

the University of Edinburgh. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County; wife's family was Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1746; Esq., by 1775; entertained George Washington at his home in Annapolis. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: *Benedict Calvert* (ca. 1724–1788) stayed with Dr. Steuart upon his arrival in Annapolis. In September 1775, Dr. Steuart and his son William left Annapolis to return to Scotland; their ship was caught in a hurricane, but they were rescued and taken to Philadelphia. They departed from New York in October 1775. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Annapolis, 1745 (election declared void on August 10, 1745), 1753 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1751–1754 Assembly, but his election was declared void on October 19, 1753, during that same session), 1757 (his election was declared void on October 1, 1757, during the 1st session of the 1757–1758 Assembly), 1758–1761 (his election was declared void on December 20, 1758, during the 1st session of the 1758–1761 Assembly; reelected and qualified on April 4, 1759, during the 2nd Convention of that Assembly), 1762–1763 (Grievances 1, 2); Upper House, 1769–1770 (appointed before the 2nd session of the 1768–1770 Assembly), 1771, 1773–1774. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: riding surveyor of Pocomoke, 1743–1746; commissioner, Paper Currency Office, 1746–1766; judge, Land Office, 1747–1775 (served jointly with *Benjamin Young* (?–1754) from 1747 to 1754 and with *Benedict Calvert* (ca. 1724–1788) from 1755 to 1775); justice, Provincial Court, 1749—at least 1766 (quorum, 1766); deputy secretary of Maryland, 1755–1756; justice, Assize Court, Western Shore, commissioned 1769; Council, 1769—at least 1774 (appointed and qualified on February 16, 1769); commissary, Court of Vice-Admiralty, commissioned 1773. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Anne Arundel County, 1746–1749 (quorum, 1749); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Anne Arundel County, commissioned 1754, 1762, 1764; alderman, Annapolis, 1754–1766; St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1756–1759; mayor, Annapolis, 1759–1760, 1763–1764. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: closely allied with proprietary interests. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: wife inherited £500.0.0 sterling from her father in 1744 and £250.0.0 sterling from her cousin Richard Bennett in 1745. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 533 acres in Anne Arundel and Frederick counties, plus leases on

110 acres in Anne Arundel County and 1 lot in Annapolis (all by personal acquisition); was involved in land speculation in that part of Prince George's County that later became Frederick County. Surveyed over 2,400 acres, all but 700 of which had already been patented by others. The remaining 700 acres were patented by others after 1745. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 7 tracts of land in Anne Arundel County, 1746 and 1747, and 3 more tracts, 1748–1750; surveyed and sold before patenting 2 tracts in Prince George's County; owned 1,668 acres of land in Anne Arundel County and 200 acres in Frederick County, 1753; sold the Frederick land by 1762, but acquired 75 acres in Frederick County within the next 10 years; resurveyed 673 acres of Anne Arundel County land into a 1,217-acre tract, which was patented in 1762. Patented an additional 479 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1768; owned 3,853 acres in Anne Arundel County and 75 acres in Frederick County in 1774. By the time of his departure for Scotland in 1775, he owned at least 4,100 acres in Anne Arundel County. In 1780, Dr. Steuart transferred his Maryland land to his sons Charles and William for a nominal sum. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: by August 2, 1784, in Argaty, Perthshire, Scotland. His death was reported in a letter to Annapolis written by a son of *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803), who had planned to visit Dr. Steuart. LAND: none in Maryland.

**STEVENS (STEPHENS), JOHN** (?–1692). IMMIGRATED: in 1651, as a minor with his parents. RESIDED: in Calvert County; on the Great Choptank River, Dorchester County, by 1667. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Stevens. MOTHER: Magdalen. BROTHER: William, a quorum justice of Dorchester County, 1669 to ca. 1681. SISTER: Margaret. MARRIED Dorothy Preston (?–1710). Her brother was Christopher. CHILDREN. SONS: John (ca. 1670–1743), who married Ann, widow of *Thomas Cooke* (?–1692/93), daughter of *John Brooke* (by 1646–1692/93); William (?–ca. 1709), of Great Choptank River, Dorchester County, Gent., who married Mary Pryor, formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. DAUGHTERS: Magdalen (1679–1739), who married first, in 1691, James (1670–1702), son of *John Edmundson* (?–1697/98), and second, Jacob (1678–1731), son of *Jacob Lookerman* (1652–1730); Grace, who married in 1698 James (ca. 1680–ca. 1758), son of *Roger Woolford* (?–ca. 1701/2). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Quaker.