

had a one-third interest in his brother's mercantile firm of John Sterett & Co., and a one-half interest in his own firm of Samuel Sterett & Co., 1792. At the time of his death he was the partner of William G. Harrison in the Baltimore firm of Harrison & Sterett and had an interest in the firm of Harrison, Brown & Co. in New Orleans. Sterett was also a licensed auctioneer in partnership with Hall Harrison, 1829. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Baltimore Town, 1789 (Claims). **LOCAL OFFICES:** committee to solicit subscriptions for the relief of refugees from St. Domingo, Baltimore Town, 1793; trustee for erecting a penitentiary for criminals in Baltimore City, 1805—at least 1808; committee of correspondence protesting attack on the *Chesapeake*, Baltimore City, 1807; committee to provide for the defense of Baltimore City, 1813. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, Baltimore City Militia, 1812; captain, Independent Company of Militia, involved in defense of Ft. McHenry, 1814. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** appointed private secretary to the president of Congress, 1782; representative, U.S. Congress, 1791–1793. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** president of the Maryland society for promoting the abolition of slavery, 1791; delegate from Maryland to national conventions of the Abolition Societies of the U.S. in Philadelphia, 1794. 1795; signed a petition of merchants in Baltimore to the president and Congress protesting British seizure of their goods and ships, 1806; held a share in the Society for the Encouraging of Arts and Sciences (formerly the Baltimore Dancing Assembly), 1833. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** forced to petition for relief as an insolvent debtor, 1792. Sterett was liable for one-third of ca. £20,000 in debts owned by John Sterett & Co., and one-half of ca. £2,200.0.0 in debts owed by Samuel Sterett & Co. Sterett's personal property list submitted with his petition of insolvency included at least 14 books, plate, and 1 Irish servant. He owned no real property. His personal property, with the exception of clothing for himself and his family, was deeded to a trustee to be sold to satisfy his creditors. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably none. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** Sterett's father's will, written in 1792, specifically bequeathed Samuel's share of his estate to Rebecca and her children by Samuel, presumably to avoid having the assets seized by Samuel's creditors. Sterett does not appear to have held much, if any, land during his lifetime. He often served as trustee on mortgages, but dis-

charged these duties promptly and did not use them to acquire real estate for himself. In those few land transactions where Sterett was a purchaser, he sold the property within a year or so. In 1814 and 1815, for example, he purchased land on Gay and Water streets (some of which had once been part of his father's property), but sold the land in 1815 for a substantial profit. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on July 12, 1833, in Baltimore City; buried in Westminster Presbyterian Churchyard, Baltimore City. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$25,872.28 (including stock in the Mechanics Saving Fund Society of Baltimore valued at \$312.00, and his interest in the firm of Harrison & Sterett valued at at least \$15,836.30); FB, \$6,699.62 (before payments to legatees). **LAND:** possibly 12 acres adjoining Baltimore City, but probably none.

**STUART, GEORGE** (1700–ca. 1784). **BORN:** in 1700, in Perthshire, Scotland. **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1721 as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in Annapolis until his return to Scotland, 1775. **MARRIED** ca. 1743 Anne (1718–1814), daughter of Charles Digges (?–1744) of "Warburton," Prince George's County, and wife Susanna Maria Lowe. Anne was the granddaughter of both *William Digges* (ca. 1650–1697) and *Henry Lowe* (?–1717). She was the niece of *Henry Lowe* (?–1721); *Nicholas Lowe* (?–1728); and Jane Lowe, who married *James Bowles* (?–ca. 1727/28). Her brothers were William (1713–1783), who married Ann Attwood; Henry (?–died young); and Charles (?–died young). Her sister was Mary Hill. Her first cousin was *Benjamin Hall, of Francis* (?–1803). Her nephew was *George Digges* (ca. 1742–1792). **CHILDREN. SONS:** George Hume, who settled at the family home in Argaty, Perthshire, Scotland, and changed his name to George Steuart Hume; James, who studied medicine at Edinburgh, returned to Annapolis, and married in 1788 Rebecca Sprigg; David (1750–1814), who fought for the British during the Revolutionary War, but returned to Maryland, and is buried at "Dodon," Anne Arundel County; Charles, who remained in Annapolis, and married first, in 1780, Elizabeth, daughter of *Benedict Calvert* (ca. 1724–1788), and second, in 1784, Mary Waters; and William (1754–1838), who journeyed to Scotland with his father in 1775 but returned to Annapolis by 1780 and is buried at "Dodon." **DAUGHTERS:** Susannah (?–1774), who married in 1769 *James Tilghman* (1743–1809); Ann; and Jane. Both Ann and Jane died before their father returned to Scotland. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** graduate of