

Troop of Light Dragoons, Frederick County, January 11, 1781; called colonel, November 1781. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: manumitted four slaves unconditionally, December 25, 1799; in his will he stated his strong objections to slavery and set forth a schedule for emancipating his slaves; he was spoken of as a friend to the poor and one whose "humanity knew no distinction of rich and poor." WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £249.0.0, including 4 slaves and 53 oz. plate, 1782. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: no evidence of land ownership. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 917 acres in Frederick County between 1779 and 1803, and a tract in Ohio by 1812; obtained through a judgment 79 acres in 1792; purchased three lots of confiscated British property in Frederick Town in 1782 (two of which he sold the same year); purchased 2 lots in 1790 and 3 lots in 1798, all in Frederick Town (two of the latter lots he deeded to his son as a gift in 1800); purchased 6 lots in Washington, D.C., by 1812; patented 216 acres in Frederick County between 1785 and 1793; sold 79 acres in 1792; deeded as a gift to a close friend for lifetime tenancy part of a lot in Frederick Town, 1800. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: April 25, 1815, of typhus fever; will probated in Frederick County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested no appraisal of his estate; included at least 19 slaves, plate, and books, but the size of his entire estate is unknown. LAND: ca. 1,300 acres in Frederick County and a tract in Ohio; his dwelling lot in Frederick Town plus three other lots; 6 lots in Washington, D.C.

THOMAS, RICHARD (ca. 1728–1806). BORN: ca. 1728; eldest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: Lower Newfoundland Hundred, Frederick (later became Montgomery) County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Thomas (1697–1749/50), son of Samuel Thomas (ca. 1655–by 1743) and wife Mary Frances Hutchins. MOTHER: Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Snowden, the Younger (?–1763) of Anne Arundel County, ironmaster and owner of the Patuxent Iron Works. AUNT: Margaret Snowden, who married *John Contee* (1722–ca. 1796). BROTHERS: John; Samuel. SISTER: Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Richardson. FIRST COUSIN: *Evan Thomas* (1738/39–1826). MARRIED by 1753, Sarah, daughter of Skipwith Coale and wife Margaret Holland. Sarah, a Quaker, was said to have been disowned by the West River meeting upon her marriage, but in 1766 the meeting acknowledged the error.

CHILDREN. SONS: Samuel (1753–by 1806), who married Mary Cowman; Richard (1758–1821), who married Deborah, daughter of Roger Brooke and wife Mary; John (1760–?); and William (1771–?), who married Martha Patrick. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (1755–?), who married Roger Johnson; Mary (1762–?), who married William Robertson; Sarah (1764–by 1806), who married Bernard Gilpin; Henrietta (1767–?); and Margaret (1769–by 1806), who married Gerard Brooke. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Quaker. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 1st Convention, Frederick County, 1774. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Montgomery County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Correspondence, Frederick County, elected 1774; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Montgomery County, appointed April 22, 1786, refused his appointment May 22, 1786. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: left instructions that on the day of his death all male slaves above 21 years and all female slaves above 18 years were to be manumitted; all other slaves were to be freed as they came of age. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £2,007.0.0, including 61 slaves and 16 oz. plate, 1783; 54 slaves, 1790; assessed value £1,420.0.0, including 48 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1793; assessed value £1,461.13.10, including 51 slaves and 55 oz. plate, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 5,011 acres in Frederick County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 133 acres between 1798 and 1802, lost 127 acres on a resurvey of a large tract in 1795, and obtained an additional 1,012 acres by 1798 as reflected on the 1798 tax assessment, all in Montgomery County; sold 47 acres by 1798, and gave away ca. 2,800 acres to his children and other family members shortly before his death. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between November 28 and December 15, 1806; will probated in Montgomery County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$32,188.85 current money (including 45 slaves and 32 shares of bank stock); FB, \$28,303.17. LAND: ca. 3,200 acres in Montgomery County.

THOMAS, THOMAS (ca. 1624–1658). BORN: ca. 1624. IMMIGRATED: in 1651 with his wife, son James, and three servants from Virginia. RESIDED: in the St. Leonard's Creek area, Eltonhead Hundred, Calvert County. MARRIED Elizabeth, daughter of James Knott (ca. 1601/2–1653) of Nansemond County, Virginia, and wife Elli-