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1733; resided in Anne Arundel County. By 1746 he was in debt to several creditors, including Onorio Razolini and Philpott & Lee, to whom he was bound for over £92 sterling, plus interest. He was forced to sell his personal property (including household items, livestock, and crops) to pay his accounts: he apparently held no land in his own name. MOTHER: Sophia (1707-?), daughter of Caleb Dorsey (1685-1742) and wife Eleanor Warfield (?-1752); Sophia inherited the plantation on which she and her husband lived from her brother, Edward Dorsev (1718-1760), UNCLE: Edward Dorsev (1718-1760). AUNT: Mary Dorsey (1725-ca. 1787), who married John Ridgely (?-1771). FIRST COUSINS: Charles Ridgely, of John (?-ca. 1787); Thomas Dorsey (?-1790); Achsah Dorsey (1746-1799), who married Ephraim Howard (1745-1788); Rebecca Dorsey (1739-1812), who married Charles Ridgely (1733-1790); Eleanor Dorsey (ca. 1739-1825), who married John Hall (1729-1797); Eleanor Dorsey, who married Upton Sheredine (1740-1800); Mary Dorsey (?-1816), who married John Weems (1727-1794); Deborah Ridgely (1749-1817), who married John Sterett (1750/51-1787); and Mary Ridgely (?-1804), who married Benjamin Nicholson (?-1792). MARRIED on May 2, 1771, Prudence (1755-1822), daughter of John Carnan and wife Achsah Ridgely Holliday; stepdaughter of Daniel Chamier; granddaughter of Charles Ridgely (?-1772); niece of Charles Ridgely (1733-1790), John Ridgely (?-1771), and Rachel Ridgely, who married Darby Lux (?-1795). Her brother was Charles Ridgely of Hampton (1760-1829), governor of Maryland from 1816 to 1819. Her half brother was John Robert Holliday. Her sister was Elizabeth, who married Thomas Bond Onion. Her first cousins were Deborah Ridgely (1749-1817), who married John Sterett (1750/51-1787); Mary Ridgely (?-1804), who married Benjamin Nicholson (?-1792); Charles Ridgely, of John (?-ca. 1787); and Rachel Goodwin, who married Jesse Hollingsworth (1732/33-1810). CHILDREN, DAUGHTER: Sophia (1772-1816), who married in 1787 James (Maccubbin) Carroll (1761-1832). PRIVATE CAREER, EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, until he converted to Methodism in 1775. In his journal Francis Asbury mentioned that he was "treated with great kindness" at Gough's home where he often visited, and commended the religious fervor of the Gough family. Gough and his wife were members of the first Methodist class in Baltimore and Gough occasionally preached. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq.; president of the Maryland Society for Promoting Agriculture, 1786. OCCUPA- TIONAL PROFILE: land developer and speculator, primarily in Baltimore City; merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1787-1788, 1790, 1791-1792, 1792. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Baltimore County, commissioned 1768 and 1769; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, in office 1772-1774; Committee of Observation, Middle River Lower Baltimore County, elected Hundred. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROP-ERTY: assessed value £871.5.0, not including his Baltimore Town property, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 4,300 acres in Baltimore and Harford counties, plus 5 lots in Baltimore Town (all through personal acquisition). With his wife and her family, Gough was a leasor of some 40 lots in Baltimore Town, part of his father-in-law's estate. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: In addition to his dealings as part of the Carnan-Onion family, Gough was involved in more than 150 land transactions in Baltimore City and Baltimore County between 1768 and 1807, two-thirds of which occurred after 1787. He held mortgages and assignments of leases, but his major activity was the development of land in Baltimore City, principally on Charles, St. Paul, Light, and Baltimore streets. He usually sold lots, or parts of lots, outright, but in some cases he leased lots, retaining the title and ground rents. An example of his business transactions was the development of a 475-acre tract adjoining Baltimore Town, named "Huntington," patented by John and Achsah Carnan in 1761. In the early 1780s the land was divided into lots and leased out by Gough and his wife and her sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Thomas Bond Onion. Gough purchased the property in 1790 and sold it off in small parcels over the next 15 years. His Harford County land was sold before his death, but he continued to deal in Baltimore County land throughout the period. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 5, 1808, in Baltimore County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$107,289.75; 2,500 acres in FB, \$39,180.62. LAND: ca. Baltimore County and lots in Baltimore City, primarily on Light Street.

GOVANE, WILLIAM (1716/17–1768). BORN: ON February 4, 1716/17, in Anne Arundel County; only child. NATIVE: probably second generation. RESIDED: in Anne Arundel County; Baltimore County, 1750. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: James Govane (?–1739), who married first, Mary, widow of Thomas Homewood (?–1709). MOTHER: Elizabeth, widow of William Hammond (?–