

who was the rector of St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, from 1725 to 1739. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Richard Ward (?–1765), clerk of St. Mary's County from 1744 to 1765, who married first, Rebecca Hammond, and second, Hannah, daughter of *George Clarke* (ca. 1692–1753) and wife Susannah Ataway; *Edmund Key* (?–1766); Dr. John (?–1755), who married Cecelia (1730–ca. 1797), who was the daughter of Dr. Gustavus Brown of Charles County and who married second, *Thomas Bond* (?–ca. 1797); Francis (ca. 1731/32–1770), clerk of Cecil County from 1756 to 1770 and member of St. Mary Ann Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1759–1762, 1767–1770, who married in 1752 Ann Arnold (1727–1811), daughter of John Ross, Esq., of Annapolis; *Thomas Key* (?–1772); and Philip Barton (?–1756), who was sheriff of St. Mary's County, 1754–1755. **DAUGHTER:** Susannah Gardiner (1742–1811), who married in 1761 *Normand Bruce* (?–1811). **WARDS:** *Philip Key* (1750–1820); Susannah Gardiner Key, who married Richard Bond. They were the children of Dr. John Key (?–1755). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** attended either the Middle or Inner Temple. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Choptico Church, King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County. His wife Susannah was a Catholic. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1738; Esq., by 1750. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant; planter; lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Charles County in June 1720, Provincial Court in April 1721, St. Mary's County by April 1721, Prince George's County in June 1721, Chancery Court by July 1730. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1728–1731 (Laws 1–5), 1734/35–1737 (Laws 1, Cv, 2–4; Aggrievances 3; Bills of Credit Cv, 2–4), 1745/46–1748 (Laws Cv 1, 1–3, 4), 1749–1751 (election of entire county delegation voided on June 10, 1749, because of illegal conduct of sheriff; reelected to the 2nd session; Laws Cv–3), 1751–1754 (Laws 1–6); Upper House, 1763 (appointed before the 2nd session of the 1762–1763 Assembly). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE:** Council, 1763–1764 (appointed by May 9, 1763, sitting by October 8, 1763). **LOCAL OFFICES:** clerk of indictments, Charles County, sworn 1725; clerk, St. Mary's County, 1740–1744; sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1744–1745; justice, St. Mary's County, by 1753—at least 1761 (quorum); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, St. Mary's County, appointed 1754, 1755, and 1759. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 800 acres in St. Mary's County

(by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired (by patent and purchase) as much as 11,000 acres in St. Mary's, Frederick, Charles, Anne Arundel, and Calvert counties, plus one lot in Annapolis, one lot in Leonardtown, and a mill and mill lands in St. Mary's County, 1728–1764; sold at least 800 acres in St. Mary's and Anne Arundel counties, plus 1 lot in Annapolis, 1747–1762. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on August 20, 1764, in St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,405.5.3 current money, £2,112.17.0 sterling, 60,858 pounds of tobacco, and £3,617.19.4 gold currency (including 60 slaves, fabric, books, family portraits by Hesselius, a harpsichord, and a chariot with harness for 4 horses); FB, £1,389.0.1 current money, £1,529.2.5 sterling, 58,218 pounds of tobacco, and £3,617.19.4 gold currency (all currencies included in the final balance were converted to gold currency and totaled £7,253.2.9). **LAND:** ca. 11,000 acres in St. Mary's, Frederick, Charles, and Calvert counties, plus one lot in Leonardtown and a mill and mill lands in St. Mary's County.

KEY, PHILIP (1750–1820). **BORN:** in 1750; probably in St. Mary's County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** at "Gravelly Hills," Choptico Hundred, St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Dr. John Key (?–1755), son of *Philip Key* (1696/97–1764). **STEPFATHER:** *Thomas Bond* (?–ca. 1797). **GUARDIAN:** his grandfather *Philip Key* (1696/97–1764). When Key's grandfather died, his uncles Richard Ward Key (?–1765), *Edmund Key* (?–1766), and *Thomas Key* (?–1772) became his guardians. **MOTHER:** Cecelia (1730/31–ca. 1797), daughter of Dr. Gustavus Brown (1689–1762) of Charles County. **AUNTS:** Susannah Gardiner Key (1742–1811), who married in 1761 *Normand Bruce* (?–1811); Ann Brown Clagett Horner (1732–ca. 1800), who married third, ca. 1774, *Samuel Hanson* (1716–1794). **HALF BROTHERS:** Peregrine Bond; Thomas Bond; and John Bond. **SISTER:** Susannah Gardiner (1751–?), who married Richard Bond, brother of *Thomas Bond* (?–ca. 1797). **HALF SISTERS:** Cecelia Bond; Elizabeth Bond. **FIRST COUSINS:** *John Ross Key* (1754–1821); *Gustavus Scott* (1753–1800). **MARRIED** first, on March 4, 1778, Rebecca Jowles, daughter of *Henry Greenfield Sothoron* (ca. 1732–1793). Her brothers were John; Zachariah; Henry; James; Thomas; and George Washington. Her sisters were Mary; Eleanor; and Ann. **MARRIED** second, Sophia (1765–1833), daughter of *Aquila Hall* (1727–1779) and wife Sophia White (?–1780).