

more County, 1800–1806. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on July 15, 1810, at “Pot Spring Farm,” Baltimore County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** included plate, slaves, bank insurance, and road stock. **LAND:** ca. 5,600 acres in Baltimore and Washington counties, plus at least 17 lots and 20 acres in or adjoining Baltimore City and ground rents on additional lots in Baltimore City; also owned real estate in Delaware.

McPHERSON, ALEXANDER (1738–1805). BORN: in August 1738 in Charles County; fourth of six sons. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Bryan Town Hundred, Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William McPherson (?–1752) of Charles County. MOTHER: Barbara Acton. **BROTHERS:** Thomas (1726–?); Daniel (1729–?); John (1743/44–?); William (1740–?); and Henry (1734/35–1775). **SISTERS:** Etheldra, who married (first name unknown) Chapman; and Catherine (1747–?). **MARRIED** on November 20, 1776, Mary, daughter of *John Weems* (1727–1794), stepdaughter of Mary Dorsey (?–1816). Her sister was Sarah. **CHILDREN.** SONS: Alexander; John Weems. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary; Ann, who married ca. 1802 John Adams, Jr.; Sarah; Elizabeth; Eartheldry; Rachel; and Catherine. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., 1795; Esq., 1803. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; called merchant, 1778. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1777, 1777–1778 (Claims 2). **LOCAL OFFICES:** coroner, Charles County, commissioned 1773; justice, Charles County, 1787–1805 (quorum, by 1800–1805); commissioner of the tax, Charles County, appointed 1793 and 1798. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, Lower Battalion, Charles County Militia, by 1777–1781. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £545.5.0, including 10 slaves and 3 oz. plate, 1783; 18 slaves, 1790; 51 slaves, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 597 acres in Charles and Prince George’s counties (acquired by patent and purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** bought 1,538 acres in Charles and Prince George’s counties, 1778–1803; sold 374 acres in Charles and Prince George’s counties, 1788–1801. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated on August 27, 1805, in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** \$10,964.26 (including 66 slaves); FB, \$10,492.76. **LAND:** 1,761 acres in Charles and Prince George’s counties.

McPHERSON, JOHN (1760–1829). BORN: in 1760 in Pennsylvania. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1781 from Pennsylvania. His family was said to have been among the early English settlers. **RESIDED:** in Frederick Town, Frederick County, 1781–1829. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **SISTER:** (first name unknown) Russell. **MARRIED** on September 11, 1783, Sarah Smith of Frederick County. **CHILDREN.** SONS: Horatio (?–1836), who married Mary; James; William S., a physician, called the “third son”; Col. John (1796–1874), called the “fourth son,” who married on December 23, 1823, Fanny, granddaughter of Gov. *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819), and who was owner of the Catoctin Furnaces for a number of years, a manager of the Branch Bank (now Central National Bank), and an active promoter of the national turnpike from Washington, D.C., to Wheeling, West Virginia; Robert G. (?–by 1827); and Edward. **DAUGHTER:** (name unknown), who married John Brien (?–1835). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican; All Saint’s Parish, Frederick County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1790. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter; owned half of the Antietam Iron Works, which is said to have made him the largest iron manufacturer and real estate owner in western Maryland; involved in numerous Washington County suits and injunctions charging him with wasting or destroying timber on other people’s property. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1788, 1790. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Frederick County, 1795, 1797, 1798, 1801; Maryland Senate Elector, 1796; appointed commissioner to value lands in Frederick County, 1801. **MILITARY SERVICE:** commissioned a lieutenant in Pennsylvania, ca. 1781, but never saw active field duty; was sent to Frederick County as an agent for the supply of prisoners quartered there. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** Federalist, 1796. Manumitted a 22-year-old male slave in 1791, who worked on McPherson’s farm in Pennsylvania. McPherson wanted to bring the slave into Maryland, but Maryland laws would not permit the transport from Pennsylvania into Maryland. To circumvent this, McPherson manumitted the slave who then entered into articles of agreement indenturing himself to McPherson for seventeen years, after which he was to have his freedom. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 6 slaves, 1790; assessed value \$3,040.00, including 17 slaves and 225 oz. plate, 1825. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** no evidence of land ownership in Maryland. **SIGNIF-**