

acres by purchase; 2,200 acres in Virginia through marriage; two tracts of unspecified acreage in Prince George's County and tracts in Gloucester County, Virginia, inherited from his father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 951 acres in Prince George's and Charles counties, and one lot in Annapolis, between 1753 and 1774; paid quit rents on 544 additional acres, plus two lots in Nottingham, all in Prince George's County, between 1753 and 1772; probably inherited 150 acres from his brother *Arthur Lee* (?–1760); assessed for 900 acres in Montgomery County, 1783; sold 449 acres in Prince George's County in 1756 and 1770, and 13 acres in Charles County by 1783. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on January 26, 1787, at "Blenheim," Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £2,366.10.6 current money (including 76 slaves, 141 oz. plate, and books); FB, at least £618.4.6. **LAND:** 900 acres in Montgomery County; ca. 3,300 acres in Prince George's and Charles counties; a lot in Annapolis and probably two lots in Nottingham; at least 2,200 acres in Virginia.

LEE, THOMAS SIM (1745–1819). **BORN:** on October 29, 1745, either in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, where his father had a home, or at "Blenheim," his grandfather's estate in Charles County, which Thomas's father had recently inherited. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** probably spent his childhood in Upper Marlboro; except for two years in Bath, England, in 1769 and 1770, he spent his early adult years in Upper Marlboro or at "Melwood Park," Prince George's County, until he became governor in 1779; lived in Frederick County from 1784 until his second term as governor from 1792 until 1794; moved to Georgetown, D.C., in 1795, and finally back to Frederick County in 1811, where he lived until his death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Col. Thomas Lee (?–1749), son of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744) and wife Sarah Brooke, who was the widow of *William Dent* (ca. 1660–1704). **STEPFATHER:** Walter Smith of Calvert County. **MOTHER:** Christian (Christiana, Catherine) Sim (?–1762), daughter of Dr. Patrick Sim and wife Mary Brooke. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Thomas's parents were first cousins. **UNCLES:** *Arthur Lee* (?–1760); *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707–1787); and *Francis Lee* (?–1749). **HALF UNCLES:** *Corbin Lee* (?–1774); *George Lee* (1736–1807). **STEPUNCLE:** *Nicholas Lewis Sewell* (ca. 1721–1800). **HALF AUNT:** Hannah Lee (ca. 1736–by 1781), who married second, *Joseph*

Sprigg (1736–1800). **SISTER:** Sarah Brooke (?–1811), who married first, Archibald Buchanan (1768–?), son of *George Buchanan* (ca. 1697–1750), and second, (first name unknown) Turnbull. **HALF SISTER:** Eleanor Addison Smith, who married by 1779 John Robert Hollyday, half brother of *Charles Ridgely* (1755–1824). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Patrick Sim Smith* (1749–ca. 1793); *Richard Potts* (1753–1808); Sarah Eleanor Potts, who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808); Rebecca Potts, who married *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745–by 1810); *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738–1778); Sarah Lettice Lee (?–1761), who married her first cousin *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Hannah Lee (?–ca. 1763), who married *George Plater* (1735–1792); Alice Lee (?–1789), who married *John Weems* (1737–1813); and Sarah Fendall (ca. 1732–1793), who married ca. 1755 *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811). **OTHER KINSHIP:** great-grandfather, *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31); great uncle, *Thomas Brooke* (1683–1744); great aunt, Priscilla Brooke, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?–1765). **MARRIED** on October 27, 1771, at "Melwood Park," Prince George's County, Mary (1745–1805), only child of Ignatius Digges (?–1785), a well-to-do landowner in Prince George's County, and wife Elizabeth Parnham Craycroft. Mary was the stepdaughter of Mary Carroll (1733–?); granddaughter of William Digges and wife Elinor Brooke; and stepgranddaughter of Daniel Carroll (?–1734), of Duddington Manor, Prince George's County. **OTHER KINSHIP:** great-grandfathers, *William Digges* (ca. 1650–1697); *Thomas Brooke* (1632–1676). **CHILDREN. SONS:** Ignatius (Nacy) Digges (?–ca. 1789), never married, who was educated in Liege, Flanders, and died before he could return to Maryland; Archibald (1778–1781); Archibald (Archey) (1781–1839), of Montgomery County, never married, who was the godson of John Carroll, first archbishop of Baltimore; Thomas, of Anne Arundel County, who married Eleanor, daughter of Richard Cromwell, and whose grandson was John Lee Carroll, governor of Maryland from 1876 to 1880; William, of Cecil County, who married Mary Holliday; and John (1788–1871), who was educated at Harvard College, and who was elected as a Democrat to the 18th U.S. Congress, 1823–1825. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (Molly) Christian, who married Tench Ringgold of Louisiana; Elizabeth Digges (1783–1862), who married Outerbridge Horsey, a U.S. Senator from Delaware. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** completed preparatory studies, and may have been educated in Europe. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** an