

least 28 acres from his father in 1794; sold 28 acres in Somerset (now Wicomico) County in 1801; and sold 180 acres in Worcester County between 1801 and 1805. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will probated on April 2, 1810, in Worcester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least \$8,517.15 (including 34 slaves and 38 oz. plate). **LAND:** at least 1,681 acres in Worcester County.

**MITCHELL (MITTCHELL, MITCHEL), JOSIAH** (?–1801). **BORN:** probably in Coventy Parish, Somerset County; of age by 1754. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Buckingham Hundred, Worcester County, by 1783. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Robert Mitchell (?–1755) of Somerset County. **MOTHER:** Mary. **BROTHERS:** Col. Joshua (?–1794), who married Joyce, probably the daughter of John Pope (?–1757); Isaac (?–1773), who married in 1748/49 Jeanette Gray; and Joseph. **SISTER:** Parthenia, who married Dorman Heath (?–by 1753). **NEPHEW:** *John Pope Mitchell* (ca. 1751–1810). **MARRIED** on March 7, 1753, Sophia (?–1787), daughter of (first name unknown) Hill (?–by 1749) and his wife Elizabeth Claywell (?–1761). Sophia was the stepdaughter of Joakim White (?–by 1761), a housewright, and the granddaughter of Peter Claywell (?–by 1744/45) and his wife Lucretia. Her brother was Levin. Her half brothers were Peter White; James White. Her half sister was Luchreshe White. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Joshua (1755–?); Isaac (1757–1791); Robert (1759–?), who married Sarah (?–1788); and Levin (1761–?), who married in 1792 Mary Murray. **DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth (1754–?), who married in 1768 William Hill; Mary (1763–?), who married (first name unknown) Rock; Sarah (1766–1786); Sophia (1768–?); and Ann (1770–?), who married John P. Marshall. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Martin's Church, Worcester Parish, Worcester County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** 9th Convention, Worcester County, 1776 (elected to fill vacancy); Lower House, Worcester County, 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1786–1787. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Worcester Parish Vestry, Worcester County, 1756–1762; justice, Worcester County, 1777–1789, 1791–1800; justice, Orphans' Court, Worcester County, 1785–1789, 1790, 1794, 1800; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessments, Worcester County, 1786, 1796. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £380.0.0, including 17 slaves, 10 oz. plate, 1783; 27 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:**

ca. 1000 acres in Worcester County (all through personal acquisition). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will probated August 11, 1801, in Worcester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** requested no appraisal of estate. Will mentioned 12 slaves. **LAND:** 989 acres in Worcester County. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There were two Worcester County persons named Josiah Mitchell, the one whose biography appears here and the other his nephew, who was born in 1756 and whose will was probated on July 7, 1817. The 1786–1787 legislative service was attributed to the elder Mitchell because of his comparative wealth and his judicial record.

**MITCHELL, WILLIAM** (?–1658). **BORN:** in Chichester, Sussex, England. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1649/50 as a free adult from England. **RESIDED:** in Anne Arundel County. **CHILDREN.** **SON:** probably William (?–1685), who married Jane (last name unknown). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant; later acknowledged himself to be an atheist. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** recruited by *Cecilius Calvert* (1605–1675) in 1649, and was to receive a manor of 3,000 acres for transporting 30 “useful” persons; actually brought in 22 servants in 1650 and 1651; Esq., on arrival; very unsavory record in colony: prosecuted for atheism, adultery, murder, and abortion. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; factor; attorney, 1657, but charged as unqualified under 3rd James, Chapter 7. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Upper House, 1650/51 (appointed by the 2nd session of the 1650–1650/51 Assembly, but did not attend). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** Council, 1649/50–1651 (swore oath on January 8, 1650/51; dismissed on August 26, 1651, for scandalous behavior); justice, Provincial Court, 1650/51–1651. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1651. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 2,200 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between December 31, 1657, and April 5, 1658, probably in Maryland.

**MOALE, JOHN** (?–1740). **BORN:** in Kenton Parish, Devonshire, England; baptised November 20, 1695; elder son of father. **IMMIGRATED:** from England by January 1723 as a merchant. **RESIDED:** in Baltimore County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Richard Moale of Devonshire, England, a shipmaster. **MOTHER:** Elizabeth (?–by 1699). **STEPMOTHER:** Mary. Richard Moale may have married a third time after Mary's death. **HALF BROTHER:** James. **HALF SISTERS:** Mary, who mar-