

**DOUGLASS, JOHN** (ca. 1636–ca. 1678/79). BORN: ca. 1636, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1659 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Charles County. MARRIED Sarah Bouls, possibly a daughter of John Bouls. She subsequently married Ralph Smith. CHILDREN. SONS: John; Robert (?–1694), who married Mary, widow of Richard Beaumont; Charles (?–1703); Joseph; and Benjamin. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (1673–?); Sarah. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: no title upon arrival; sons held no offices. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1676–1678 (Accounts 1; Defense 2; died before the 3rd session). LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Charles County, 1672–1678. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1675; major and colonel, 1676. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: over 450 acres; acquired Cold Spring Manor, 1,050 acres, in 1677. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between December 14, 1678, and January 27, 1678/79. LAND: 1,600 acres.

**DOUGLASS (DOUGLAS), WILLIAM** (?–1782). BORN: possibly in Pennsylvania, of age by 1763. IMMIGRATED: by 1763, possibly from Kent County, Delaware. RESIDED: in Caernarvon Township, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; possibly Kent County, Delaware; Worcester County, 1763; Dorchester County (later became part of Caroline County), 1771; Great Choptank Hundred, Caroline County, 1778. MARRIED Sarah, who subsequently married by March 1785 William Carpenter, Sr., of Kent County, Delaware. CHILDREN. SON: James (?–ca. 1799), of Kent County, Delaware; possibly others. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1763. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: ironmaster, in partnership with Jonathan Vaughan and six Pennsylvania businessmen in the Nanticoke Forge and Deep Creek Furnace, ca. 1763. This ironworks was the first to be formed in Worcester County. It was a large operation with ca. 7,000 acres of land on the Eastern Shore plus sawmills, gristmills, water mills, corn mills, coal, slaves, servants, and merchandise which was shipped directly to England. When the Revolution broke out the Chesapeake Bay was blockaded and business was suspended. The ironworks never recovered from this interruption and the operation was not resumed after the war. The ironworks' property, however, remained in the hands of the company until an act of the legislature was passed in 1802 to divide it among the heirs of the original owners. The furnace tract and other lands on Deep Creek

went to Douglass's grandsons. He was also a partner with John Douglass, of Chester County, Pennsylvania, in a waterworks and a small forge from ca. 1770 to 1776, when the partnership was dissolved. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Caroline County, 1777, 1777–1778 (Manufactories 3). LOCAL OFFICES: commissioner of tax, Caroline County, commissioned 1779; commissary of horses, Caroline County, commissioned 1781 (but "refused to act being in a bad state of health"). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: held partnership with seven other people in ca. 7,000 acres in Worcester and Dorchester counties, and in Sussex County, Delaware; a partner, with one other person, in ca. 1,600 acres in Caroline County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: bought out his partner's interest in the ca. 1,600 acres in Caroline County between 1776 and 1782. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1782 in Caroline County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,469.5.7 (including 8 slaves, 10 oz. plate, and books); FB, £1,289.6.9. LAND: 1,517 acres in Caroline County, plus his part of ca. 7,000 acres in Worcester and Dorchester counties, and in Sussex County, Delaware, belonging to the Deep Creek Ironworks.

**DOWNES (DOWNS), HENRY** (ca. 1748–1816). BORN: ca. 1748, probably in Queen Anne's County; younger son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's County (later became part of Caroline County); Hillsborough, Caroline County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Henry Downes (1707–by 1772), of Queen Anne's County, son of John Downes (?–1707), of Talbot County. MOTHER: Frances Noble (?–by 1775). BROTHER: *Philemon Downes* (ca. 1741–ca. 1796). FIRST COUSIN: Henrietta Downes (1739–1812), who married *Thomas Hardcastle* (ca. 1737–1808). MARRIED first, by 1769 Margaret (1752–by 1788), daughter of Thomas Baynard (?–1753), of Talbot County, a planter who died as a minor under 21-years of age, and wife Hannah Clarke; stepdaughter of Henry Thompson; niece of both *Joshua Clarke* (?–1781) and Margaret Baynard (?–by 1777), who married second *Matthew Driver* (1740–1798). Her sisters were Elizabeth (1748–1809), who married first, John Tillotson, Jr. (?–by 1777), and second, *Philemon Downes* (ca. 1741–ca. 1796); Lydia (1750–by 1769). Her first cousin was Elizabeth Driver (by 1777–?), who married *Peter Edmondson* (ca. 1753–1819). MARRIED second, in November 1788 Margaret Green. CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (?–by 1816), who married