

County, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** none in his own name; living in his father's house in Annapolis. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on December 22, 1778; probably at "Blenheim," Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £7,198.3.7 current money (including 8 slaves and 95 law books); FB, £5,293.0.7. **LAND:** His estate was charged with 1 lot and house in Annapolis in 1783, but this property was owned by his father and only used as a residence by Lee.

LEE, RICHARD (ca. 1707–1787). **BORN:** ca. 1707 in Prince George's County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Prince George's County until at least 1739. By 1754 Lee had moved to Charles County and was residing at "Blenheim" on the Potomac River, just below the mouth of the Port Tobacco River. His plantation landing was a port of entry for the North Potomac. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744). **MOTHER:** Sarah (?–1724), widow of *William Dent* (ca. 1660–1704), daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31). **STEPMOTHER:** Elizabeth Lawson, widow of Henry Sewall (?–1722), Gent. **UNCLE:** *Thomas Brooke* (1683–1744). **AUNT:** Priscilla Brooke, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?–1765). **HALF AUNT:** Jane Brooke (?–1779), who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691–1740). **BROTHERS:** *Francis Lee* (?–1749); *Philip* (?–1739); *Thomas* (?–1749); and youngest, *Arthur Lee* (?–1760). **HALF BROTHERS:** *Hancock* (?–1759); *John; Corbin Lee* (?–1774); and *George Lee* (1736–1807). **STEPBROTHERS:** *Nicholas Lewis Sewell* (ca. 1721–1800); *Henry Sewall* (?–1780). **SISTERS:** *Ann* (ca. 1711–1800); *Sarah*; and *Eleanor* (1710–1759). **HALF SISTERS:** *Hannah*, who married second, *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Letitia* (Lettice) (?–1776), who married third, *Joseph Sim* (?–1793); *Elizabeth*; *Alice*; and *Margaret* (Peggy). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710–1785); *Fielder Gantt* (?–1807); *Edward Gantt* (?–by 1783); probably *Ann Gantt*, who married *John Brome* (1703–1748); *Richard Brooke* (1716–1783); and *Eleanor Brooke* (1718–?), who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713–ca. 1778). **NEPHEWS:** *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745–1819); and *Richard Potts* (1753–1808). **NIECES:** *Sarah Eleanor Potts*, who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808); *Rebecca Potts*, who married *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745–by 1810); and *Sarah Fendall* (ca. 1732–1793), who married ca. 1755 *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811). **MARRIED** *Grace* (ca. 1713–1789), youngest daughter of Col. *Henry Ashton* (?–1730) of Cople Parish, Westmoreland County, Virginia,

and wife *Elizabeth Hardridge*. *Grace* was the probable stepdaughter of *Mary* (last name unknown). She was the granddaughter of *John Ashton*. Her brothers were *Henry*; *John*. Her sister was *Anne* (?–by 1730), who married Capt. *William Aylett, Jr.* *Grace* was buried at "Blenheim." Her personal estate was valued at £2,546.0.0. **CHILDREN. SONS:** *Richard, Jr.* (?–1834), Esq., the sheriff of Charles County from 1769 to at least 1770, who was a probable Loyalist sympathizer and who had 200 acres of property confiscated by the government in 1785; *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738–1778). **DAUGHTERS:** *Sarah Lettice* (?–1761), who married in 1759 her first cousin *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); *Hannah*, who married on December 5, 1762, *George Plater* (1735–1792); *Alice* (1748–1789), who married in 1788 *John Weems* (1737–1813); and *Eleanor Ann* (?–1806), who died unmarried. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** received his education in England; probably admitted to the Middle Temple. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican; pewholder in St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County, in 1734. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1728; Esq., by 1735; Hon., by 1787. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Charles County in March 1737/38, Prince George's County in November 1737; planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Upper House, 1745, 1745/46–1748 (Bills of Credit Cv 1, 1, 4), 1749–1751 (Bills of Credit 2, 3), 1751–1754 (Bills of Credit 2, 3, 5), 1754–1757 (Bills of Credit 1, 2, 5), 1757–1758, 1758–1761 (Bills of Credit Cv 1, Cv 2), 1762–1763, 1765–1766, 1768–1770, 1771 (appointed, but did not serve). 1773–1774. **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE:** naval officer of the Potomac, 1744–1774 (succeeded to office on his father's death; recommissioned on August 28, 1769, and April 29, 1773; resigned in favor of his son in May 1774); Council, 1745–1776 (in office by August 5, 1745; president 1772–1776); acting governor, May–November 1774 while Gov. *Eden* was in England and briefly in 1776 during the interval between the departure of *Eden* and the assumption of the government by the Convention. **LOCAL OFFICES:** sheriff, Prince George's County, 1728–1730, 1734–1737; justice, Prince George's County, 1730–1733 (quorum, 1732, 1733); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, 1734. **MILITARY SERVICE:** called captain, 1734. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £2,584.0.0, including 60 slaves and 312 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 4,293 acres in Prince George's County and Virginia (2,093