

EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; St. Stephen's church, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1739–1741 (elected to the Convention of the 1739–1741 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1742–1744, 1745, 1745/46–1748, 1749 (election voided on June 6, 1749, during the 1st session of the 1749–1751 Assembly, when the Lower House judged that the election of the Cecil County delegates was invalid), 1751–1754. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Cecil County Court, appointed November 8, 1720, reappointed every year through 1733 (quorum 1727, 1731, 1732, 1733); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, appointed August 8, 1721; coroner, Cecil County, appointed June 9, 1740, February 20, 1747; churchwarden and vestryman, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County, 1745–1749, 1752–1754. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1749. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,400 acres in Cecil County (380 acres inherited from his father and 1,400 acres through marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,627 acres in Cecil County between 1739 and 1749; leased out 250 acres and three tracts of unspecified acreage, all in Cecil County, between 1739 and 1752. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on April 10, 1756, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; will probated in Cecil County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £870.6.0 current money (including 8 slaves); FB, £706.16.10. LAND: ca. 4,000 acres in Cecil County.

PEARCE, DANIEL (1677–1727). BORN: in Cecil County in 1677; eldest son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Cecil County; Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Pearce* (ca. 1641–1720/21). MOTHER: Isabella. BROTHERS: Gideon (1678–1751); William (?–1703); and Benjamin (ca. 1683–1734). SISTERS: Isabella, who married first, *William Blay* (ca. 1681–1716); Elizabeth, who married *Henry Ward* (?–1734); Sarah; and Mary. NIECE: Rachel Blay (1703–1746), who married first, *Edward Scott* (?–1725), and third, *Aquila Paca* (ca. 1703–1743/44). MARRIED Mary, widow of Isaac Caulk. CHILDREN. SON: Andrew. DAUGHTERS: Sarah, who married George, son of *Hans Hanson* (ca. 1647–1704); Isabella, who married Thomas Hynson. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: second generation Burgess; no record of any judicial service; won elec-

tion unanimously to the Lower House in two elections in 1708, but was defeated in 1715/16. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1708A, 1708B–1711, 1712–1714. LOCAL OFFICES: riding surveyor for Bohemia and Sassafras, Cecil County, 1695/96–1697; clerk of Cecil County, 1698–1702; Shrewsbury Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1718–1723. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1718–1727. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 300 acres in Kent County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased ca. 1,024 acres in Kent County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in December 1727 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £770.6.0 (including 23 slaves and 23 horses); FB, £412.16.11. LAND: 1,040 acres in Kent County, plus four tracts of unknown size.

PEARCE, JAMES (?–1802). BORN: in Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County; of age by 1751; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: at “Colchester,” Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Gideon Pearce (1678–1751), Gent., literate, son of *William Pearce* (ca. 1641–1720/21). MOTHER: Ann, who was still living in 1751. BROTHERS: George; David; Andrew; Nathaniel; and Gideon (?–1745), who married Beatrice (Batrice), daughter of *St. Leger Codd* (?–1730). SISTERS: Mary; Isabella; Sarah, who married (first name unknown) Kennard; and Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Scott. MARRIED on August 7, 1771, Catherine Susannah Shannon. CHILDREN. SONS: James; Gideon; and William. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Ann; Catherine; and Isabella (1772–?), who married (first name unknown) Freeman. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1763. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1782–1783, 1785. LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County, 1756, 1788; Shrewsbury Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1766, 1776, 1788, 1789, 1791–1793; justice, Kent County, 1760, 1762–1764, 1774 (quorum, 1764); commissioner of the tax, Kent County, 1777, 1778, 1779, 1781. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRI-VATE ISSUES: in his will he manumitted one male slave and conveyed one acre of land to him. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,595.0.0, including 14 slaves and