

FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Marmaduke Semmes (1701–1772), son of James Semmes (ca. 1670–ca. 1727/28) and wife Mary Goodrick. **MOTHER:** Henrietta Jenkins. **BROTHERS:** Edward, a physician who married Sarah Middleton; Marmaduke, who married Martha Middleton; and possibly Joseph Milburn. **SISTERS:** Violetta (Letitia); Martha, who married Henry Hagan; Mary Ann, who married by 1768 William Rhody Luckett; and Susannah, who married by 1774 Thomas Boarman. **MARRIED** Anne, daughter of Marsham Queen (?–1771). Her brothers were William; Richard; Samuel; and Francis. Her sisters were Mary; Margit; Clementia; Elizabeth; Sarah; and Catherine, who married (first name unknown) Bowling. **CHILDREN. SONS:** James (1755–?); Edward (1759–?); Joseph Milburn (1766–?); and Ignatius (1768–?), a physician and tavern keeper in Port Tobacco who later resided in Georgia. **DAUGHTERS:** Henrietta (1757–?), who married *Aquila Scott* (1756–?); Anne (1760–?); Jean (1762–?); Mary (1764–?); Catherine (1770–?); Elizabeth (1772–?), who married Thomas Luckett, and who resided in Georgia; and Martha (1774–?). **WARD:** Henrietta Luckett (1768–?). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Anglican. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** While inspecting tobacco, ca. 1785, Semmes was attacked and severely beaten on the head. He never recovered his mental faculties, and in 1789 two of his children, Anne and Joseph Milburn, were appointed his trustees by the court. They moved with him to Georgia where he resided until his death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** 9th Convention, Charles County, 1776; Lower House, Charles County, 1777, 1777–1778. **LOCAL OFFICE:** tobacco inspector, Port Tobacco, Charles County, 1785. **JURY SERVICE:** grand jury, June 1780. **MILITARY SERVICE:** first lieutenant, 12th Battalion, Charles County Militia, commissioned March 7, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,174.0.0, including 27 slaves, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 1,360 acres in Charles County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** gave ca. 286 acres to his son Edward as a wedding gift in 1781 and sold 132 acres in 1789, all in Charles County; trustees stated in 1789 that all remaining land was to be rented out. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** at the plantation of his son, Dr. Ignatius Semmes, in Wilkes County, Georgia; will probated in Maryland on July 13, 1827. **PER-**

SONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$8,268.62 current money (including 19 slaves, 2 books); FB, \$5,700.36.

SENEY, JOHN (ca. 1733–1795). **BORN:** ca. 1733, near Church Hill, Queen Anne's County. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** at Church Hill, Queen Anne's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Solomon Seney (ca. 1705–1763), of Queen Anne's County. **MOTHER:** Mary (ca. 1711–?), daughter of Walter Neavell (?–1741) of Queen Anne's County and wife Bridget. **STEP-MOTHER:** Anne, widow of John Nevil (?–1747), planter of Queen Anne's County. **BROTHERS:** Nevil, who married in 1759 Mary Rochester; Solomon. **MARRIED** ca. 1754 Ruth (1737–?), daughter of Vinson Benton (?–1784) of Queen Anne's County. Her brothers were John; Vinson; George Vinson; and Mark. Her sister was Susanna. **CHILDREN. SONS:** *Joshua Seney* (1756–1798); Jonathan (?–ca. 1793), who was elected sheriff of Queen Anne's County in 1788; Samuel (ca. 1755–1794), who married Mary, daughter of *Woolman Gibson* (?–1786); Robert (?–ca. 1797); and Horatio (?–ca. 1802). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1763; Esq., by 1776. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1781–1782 (Laws to Expire 2), 1782–1783, 1783 (Elections), 1784, 1785 (Elections), 1786–1787 (Elections 1, 2), 1787–1788 (Elections 2; Grievances 1; Claims 2), 1788 (Elections), 1789 (Elections; Grievances), 1790, 1791–1792 (Elections; Claims 2; Public Revenues), 1793 (Grievances). **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** Maryland Senate elector, Queen Anne's County, elected 1786; Constitution Ratification Convention, Queen Anne's County, 1788. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Queen Anne's County, 1772—at least 1777; election judge, Queen Anne's County, 1776; justice, Orphans' Court, Queen Anne's County, commissioned 1777. **MILITARY SERVICE:** lt. colonel, 5th Battalion, Queen Anne's County Militia, commissioned 1777. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** U.S. Presidential elector, 1792. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 11 slaves, 1776; assessed value £609.0.0, including 11 slaves, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 573 acres in Queen Anne's County (inherited 110 acres, purchased 463). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** bought 50 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1783. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** administration bond dated April 14, 1795.