

MARRIED probably on April 2, 1790, Rachel Mariott. **CHILDREN. SONS:** Thomas (?-by 1814), who resided out of Maryland; William C.; John Mofitt, who resided out of Maryland; James (?-by 1823); and Samuel (?-by 1822), who resided in Ohio and died without progeny. **DAUGHTERS:** Deborah; Jane, who married William Killen and resided in North Carolina; Agness, who married Thomas Williams; and Mary (?-by 1814), who married John Clendenning. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1788. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Cecil County, 1781-1782, 1782-1783, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1787-1788, 1788, 1791-1792, 1794, 1796, 1797, 1798. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** manumitted one female slave, June 8, 1807. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £353.0.0, including 5 slaves, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably 260 acres in Cecil County (inherited from his grandfather or father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** patented 217 acres of confiscated British property in Cecil County (one tract of 108 acres in 1788, a second tract of 109 acres in 1796). **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on April 2, 1819, in Cecil County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$2,819.99 current money (including some law and other books); FB, \$1,988.70. **LAND:** at least 327 acres in Cecil County, as mentioned in a Chancery Court petition by Samuel's heirs.

MILLS, JAMES (ca. 1634-?). **BORN:** ca. 1634, probably in England. **IMMIGRATED:** by 1669, probably as free adult. **RESIDED:** in Somerset County; Baltimore County ca. 1675/76—at least 1689. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** may have come from Barbadoes where he had business associations; last appeared in Baltimore County in June 1689; in 1695, a James Mills in England was listed as a debtor in the account of the estate of *Nehemiah Blackiston* (?-1693). **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant in the Barbadoes trade, 1680s, in partnership with James Walls and Thomas Pemberton of Somerset County. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Baltimore County, 1681-1682 (elected to either the 4th or 5th session of the 1676-1682 Assembly). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND:** purchased 100 acres in Baltimore County in 1685, sold this tract in 1687.

MILLS, JAMES (?-1764). **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** David Mills (?-1740) of Talbot County. **BROTHERS:** George; Andrew. **MARRIED** by 1726/27 Nappler O'Kane (?-1787) of St. Mary's County. Her brother was John (?-1726/27) of St. Mary's County, planter. **CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth, who married Justinian (?-1759), son of *Justinian Jordan* (ca. 1686-1749); Mary (?-by 1763), who married *John Eden* (ca. 1728-1775). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., 1764. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant; had a half interest in a sloop engaged in the West Indian trade and a store in St. Mary's County. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1745 (the sheriff of St. Mary's County cast the deciding vote after Mills and James Swan tied in the election; Mills attended as a delegate but was dismissed on August 29 after the Lower House decided that the sheriff's action was illegal), 1745/46-1748, 1749-1751 (the election of the St. Mary's County delegation was declared null and void because of the illegal conduct of the sheriff; all delegates were reelected and returned on May 8, 1750; Arms and Ammunition 2), 1751-1754, 1754-1757. **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, St. Mary's County, 1746—at least 1761. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 100 acres in St. Mary's County, plus control of 300 acres in St. Mary's County (300 acres were inherited by wife). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired by patent and purchase at least 375 acres in St. Mary's and Frederick counties, 1761-1764. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on January 29, 1764, "in his grand climacteric year," in St. Mary's County. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Both the sixty-third and the eighty-first year of life have been defined as the grand climacteric. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** at least £3,227.18.10 (including 22 slaves, books, half ownership of a sloop, plus goods remaining in Mills's store); sperate debts totalled 76,026 pounds of tobacco, £1,146.16.3 current money, and £184.9.2 sterling. **LAND:** at least 475 acres in St. Mary's and Frederick counties, plus control of his wife's inheritance of 300 acres in St. Mary's County.

MILLS, JAMES (ca. 1734-1791). **BORN:** ca. 1734, probably in St. Mary's County. **NATIVE:** probably, if so at least second generation. **RESIDED:** on his plantation, "Briscoe's Purchase," Chaptico Hundred, St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACK-**