

LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 350 acres in Queen Anne's County, but sold 150 acres between 1723 and 1727; controlled 400 acres in Queen Anne's County which belonged to his father-in-law *Richard Tilghman* (1672/73–1738/39), by 1734, to which his father-in-law left actual title to James's son, *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788) in 1738/39. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between May 19 and July 9, 1739, in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £8.3.7 Maryland gold, £56.1.5 sterling, £70.19.1 Virginia current money, £2.17.0 Boston current money, £2.16.6 Pennsylvania and New Jersey current money, £2,703.16.0 Maryland paper money (including 27 slaves, 8 servants, 105 oz. 10 dwt. 12 gr. plate, 1 dwt. 13 gr. old silver, law and other books); debts, £103.0.1 Maryland gold, £70.13.0 sterling, £16.5.5 Pennsylvania and New Jersey current money, £323.7.1 Maryland paper money; FB not calculated, because conversion could not be made. LAND: 700 acres in Queen Anne's and Cecil counties, plus control of 400 acres for his son *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788).

EARLE, JOSEPH (1739–1777). BORN: in 1739 in Queen Anne's County; fourth son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Georgetown, Kent County, by 1769; Queen Anne's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694–1739). MOTHER: Sarah Crapp Chetham. HALF BROTHERS: James (1734–1810); *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788); *Michael Earle* (1722–1787); James Chetham; and Edward Chetham. HALF SISTERS: Ann Maria (1725–1795), who married *Thomas Ringgold* (1715–1772); Henrietta Maria (1730–1767), who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812); Hannah Chetham; and Suzannah Chetham (1736–?). HALF NEPHEW: *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790). MARRIED Ann (1746–?), daughter of Rev. Richard Harrison (?–1763), rector of St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County from 1742 to 1763, and his wife Charlotte. Her brothers were John (1747–?); William (1749–1751); William (1752–?); and Richard Everingham (1761–?), who married in 1790 Sarah Thompson. Her sisters were Mary (1755–?); Charlotte (1757–by 1763). CHILDREN. SONS: George W. (?–died young); William (?–died young). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: trained as a lawyer. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1776. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Kent County by March 1764; Queen Anne's County in March 1764; Provincial

Court in September 1765; Cecil County by March 1769. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Kent County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776. LOCAL OFFICE: Committee of Correspondence, Kent County, in office 1774. MILITARY SERVICE: lieutenant colonel of a battalion from the Eastern Shore, elected 1776. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: on January 26, 1776, Earle wrote to *James Hollyday* (1722–1786) that he preferred a constitutional settlement of the difficulties between the colonies and Great Britain until he read Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, which convinced him that separation was essential if liberty was to be preserved. He felt that the Maryland Convention should ensure the protection of every man's right to his personal beliefs. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: his wife inherited £78.11.5 current money from her father's estate, 1763. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1777 in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,103.9.3 current money (including 10 slaves and law books). LAND: no evidence of any landownership.

EARLE, MICHAEL (1722–1787). BORN: on October 19, 1722, in Queen Anne's County; eldest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's County; Fredericktown, Cecil County, by 1752. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694–1739). MOTHER: Mary (1702–ca. 1736), daughter of *Richard Tilghman* (1672/73–1738/39). STEPMOTHER: Sarah Crapp Chetham. UNCLES: *William Tilghman* (1711–1782); *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1786); *James Tilghman* (1716–1793); and *Matthew Tilghman* (1717/18–1790). AUNTS: Elizabeth Earle (ca. 1694–?), who married *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739); Henrietta Maria Tilghman (1707–1771), who married first, *George Robins* (1697–1742), and second, *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); and Anna Maria Tilghman (1709–1763), who married first, *William Hemsley* (1703–1736), and second, *Robert Lloyd* (ca. 1712–1770). BROTHERS: Richard (1727–1728); *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788); Joseph (1732–1732); and James (1734–1810). HALF BROTHER: *Joseph Earle* (1739–1777). STEPBROTHERS: James Chetham; Edward Chetham. SISTERS: Anna Maria (1725–1795), who married *Thomas Ringgold* (1715–1772); Henrietta Maria (1730–1767), who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). STEPSISTERS: Hannah Chetham; Suzannah Chetham (1736–?). FIRST COUSINS: *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812); *Richard Tilghman* (1740–1809); *Matthew Tilghman* (1760–ca. 1801); *James Tilghman* (1743–1809); *Peregrine Tilghman*