

elder son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: at "Sotterly," St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *George Plater* (1695–1755). MOTHER: Rebecca (1703–?), widow of *James Bowles* (?–ca. 1727/28); daughter of *Thomas Addison* (1679–1727). STEPMOTHER: Elizabeth (?–1750), widow of Capt. James Carpenter of Annapolis. HALF UNCLE: *John Addison* (1713–1764). AUNTS: Elinor Addison (1705–?), who married fourth, *Corbin Lee* (?–1774); Ann Plater, who possibly married *Charles Carroll* (1691–1755). HALF AUNT: Ann Addison (1711/12–1753), who married *William Murdock* (ca. 1710–1769). HALF OR STEP AUNTS: Gertrude Rousby (?–ca. 1770), who married in 1746 *Robert Jenkins Henry* (ca. 1712–1766); Elizabeth Rousby, who married *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778). STEPAUNT: Ann Rousby (1721–1769), who married *Edward Lloyd* (1711–1770). BROTHER: Thomas Addison (1738–died young). SISTERS: Rebecca (1731–1787); Anne (1732–died young); Elizabeth (1742–?). HALF FIRST COUSINS: *Addison Murdock* (1731–1793); *Joseph Sim* (?–1793). HALF OR STEP FIRST COUSINS: *John Barnes* (ca. 1743–1800); *Richard Barnes* (?–1804); and *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796). MARRIED first, on December 5, 1762, in Charles County, Hannah (?–1763), daughter of *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707–1787) and wife Grace Ashton (ca. 1713–1789). Hannah was the granddaughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744). She was the niece of *Francis Lee* (?–1749); *Arthur Lee* (?–1760). She was the half niece of *Corbin Lee* (?–1774); *George Lee* (1736–1807); Lettice Lee (?–1776), who married third, *Joseph Sim* (?–1793); and Hannah Lee (ca. 1736–by 1781), who married second, *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800). She was the stepiece of *Nicholas Lewis Sewall* (ca. 1721–1800). Her brothers were *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738–1778); Richard, Jr. (?–1834). Her sisters were Sarah Lettice (?–1761), who married *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Alice (1748–1789), who married in 1788 *John Weems* (1737–1813); and Eleanor Ann (?–1806). Her first cousins were *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745–1819); *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Sarah Fendall (ca. 1732–1793), who married *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811); Rebecca Potts (?–by 1810), who married *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745–by 1810); *Richard Potts* (1753–1808); and Sarah Eleanor Potts, who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808). MARRIED second, on July 19, 1764, Elizabeth (?–1789), daughter of John Rousby (1728–1750/51) and wife Ann Frisby (1727–1793); stepdaughter of *William Fitzhugh* (ca. 1722–1798); granddaughter of both *John Rousby* (1685–1744) and

*Peregrine Frisby* (1688–1739). Elizabeth was the niece of Anne Rousby (1721–1769), who married *Edward Lloyd* (1711–1770); Elizabeth Rousby, who married *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778); and Gertrude Rousby (?–ca. 1770), who married in 1746 *Robert Jenkins Henry* (ca. 1712–1766). Her stepbrothers were George Fitzhugh; John Fitzhugh, who married Elizabeth, daughter of *Richard Parran* (?–ca. 1782); *William Fitzhugh, Jr.* (1761–1839); and Capt. Peregrine Fitzhugh (ca. 1760–?), who married Elizabeth Crowley, daughter of *Samuel Chew* (by 1734–1786). Her first cousins were Elizabeth Lloyd (1742–?), who married in 1768 *John Cadwalader* (1741/42–1786); *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796); *John Barnes* (ca. 1743–1800); *Richard Barnes* (?–1804); *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1785); *Peregrine Tilghman* (ca. 1741–1807); *James Tilghman* (1743–1809); and Henrietta Maria Lloyd (?–1822), who married *William Hayward, Jr.* (ca. 1758–1834). CHILDREN. SONS: George (1766–1802), who served in the Lower House from St. Mary's County in 1790, 1792, and 1793, and who married first, in 1795, Cecelia Bond Brown (?–1796), daughter of Col. Richard Bond of St. Mary's County and wife Susanna Gardiner Key (1751–?), and married second, in 1798, Elizabeth (?–1802), daughter of *William Somerville* (1755–1806); John Rousby (1767–1833), who married in 1790 in Anne Arundel County, Elizabeth, daughter of James Tootell; Thomas (1769–1830), who married second, Evelina Buchanan; and William. DAUGHTERS: Ann (ca. 1774–1834), who married in 1790 Philip Barton Key (1757–1815); Rebecca (1765–?), who married *Uriah Forrest* (1746–1805). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1752. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, 1735–1763, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, 1764–1792. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1755; Esq., by 1756; Hon., by 1765. Plater was a Mason. As a member of the Leonardtown Lodge, he served as junior warden and worshipful master. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; probably lawyer. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1757–1758 (Accounts 1), 1758–1761 (Bills of Credit Cv 1, 1, Cv 2), 1762–1763, 1765–1766 (Public Offices 2, 3); Upper House, 1771, 1773–1774; Conventions, St. Mary's County, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (did not attend the 6th Convention), 9th 1776; Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1779–1780 (did not attend), 1780–1781 (elected president on January 29, 1781, to replace *Daniel of St. Thomas*