

County, 1761–ca. 1774; St. John's Parish, Baltimore and Harford counties, ca. 1774–1808. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1770. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Baltimore County in November 1757; Cecil County by June 1758; Provincial Court in April 1763; Harford County in March 1774. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1771 (Claims); Conventions, Harford County, 1st, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend), 4th, 1775, 5th 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776. OTHER STATE OFFICES: Councils of Safety, Western Shore, 2nd, 1776, 3rd, 1776 (appointed, but did not attend), 4th, 1776; judge, General Court, appointed 1777 (declined); chief judge, Court of Appeals, 1778–1806; associate justice, 6th District, appointed 1806 (declined). LOCAL OFFICES: St. John's Parish Vestry, Baltimore and Harford counties, 1771–1776, 1779–1781, 1792–1799; Committee of Observation, Harford County, elected 1775. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Company No. 6, Harford County Militia, enrolled September 16, 1775; colonel, Lower Battalion, Harford County Militia, elected on January 6, 1776. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1776–1777 (elected in November 1776 and February 1777). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: directed in his will that some of his slaves be manumitted. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,617.0.0, including 32 slaves and 84 oz. plate, Cecil and Harford counties, 1783; 26 slaves, Harford County, 1790; 20 slaves, Harford County, 1800; 17 slaves, Gunpowder Hundred, Harford County, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,916 acres in Cecil and Harford counties (1,213 acres inherited from father; 677 acres received as a gift from father-in-law; 1,026 acres acquired by purchase and patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired by purchase or as gifts 1,300 acres in Cecil and Harford counties, 1782–1795; bought 27 lots in Joppa, Harford County, 1775–1805. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on March 7, 1808, in Joppa, Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$10,412.07 (including slaves and stock in the Bank of Baltimore); FB, \$6,210.87. LAND: 4,216 acres in Cecil and Harford counties and 27 lots in Joppa.

RUMSEY, CHARLES (1736–1780). BORN: on February 26, 1736, as recorded in the North Sasfras Parish Register, probably at his father's plantation at the head of the Bohemia River, Cecil County; fourth of five sons. NATIVE: third gen-

eration. RESIDED: for most of his adult life on his plantation "New Hall" at the head of the Elk River in Cecil County; lived in Baltimore County in 1761. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Rumsey* (1698–1742/43). STEPFATHER: Nathaniel Rigbie (1695–?). MOTHER: Sabina (Sabrinah) (?–1779), daughter of Benjamin Blaidenburgh and wife Margaret. BROTHERS: Charles (1729–1729); *William Rumsey* (1729/30–ca. 1777); *Benjamin Rumsey* (1734–1808); and *John Rumsey* (ca. 1742–1828). SISTERS: Margaret (1732–?); Henrietta. MARRIED Jane (Jean) Abigail Canor (1746–1827). CHILDREN. SONS: Henry Canor, who married Hannah (1770–?), daughter of *Benjamin Rumsey* (1734–1808) and wife Mary Hall (1740–?); Thomas Elison; and Benjamin (1779–1803), who married Mary (?–1817), daughter of George Clark of Delaware. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Henrietta; and Mary. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Mary Anne's Church, North Elk Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1777. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer; called merchant in 1761. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 5th Convention, Cecil County, 1775. LOCAL OFFICES: coroner, Cecil County, 1764–1780; North Elk Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1765–1768, 1779–1780; subscription officer, Continental Loan Office, Cecil County, appointed 1777; lieutenant, Cecil County, 1777–1780. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, Elk Battalion, Cecil County Militia, 1776–1780. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 767 acres in Cecil County (inherited 740 acres from his father; acquired 27 acres by patent). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1780. Rumsey was dead by March 25, 1780, when the Council appointed a new county lieutenant. His will, however, was not probated in Cecil County until May 5. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,444.6.8 (including 13 slaves, 15 oz. plate, books, 62 bushels of wheat, and 80 bushels of corn); FB, £1,194.13.1. LAND: 767 acres in Cecil County.

RUMSEY, JOHN (ca. 1742–1828). BORN: ca. 1742, in Cecil County; youngest son. On October 6, 1798, Rumsey stated in a deposition that he was about 55 years of age. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Cecil County; Harford County by 1774. As a child, he may have lived with his mother and stepfather in Harford County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Rumsey* (1698–1742/43). STEPFATHER: Nathaniel Rigbie (1695–?). MOTHER: Sabina (Sabrinah) (?–1779), daughter of Benjamin Blaidenburgh and wife Margaret. BROTH-