

councilman, Annapolis, 1752; alderman, Annapolis, 1753–1755, 1757, 1759, 1760; mayor, Annapolis, 1754–1755. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, Anne Arundel County Militia, by 1744; described as one of “the two principal Field Officers of the County” (Anne Arundel), October 1756. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** taxed as a bachelor with a personal estate of £300.0.0 or more, Anne Arundel County, 1756–1760. **ANNUAL INCOME:** estimated net income as naval officer of Annapolis, £200.0.0 sterling, 1755; his profits as surveyor general of the Eastern Shore went to support Charlotte Hyde, a cousin of Lord Baltimore; salary as surveyor of Sassafras and Bohemia estimated at £50.0.0 per annum, 1760. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 150 acres in Calvert County, and probably also 500 acres in Anne Arundel County (all from father and probably given by 1742). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** resurveyed Calvert County land into a 503-acre tract and patented it in 1744; purchased 132 acres in Calvert County in 1745 and at least 24 acres in Anne Arundel County in 1746; apparently sold the 132 acres in Calvert County and owned a total of 648 acres in Anne Arundel County by 1755; received 1 lot in Annapolis as a gift from his father, 1752, and purchased another lot from Ogle’s estate with his dwelling, 1753; he probably rented the Ogle house and lot to his sister Anne until shortly before his death when he sold it to her; sold ca. 150 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1758–1759. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on October 17, 1760, after a fever of several weeks; buried in St. Anne’s churchyard, Annapolis. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** included household goods at “Belair” valued at £270.15.2; a library at “Belair” and Annapolis; at least 5 thoroughbred horses; and a one-fifth share of the Baltimore Ironworks Co., which sold for £5,200.0.0 sterling in 1765. **LAND:** probably 1,000 acres in Calvert and Anne Arundel counties, plus 1 lot in Annapolis.

TASKER, THOMAS (?–1700). **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1668, as an indentured servant. **RESIDED:** in Calvert County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **MOTHER:** Ann Tasker, who was still living in 1700. **BROTHER:** possibly John, who was transported by 1674. **MARRIED** ca. 1678 Rebecca (?–by 1700), widow of John Brooke (1640–1675), son of **Robert Brooke** (1602–1655). Rebecca was the daughter of (first name unknown) Isaacs. Her brothers were Edward (?–1694), who married Jane Sutton; probably Joseph (?–ca. 1689). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John

(?–1711) of Calvert County, who served on All Saints’ Parish Vestry, Calvert County, 1705, and married Elinor, daughter of **Thomas Brooke** (ca. 1659–1730/31); Thomas (?–ca. 1696), died while a youth in England; and **Benjamin Tasker** (ca. 1690–1768), who married in 1711 Anne, daughter of **William Bladen** (1670–1718). **DAUGHTER:** Elizabeth (1686–1706/7), who married in 1701 **Thomas Addison** (1679–1727). **STEPCHILDREN:** two (names unknown), the orphans of John Brooke. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** arrived as a servant, free by 1673 at which time he claimed his rights to 50 acres and the rights assigned to him by four other men; his fortunes rose rapidly, particularly after his marriage to a prominent widow; trustee, King William’s School, Annapolis. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant; attorney for George Goffrager, merchant of London, 1682; factor for Peter Pagan & Co., London merchants. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Calvert County, 1692–1693, 1694/95–1697 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1694–1697 Assembly, Accounts 7, 8, probably chairman 7); Upper House, 1699–1700 (appointed by the 3rd session of the 1697/98–1700 Assembly; did not attend the 4th session). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** justice, Provincial Court, 1694–1698; treasurer of the Western Shore, 1694–1695; agent to New York, 1695; Council, 1698–1700. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Calvert County, 1685–1694 (president, 1692–1694). **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, 1689–1698; colonel, 1698–1700. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** ambivalent position toward the revolution of Protestant Associators in 1689; signed petitions favoring both sides within a three-month period before finally allying with the new government. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably ca. 1,800 acres in Calvert, Baltimore, and Prince George’s counties (at least 100 acres in Calvert County acquired through marriage, the rest through personal acquisition). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between July 18 and August 31, 1700. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £1,113.4.11 (including 9 servants, 20 slaves, and a share in the ship *Patuxent Merchant*); his will also mentioned £3,200.0.0 in cash in the hands of London merchants bequeathed to his sons when they came of age. **LAND:** ca. 1,800 acres.

TAYLARD, WILLIAM (ca. 1660–ca. 1711/12). **BORN:** ca. 1660, in England. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1680, as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary’s County;