

Seney died near Church Hill, Queen Anne's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,805.15.11 current money (including 16 slaves and books); FB, £335.18.5. **LAND:** 623 acres in Queen Anne's County.

SENEY, JOSHUA (1756–1798). **BORN:** on March 4, 1756, near Church Hill, Queen Anne's County. **NATIVE:** at least third generation. **RESIDED:** in Queen Anne's County, except for the years 1792–1796 when he lived in Baltimore County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *John Seney* (ca. 1733–1795). **MOTHER:** Ruth Benton (1737–?). **BROTHERS:** Jonathan (?–ca. 1793); Samuel (ca. 1755–1794); Robert (?–ca. 1797); and Horatio (?–ca. 1802). **MARRIED** first, by 1788, Deborah (ca. 1755–by 1792), widow of Elijah Bishop (?–ca. 1783), daughter of Robert Hawkins (?–ca. 1756) of Queen Anne's County and wife Juliana (?–1761). Deborah was the stepdaughter of John Emory Register. Her sister was Julianna (ca. 1757–?), who married first, John Shoebrooks, and second, William Gould. **MARRIED** second, by 1792, Frances, daughter of James Nicholson (ca. 1736–1804), a noted naval officer, who was born in Chestertown, Kent County, and died in New York, and wife Frances Witter. Frances was the niece of both *Joseph Nicholson, Jr.* (?–1786) and *Benjamin Nicholson* (?–1792). Frances Nicholson had seven brothers and sisters, one of whom was Hannah, who married Abraham Alfonse Albert Gallatin (1761–1849), secretary of the U.S. Treasury and a diplomat. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John; Joshua; and Robert. **STEPSON:** William Smith Bishop (?–1809). **STEPDAUGHTER:** Frances Bishop (?–1810), who married *Charles Emory* (ca. 1750–1811). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1773; studied law. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1785; Esq., by 1798; subscriber to Washington College, Chestertown, Kent County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; lawyer, admitted to the bar. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1785, 1786–1787 (Laws to Expire 1), 1787–1788 (Elections 1; Grievances 1). **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** Maryland Senate elector, Queen Anne's County, elected 1786; chief justice, Third District, 1792–1796. **LOCAL OFFICE:** sheriff, Queen Anne's County, 1779–1782. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** delegate, Continental Congress, 1787–1788 (elected in December 1787, but did not attend

until April 1788; reelected in December 1788, but did not attend); representative, U.S. Congress, 1789–1791, 1791–1792 (resigned on May 1, 1792); presidential elector, 1792. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 19 slaves, Town Hundred, Queen Anne's County, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 100 acres (gift from father, 1779). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired by inheritance and purchase 746 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1785–1798; conveyed by deed of gift 100 acres to his father, 1792. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on October 20, 1798, near Church Hill, Queen Anne's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,968.15.1 current money (including law books and 5 slaves); FB, £183.6.11. **LAND:** 746 acres in Queen Anne's County.

SETH, JAMES (?–ca. 1785). **BORN:** of age by 1762. **RESIDED:** in Queen Anne's (later became part of Caroline) County; Tuckahoe Hundred, Caroline County, 1778; Queen Anne's County by 1784. **MARRIED** first, (name unknown). **MARRIED** second, by 1775, Sarah (?–ca. 1788), daughter of Thomas Winchester (?–1775) of Talbot County and his wife Tabitha, alias Dorcas (?–1781), of St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County. Tabitha Winchester had previously married (first name unknown) Marling. Sarah's sister was Mary, who married Nathaniel Cooper. Her half brother was Francis Marling. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Charles (?–by 1786), eldest; James (?–1795), Gent., second son, a Talbot County merchant who married Christiana (ca. 1756–1828), daughter of Margaret Dagnid, and who gave a lot in Easton, Talbot County, to the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1790, and who manumitted all of his slaves in his will; Jacob; Thomas Winchester; and George Washington (1776–?). **DAUGHTER:** Elizabeth. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1775. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Caroline County, 1780–1781 (elected to the 1st session of the 1780–1781 Assembly). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £328.15.0, including 9 slaves and 3 oz. plate, Caroline and Talbot counties, 1783; controlled property assessed at £1,277.0.0, including 25 slaves, Queen Anne's County, 1783, for the heirs of Jacob Seth. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 43 acres in Caroline County (20 acres by patent; 23 acres, the remainder of 514 acres, by purchase), plus