

and books), plus 168 oz. plate; FB, £3,446.10.7, plus 168 oz. plate. LAND: over 1,500 acres in Charles and St. Mary's counties.

SPRIGG, EDWARD (1697–1751). BORN: in 1697, in Prince George's County; second son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Sprigg* (by 1670–by 1739). MOTHER: Margaret Mariartee (?–by 1739). UNCLE: *Daniel Mariartee* (ca. 1676–ca. 1726/27). BROTHERS: Thomas (?–1725); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1707–1749/50). SISTERS: Priscilla, who married *Ralph Crabb* (?–1733/34); Margaret; Eleanor; and Elizabeth (?–1787), who married *Turner Wooten* (ca. 1695–1760). FIRST COUSINS: *John Smith Prather* (1706–1763); Sarah Pierce (?–ca. 1700), who married *John Beale, of Lawson* (ca. 1674–1751). NEPHEWS: *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781); *Edward Sprigg* (ca. 1721–1790); *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741–1815); *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747–1809); *Henry Wright Crabb* (1722/23–1764); *Francis King* (1724/25–1771); and *Thomas Sprigg Wooten* (?–1789). NIECE: Margaret Sprigg (ca. 1726–1804), who married *William Bowie* (1721–1791). MARRIED first, on April 26, 1720, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Richard Pile (?–1731) and wife Mary. Her brother was William, who married Elizabeth (last name unknown). MARRIED second, ca. 1744, Mary (1722–?), widow of Edward Hall (?–ca. 1741/42), daughter of *Joseph Belt* (ca. 1680–1761) and wife Hester (Esther) Beall; stepdaughter of Margery Wight Sprigg (?–1783). Mary was the granddaughter of *Ninian Beale* (ca. 1625–1717/18). She was the niece of Sarah Beall (?–1734), who married *Samuel Magruder* (1654–1711). Her brothers were John (ca. 1707–?); Joseph, Jr. (1717–1761); Tobias (1720–1785); Jeremiah (1724–1784); and James (1726–?). Her stepbrothers were *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781); *Edward Sprigg* (ca. 1721–1790). Her sisters were Anne (1708/9–?); Rachel (1711–?), who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1707–1749/50). Her first cousins were *Joshua Beall* (ca. 1719–ca. 1796); *Thomas Beall, of George* (1735–1819); and *John Magruder* (1694–1750). Her nephews were *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741–1815); and *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747–1809). Her niece was Elizabeth Belt (?–1808), who probably married *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747–1809). Mary Belt Hall Sprigg married third, by 1756, Thomas Pindell (?–1779). CHILDREN. SONS: Richard (1721–ca. 1776), who was in “foreign parts” and presumed dead when his father died, but returned briefly

to Maryland ca. 1769 before going to Virginia and North Carolina; *Edward Sprigg* (1723–1758); James (1724/25–1778), who married Elizabeth (?–1811); Thomas (1726/27–?); Gilbert (?–1765); Jacob (?–1770); and Frederick. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Mary; Margaret (?–ca. 1783), who married in 1772 Samuel Dorsey (?–1777); and Lucy (1752–?), who married first, ca. 1774, Nicholas Dorsey (1741–1788), and second, in 1793, Thomas Sprigg (?–1810). STEPDAUGHTER: Ann Hall, who married Joshua Griffith (1730–?). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Jacob, Frederick, Margaret, and Lucy were Sprigg's children by Mary Belt Hall; Lucy was born several months after Sprigg's death. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1729. Sprigg's obituary states, “His death is much lamented not only for his firm and zealous conduct . . . but for his friendly disposition and open candor.” OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1729–1731 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1728–1731 Assembly), 1732–1734 (Accounts 1–Cv), 1734/35–1737 (Accounts 1, Cv, 2–4; Bills of Credit 1, Cv), 1738 (Accounts), 1739–1741 (Accounts Cv–3), 1742–1744 (speaker), 1745 (speaker), 1745/46–1748 (speaker), 1749–1751 (Elections Cv–3; Laws 2; Accounts Cv–3), 1751 (elected to 1751–1754 Assembly, but died before the 1st session). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: justice, Provincial Court, commissioned 1732. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Prince George's County, 1727–1731, 1747–1751 (quorum, 1747–1751); justice, Especial Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Prince George's County, appointed 1747, 1748 (quorum, 1747, 1748); Queen Anne Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, 1723–1726, 1728–1731, 1742–1743, 1748–1750; churchwarden, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County, 1727, 1744. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1728; major, by July 1733—at least November 1742; colonel, by November 1743—death. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 915 acres in Prince George's County (502 acres received as gift from father, 1722; 413 acres by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased at least 2,290 acres in Prince George's County, patented 500 acres in Prince George's (later became part of Frederick) County, and sold 354 acres in Prince George's County for a net gain of 2,436 acres, 1731–1739; patented 55 acres in Prince