

Hundred, 1650–1650/51. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: none in 1650; 1,250 acres in 1651. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: ca. 1662. LAND: 1,800 acres.

MEE, GEORGE (?–1662). **IMMIGRATED:** by 1651 as a free adult with his wife and stepson from Virginia. **RESIDED:** in St. Michael's Hundred, St. Mary's County. **MARRIED** Catherine (1601–?), probably the widow of Oliver Vanhack (1600–by 1645). **CHILDREN.** **STEPSON:** *John Vanhack* (?–ca. 1675), who married Sarah (?–by 1679), daughter of *Thomas Howell* (?–1675). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** illiterate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** arrived with seven servants; called Mr., on arrival; no record of officeholding other than one term as burgess. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, St. Michael's Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1658. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: probably 400 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated August 6, 1662. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least 11,300 pounds of tobacco (including 3 servants). LAND: 400 acres.

MEEKINS (MEAKINS, MEAKINGS, MEEKINGS), JOHN (ca. 1674–1734). BORN: ca. 1674. **NATIVE:** probably; if so, second generation. **RESIDED:** in Dorchester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Richard Meekins (ca. 1642–ca. 1710) of Dorchester County, who was illiterate. **MOTHER OR STEPMOTHER:** Mary Staplefort. **BROTHER:** Richard (?–1718), who married Sarah. **MARRIED** first, by 1710, Hagar, daughter of William Robson of Dorchester County. Her brothers were William, Jr. (?–ca. 1728), who married Jane, daughter of *John Pollard* (?–1702); John (?–1726), who married Elizabeth; Charles; and Joseph. Her sisters were Jane, who married *Tobias Pollard* (ca. 1669–1749); Elizabeth, who married first, *Walter Campbell* (1665–1738), and second, ca. 1745, William Jones, Gent., of Somerset County. Her niece was Margaret Pollard (?–by 1729), who married *John Edmondson* (1692–1743). **MARRIED** second, by 1733, Mary. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Isaac, who married Ann; John; Joseph, who married Elizabeth; James (?–1734), probably never married; and Thomas, probably died young. **DAUGHTERS:** Hagar; Mary, who married (first name unknown) Barnes; Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Mace; Ann; and Betty. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., by 1718. **OCCUPATIONAL PRO-**

FILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1716–1718. **LOCAL OFFICES:** land commissioner, Dorchester County, 1718–1720. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 539 acres in Dorchester County (389 acres by deed of gift from father; 100 acres through first marriage; 50 acres by patent). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 227 acres in Dorchester County between 1719 and 1720; conveyed by deed of gift 666 acres in Dorchester County to his five sons, 1725. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by April 16, 1734; will probated on May 3, 1734, in Dorchester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £84.2.5 (including old silver); FB, estate overpaid £6.0.1. **LAND:** perhaps 100 acres in Dorchester County, although this acreage may have been deeded to his children prior to his death as it was not mentioned in his will.

MEERES (MEARES), THOMAS (ca. 1602–1674). BORN: ca. 1602, probably in England. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1649 as a free adult from Lower Norfolk County, Virginia. **RESIDED:** in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, by 1637–1649; Broad Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel County, 1649–death. **MARRIED** first, Sarah Reynolds. **MARRIED** second, Margaret. **MARRIED** third, Elizabeth Freeman. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John (?–by 1675), who married Sarah, daughter of *Philip Thomas* (?–1675); William, who married in 1679 Elizabeth Webb; and Thomas. **DAUGHTER:** Sarah, who married first, *John Homewood* (?–1682), and second, John Bennett. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. Meeres was charged by the Lower Norfolk County Court on August 15, 1649, with not attending the Anglican Church and refusing to hear common prayer. He was one of the religious dissenters who emigrated to Providence, later Anne Arundel County, in December 1649. Meeres became a Quaker by 1658. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter, merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Parliamentary Commission, 1655–1657/58; Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1663–1664. **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, Anne Arundel County, 1650, appointed 1658, but refused to take required oath. **OUT OF COLONY SERVICE:** burgess, Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, 1644–1645, 1646; justice, Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, 1645–1649; churchwarden, Lynnhaven Parish, Virginia, appointed 1640. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** over 1,000 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between May 16 and September 9, 1674,