

2; Security and Defense 2; absent from the 3rd to 5th sessions while in England). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: collector of Patuxent, 1676–1684. LOCAL OFFICE: sheriff, Calvert County, 1669–1674. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: strong Whig sentiments in the 1680s. His conflicts with the proprietor began by 1678/79. By 1681, Baltimore termed Rousby an “insolvent and knavish collector” and sought his removal from office. His intensified opposition culminated in Rousby’s murder by *George Talbot* (?–?), president of the Council, and said to be a cousin of Lord Baltimore. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,950 acres in Kent, St. Mary’s (later became Prince George’s), and Calvert (later became St. Mary’s) counties (acquired 300 acres through marriage, 1,650 acres by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 500 acres in Kent (now Queen Anne’s) County in 1679; purchased 500 acres in Somerset County in 1681. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on October 31, 1684, on board His Majesty’s ketch, the *Quaker*, having been fatally stabbed during an argument with *George Talbot* (?–?). He was buried at his plantation, “Susquehana Point,” in Calvert (later became St. Mary’s) County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: His estate was included in the inventory of his brother *John Rousby* (?–1685/86), with “noe distinction made” between the assets of the two. LAND: 2,950 acres in St. Mary’s (later became Prince George’s), Kent (later became Queen Anne’s), Kent, Somerset, and Calvert (later became St. Mary’s) counties.

**ROUSBY, JOHN** (?–1685/86). BORN: in England; younger son. IMMIGRATED: probably by 1666, as a free adult with his brother. RESIDED: in Calvert County; in Talbot County by 1679; probably returned to Calvert (later became St. Mary’s) County after the death of his brother *Christopher Rousby* (?–1684) on October 31, 1684. FAMILY BACKGROUND. BROTHERS: *Christopher Rousby* (?–1684); William, a London grocer. MARRIED by October 1677 Barbara (?–by 1697), daughter of *Henry Morgan* (ca. 1616–1663) and stepdaughter of *Jonathan Sybray* (?–1684). Her sister was Frances (?–1698), who married Peter Sayer (Sawyer). Barbara subsequently married Richard Smith (?–1714), son of *Richard Smith* (?–ca. 1690). CHILDREN. SON: *John Rousby* (1685–1744). DAUGHTERS: Gertrude; Elizabeth (1682–1740), who married Richard Bennett (1667–1749), son of *Richard Bennett* (ca. 1639–1667). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, perhaps attended one

of the Inns of Court. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1681; Gent., by his death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: attorney, admitted to the Provincial Court, 1670, Talbot County Court, 1679; factor to Frances Allen of Kingston upon Hull, 1675/76; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1681–1682 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1676–1682 Assembly; Accounts 4), 1682–1684 (Trade 1, 2; Laws 3). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: clerk, Upper House, 1671. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, by 1671. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: enjoyed proprietary favor until he and his brother increasingly opposed Lord Baltimore’s government in the late 1670s and early 1680s. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,270 acres in Talbot and Kent counties (1,470 acres acquired through marriage; 800 acres by patent in Talbot (now Queen Anne’s) County in 1679). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 1,300 acres from his brother in Somerset, Talbot (later became Queen Anne’s), and Calvert (later became St. Mary’s) counties, 1684. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on February 1, 1685/86, upon his return from England aboard the ship *Baltimore* as it arrived at the mouth of the Patuxent River. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,678.9.2, plus 31,780 pounds of tobacco (including 4 slaves and 8 servants, 144 oz. plate, and a parcel of books worth £20.0.0 at his Calvert County plantation; 6 slaves and 4 servants at his plantation on the Eastern Shore; and one–sixteenth part of *Harris’ Ship* listed at “Piney Hill”). His inventory included the estate of *Christopher Rousby* (?–1684), with “noe distinction made” between the assets of the two brothers. LAND: ca. 3,400 acres in Talbot, Calvert (now St. Mary’s), Somerset, and Kent counties.

**ROUSBY, JOHN** (1685–1744). BORN: in 1685, probably in Calvert County; only son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Calvert County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Rousby* (?–1685/86). STEPFATHER: Richard Smith (?–1714), son of *Richard Smith* (?–ca. 1690). MOTHER: Barbara (?–by 1697), daughter of *Henry Morgan* (ca. 1614–1663), stepdaughter of *Jonathan Sybray* (?–1684). UNCLE: *Christopher Rousby* (?–1684). HALF BROTHER: *Walter Smith* (ca. 1693–1748). STEPBROTHERS: Richard Smith; Charles Somerset Smith (1698–1738). SISTERS: Gertrude; Elizabeth (1682–1740), who married Richard Bennett (1667–1749), son of *Richard Bennett* (ca. 1639–1667). HALF