

cluded in his account were legacies to his immediate family totalling over £996.0.0. LAND: over 2,467 acres.

LEE, PHILIP THOMAS (1738–1778). BORN: in 1738 in Charles County; elder son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Charles County until 1753 when he left to attend school in England; returned to Maryland in 1764 and stayed at least one year before going back to London; brought his wife and two older children with him to Maryland ca. 1773 and settled in Annapolis; during the Revolution he probably resided at “Blenheim,” his father’s plantation in Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707–1787), son of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744). MOTHER: Grace Ashton (ca. 1713–1789) of Virginia. UNCLES: *Francis Lee* (?–1749); *Arthur Lee* (?–1760). HALF UNCLES: *Corbin Lee* (?–1774); *George Lee* (1736–1807). HALF AUNTS: Hannah Lee (ca. 1736–by 1781), who married second, *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); Lettice Lee (?–1776), who married third *Joseph Sim* (?–1793). BROTHER: Richard, Jr. (?–1834). SISTERS: Sarah Lettice (?–1761), who married in 1759 *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Hannah (?–1763), who married *George Plater* (1735–1792); Alice (1748–1789), who married *John Weems* (1737–1813); and Eleanor Ann (?–1806). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745–1819); *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); *Richard Potts* (1753–1808); Rebecca Potts, who married *Benjamin Mackell IV* (1745–by 1810); Sarah Potts, who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808); and Sarah Fendall (ca. 1732–1793), who married *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811). MARRIED probably ca. 1766 his first cousin Ann (?–1777), daughter of James Russell (1708–1788) and wife Ann Lee (ca. 1711–1800), who was the daughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744) and his first wife Sarah Brooke Dent Lee (?–1724). James Russell was born in Scotland and immigrated to Maryland ca. 1729 as a merchant. He moved with his wife and children to London ca. 1752 and by the 1760s owned the most important London mercantile house trading with Maryland. His Maryland property included a one-third interest in the Nottingham Ironworks in Baltimore County, as well as stores and/or warehouses at Upper Marlboro and Nottingham in Prince George’s County, Joppa in Baltimore County, and Charlestown in Cecil County. Ann Russell Lee’s uncles were *Francis Lee* (?–1749); *Arthur Lee* (?–1760); and *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707–1787). Her half uncles were *Corbin Lee* (?–1774) and *George Lee* (1736–1807). Her

sisters were Margaret, who married in 1756 William de Drusina (1726–1778) of Hamburg, a merchant in London; Sarah, who married in 1757 Thomas Clerk (1722–1770) of Scotland, also a London merchant; and Eleanor, who married in 1762 William Molleson (ca. 1732–1804) of Scotland, a merchant in London. Her first cousins were *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745–1819); *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738–1778); Sarah Lee (?–1761), who married *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Hannah Lee, who married *George Plater* (1735–1792); Alice Lee (1748–1789), who married *John Weems* (1737–1813); *Richard Potts* (1753–1808); Rebecca Potts, who married *Benjamin Mackell IV* (1745–by 1810); and Sarah Potts, who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808). CHILDREN. SON: Russell (1776–1793), born in Maryland, died at “Blenheim” in Charles County after a kick from a horse. DAUGHTERS: Sarah Russell (ca. 1766–1810), who married in 1788 Benjamin Contee; Ann; Eleanor (ca. 1771–?), who married Dr. William Dawson of Yorkshire, England; and Margaret Russell (ca. 1772–?), who married in 1793 her cousin James Clerk (1758–?). In 1804 James Clerk changed his family name to Clerk-Lee. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: Eton College, England, 1753–1756; admitted to Middle Temple, February 24, 1756; pensioner at Christ College, Cambridge, 1757–1759. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: third generation legislator; member of the Lee family of Maryland and Virginia and related by blood and marriage to prominent merchants in London, Maryland, and Virginia. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer; called to the bar in England on February 10, 1764; admitted to the Frederick County Court in November 1764, to the Prince George’s County Court and the Provincial Court in August 1765, and to the Charles County Court by August 1765. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Upper House, 1773–1774 (appointed before or during the Convention). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1773–1776 (in office by October 29, 1773); justice, Provincial Court, commissioned 1773; naval officer of North Potomac, 1774–1777. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Anne Arundel County, commissioned 1769, 1770, 1773, and 1775. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: taxed as a Loyalist until he signed the Oath of Fidelity in 1778. Family tradition attributes his death to distress over his native country’s break with England. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: estate charged with 631 oz. plate in Charles