

“worthy and respectable.” OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: mariner, 1720–1742; merchant, 1743–1750. Lux was commander of the ship *Gilbert*, 1720–1722, the ship *Jonathan*, 1723—at least 1724, the ship *Patapsco Merchant*, 1732, and the ship *Genoa Galley*, 1738. All of these vessels transported tobacco from Anne Arundel County to Great Britain on general consignment or specifically consigned to Jonathan Forward, merchant, of London. Lux acted as attorney in Maryland for other mariners and for Jonathan and James Forward of London, merchants. When he moved to Baltimore, Lux became a merchant importing goods from England and shipping Maryland products from his wharf on Light Street in Baltimore Town. He may also have owned a ropewalk in Baltimore. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1749–1750 (Bills of Credit 1; Arms and Ammunition Cv–2; died before the 3rd session of the 1749–1751 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, St. Paul’s Parish, Baltimore County, 1743–1744, 1749–1750; St. Paul’s Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, in office 1744–1747, 1750; commissioner, Baltimore Town, 1745–1750; justice, Baltimore County, 1749–1750. MILITARY SERVICE: captain by 1743. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 989 acres in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, and Dorchester counties, plus 2 lots in Baltimore Town (367 acres in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties received as gift from his father-in-law, 320 acres in Baltimore and Frederick counties by patent, 302 acres in Frederick, Baltimore, and Dorchester counties and 2 lots in Baltimore Town by purchase). Lux also held mortgages on at least 400 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: Patented 10 acres in Baltimore County and 100 acres in Frederick County, 1749; sold 67 acres in Anne Arundel County to his brother-in-law shortly before his death; obtained at least 100 acres in Baltimore County through defaults on mortgages. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on October 14, 1750, of pleurisy, in Baltimore Town. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £555.9.1 sterling, £3,489.16.0 current money, and 1,683 pounds tobacco (including 4 servants, 11 slaves, “sundry European goods,” books, the sloop *Baltimore Town*, the schooner *Polly*, and a vessel under construction); FB, £2,156.4.5 current money. Debts included £994.0.4 sterling paid to Sydenham and Hodgson of London, merchants. LAND:

ca. 1,252 acres in Baltimore, Frederick, and Dorchester counties, plus 2 lots in Baltimore Town.

LUX, DARBY (?–1795). BORN: in Anne Arundel County, of age by 1753; younger son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore Town, 1743—at least 1754; Barbadoes until ca. 1765; Baltimore County until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Darby Lux* (ca. 1698–1750). MOTHER: Ann (ca. 1705–1785), daughter of Robert Sanders (?–1755) of Anne Arundel County and wife Rebeckath Groome (?–1752). BROTHERS: *William Lux* (by 1730–1778); Robert (?–1796). SISTERS: Mary (by 1730–?); Sarah (?–ca. 1734); Elizabeth; Ann; Sarah; Rebecca (?–by 1780); Frances; and Jane. FIRST COUSINS: Anne Jennings (1745–1794), who married *Thomas Johnson, Jr.* (1732–1819); Ann Baldwin, who married *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811); and Hester Baldwin (?–1832), who married *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). NEPHEW: *Daniel Bowley* (1745–1807). NIECE: Anne Hughes (1771–?), who married *William Fitzhugh, Jr.* (1761–1839). MARRIED on November 15, 1764, Rachel (ca. 1736–1813), daughter of *Charles Ridgely* (by 1705–1772) and wife Rachel Howard. Rachel’s stepmother was Lydia, widow of Dr. Samuel Stringer (?–1747), daughter of *Richard Warfield* (ca. 1677–1755). Her brothers were *Charles Ridgely* (1733–1790); *John Ridgely* (by 1724–1771). Her stepbrothers were Richard Stringer; Samuel Stringer. Her sisters were Achsah; Pleasance. Her stepsisters were Ann Stringer; Lucy Stringer. Her nephew was *Charles Ridgely, of John* (ca. 1749–1786). Her nieces were Mary Ridgely (?–1804), who married *Benjamin Nicholson* (?–1792); Deborah Ridgely (1749–1817), who married *John Sterett* (1750/51–1787); Rachel Goodwin, who married second, *Jesse Hollingsworth* (1732/33–1810); and Prudence Carnan (1755–1822), who married *Harry Dorsey Gough* (ca. 1745–1808). Her half first cousins were *Henry Griffith* (ca. 1720–1794); *Charles Greenbury Griffith* (ca. 1744–1792). CHILDREN. SONS: William; Darby (ca. 1772–1812), who married in 1798 Mary, daughter of *Benjamin Nicholson* (?–1792). DAUGHTERS: Ann, who married first, George Risteau, and second, Thomas Deye Cockey; Rachel, who married in 1798 James McCormick. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul’s Parish, Baltimore County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES. Mr., by 1764; Esq., by 1778. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant in Barbadoes, ca. 1764; partner in firm