. 1741–1785). **CHILDREN.** Died without progeny. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, 1773–1786, and All Faiths Parish, St. Mary's County, 1792 to death. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., 1773; Esq., 1784. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Conventions, St. Mary's County, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend); Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1783, 1784 (Claims), 1785 (Manufactories), 1786–1787 (Claims 1). **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** associate justice, First District, 1791–at least 1793. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, St. Mary's County, 1772–1774 (no records 1775–1778), 1779–at least 1789; St. Andrew's Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, in office 1773–1780, 1781–1786; justice, Orphans' Court, St. Mary's County, 1779–at least 1789; churchwarden, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, in office 1780–1781 and 1781–1786; commissioner of tax, St. Mary's County, appointed 1782 and 1783; All Faiths Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, in office 1791. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 34 slaves, 1790; assessed value £766.0.0, including 28 slaves and plate, 1793. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 750 acres in St. Mary's County (450 acres inherited from other family members). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned 4,031 acres in St. Mary's County, 1793. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** between March 20 and May 10, 1796, at "Trent Place," St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £6,996.10.4 current money (including 41 slaves, 35 books, and more than 80 gallons of wine and whiskey); FB, £6,415.8.1. **LAND:** 4,031 acres in St. Mary's County in 1793, as well as unspecified acreage in Virginia and County Sligo, Ireland.

DECOURSEY (COURSEY, COURCEY, CORCEY), EDWARD (ca. 1759–1827). **BORN:** ca. 1759, probably in Queen Anne's County; second son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** on Wye Neck, Queen Anne's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Col. William Coursey (1703–1769), of Queen Anne's County, son of *Henry*

Coursey (1662–1707). **MOTHER:** Rachel, daughter of *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739). **AUNT:** Elizabeth Coursey, who married *William Cumming* (ca. 1696–1752). **BROTHER:** Henry (?–ca. 1815). **HALF BROTHER:** William. **SISTERS:** Mary, who married (first name unknown) Downs; Rachel; and Sarah, who married *Robert Wright* (1752–1826). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** his father had a previous wife (name unknown). **MARRIED** in December 1786 Ann (1762–?), daughter of William Nicols (1730–1774), of Kent County, and wife Henrietta Maria Lloyd Chamberlaine (1739–1777); granddaughter of both Rev. Henry Nicols (1687–ca. 1749), rector of St. Michael's Parish in Talbot County from 1708 to 1749, and wife Dorothy Elizabeth Rowle, and *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1698–1773); niece of *James Lloyd Chamberlaine* (1732–1783), *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1742–1811), and Anne Chamberlaine (1734–1786), who married *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788). Her brothers were Samuel (1770–?), who married first, (first name unknown) Blake, and second, Elizabeth Smyth; Henry (1764–1810), who married in 1786 Elizabeth Robins (1765–1814). Her sister was Henrietta Maria (1761–?), who married first, *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790), and second, Charles Blake (?–1798). Her first cousins were Henrietta Maria Chamberlaine (?–1804), who married *William Hayward, Jr.* (ca. 1758–1834); *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790). **CHILDREN. SONS:** William Henry (?–1848), who married Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Notley Rozier; Edward (ca. 1791–1822). **DAUGHTER:** Henrietta. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Chester Church, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1778; Esq., 1779; subscriber to Washington College, Chestertown, Kent County; member of the Society of Cincinnati. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter; director, Easton branch of the Farmer's Bank of Maryland, 1811–1812. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783, 1784. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Chester Church Vestry, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, elected 1792, 1798, 1799, 1800, 1805, 1806, and 1808; trustee for the poor, Queen Anne's County, in office 1795–1798. **MILITARY SERVICE:** 3rd lieutenant, Veazy's Independent Maryland Regiment, 1776; wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Long Island, 1776; major, by 1794. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed valued £5,086.0.0, including 20 slaves, 1783; 45 slaves, 1798; deeded at least 24 slaves as a gift to son William Henry, 1822. **LAND AT FIRST ELEC-**