

County, a very small portion of which extended into Franklin County, Pennsylvania; controlled ca. 50 acres of his second wife's dower land, 1790–1803; sold 86 acres, 1803–1804, including his wife's land. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in September 1807; will probated in Washington County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** included at least 22 slaves, plus £1,164.0.0, which resulted from the public sale of his property by his executors. **LAND:** ca. 200 acres in Washington County, plus a small amount in Franklin County, Pennsylvania.

TAYLOR, JOHN (1662–ca. 1705/6). **BORN:** in 1662, probably in Dorchester County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in Dorchester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Thomas Taylor (ca. 1643–1696), Gent., who served as sheriff of Dorchester County in 1669, quorum justice by 1679, captain, and major by 1680; son of Capt. Philip Taylor (ca. 1610–ca. 1649) and his wife Jane (?–ca. 1659), stepson of *William Eltonhead* (ca. 1616–1655). **MOTHER:** Frances. **BROTHERS:** Philip (?–1706); Thomas; and *Peter Taylor* (1680–ca. 1747/48). **SISTERS:** Frances; Mary; and Aloyance (Aloysia). **MARRIED** first, by 1682/83, Priscilla. **MARRIED** second, by 1696, Dorothy. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Thomas; William. **DAUGHTERS:** Dorothy; Elizabeth; Jane; Frances; and Elinor. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1686. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1704–1705 (died before the 4th session of the 1704–1707 Assembly). **LOCAL OFFICES:** sheriff, Dorchester County, 1683/84–1686; deputy surveyor, Dorchester County, 1684, 1702; justice, Dorchester County, 1694–ca. 1705/6. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** members of Taylor's family were strong supporters of the proprietary faction; Taylor refused to take the oath of allegiance and supremacy under the government of the Protestant Associators, 1690; lost a contested election to the Lower House in 1701 by one vote to *John Lecompte* (ca. 1662–1705). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 2,050 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between November 17, 1705, and February 4, 1705/6, in Dorchester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £376.8.4 (including 1 servant and 7 slaves); FB, £28.7.2. **LAND:** 2,050 acres, plus a tract of unspecified acreage.

TAYLOR, JOHN (?–by 1737). **BORN:** in Baltimore County, of age by 1693; probably only sur-

viving son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** probably at “Taylor's Mount” near the Gunpowder River in Baltimore County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Arthur Taylor (by 1648–by 1694), son of John Taylor (?–1676), Gent. Arthur immigrated in 1659 as a minor with his father, mother, brother, and sister. **MARRIED** first, by 1701, Jane (?–by 1710). **MARRIED** second, between June 10 and August 3, 1710, Elizabeth, widow of *William Pickett* (?–1710). **CHILDREN.** **STEPSONS:** William Pickett; George Pickett; and Heathcote Pickett. **DAUGHTER:** Avarilla, who married by 1726 Edward Day (?–ca. 1746). **STEPDAUGHTERS:** Mary Miles; Elizabeth Pickett; and Temperance Pickett. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** not literate in 1693, but could write his name by 1694. Neither his father nor grandfather were literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter, 1693, 1694, 1705, 1726; carpenter, 1694, 1701; innholder, 1702, 1703. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Baltimore County, 1722–1724. **LOCAL OFFICE:** commissioner for erecting a town at Joppa, Baltimore County, 1724. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1724. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably 250 acres in Baltimore County (the remainder of at least 600 acres in Baltimore County inherited from his father), plus warrants and a certificate of survey for two additional tracts in Baltimore County totalling 245 acres. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** patented 150 acres of the previously surveyed 245 acres in 1720, plus another 150–acre tract surveyed in 1723, both in Baltimore County. In 1726, Taylor sold his home plantation of 250 acres and the certificate of survey for the remaining 95 acres surveyed in 1720 to his son-in-law Edward Day. He also authorized Day to sell the 150–acre tract surveyed in 1723. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by 1737. **LAND:** 150 acres in Baltimore County. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Within a four day period in October 1726, Taylor apparently concluded his affairs in Maryland in preparation for moving out of the colony. On October 26 he sold his home plantation; on October 27 he cleared the title to some of his father's land, which he had sold in the 1690s; on October 28 he and Elizabeth finally settled the estate of *William Pickett* (?–1710), and on October 29 he appointed Edward Day as his attorney to sell 150 acres of land surveyed in 1723. A secondary source indicates that Taylor may have moved to North Carolina; it is certainly probable that he left Maryland in early November 1726.