

of *Nathaniel Dare* (?–1742); and Mary, who married first, Michael Jenifer, and second, James Smith. **MARRIED** second, by December 1749 Mary (?–1769), widow of both (first name unknown) Wheeler and Thomas Crompton (Compton). **CHILDREN. SONS:** William Loch (?–1783) of Prince George's County, who married Amelia Chapman of Virginia; James; and *John Weems* (1737–1813). **STEPSON:** Roger Wheeler (?–1763), a merchant of Calvert County, who married Susannah, daughter of *James Weems* (ca. 1707–1781). **DAUGHTERS:** Susannah, who married Roger Wheeler (?–1763); Sarah (?–1763), who married in 1763 *Samuel Chew* (1737–1790); and Margaret (?–1783), who married first, (first name unknown) Eley, and second, *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate, possibly studied medicine with Dr. William Loch. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Hon. and Esq., by 1766. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant; physician; planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Calvert County, 1738, 1739–1741 (Bills of Credit 3); 1742–1744 (Bills of Credit 1, 2). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE:** justice, Provincial Court, 1766 (quorum). **LOCAL OFFICES:** sheriff, Calvert County, 1734–1737; justice, Calvert County, 1738—at least 1743, 1746–1747, 1751—at least 1752, 1754—at least 1756, 1758—at least 1761, 1763. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Administered the estate of his stepson and son-in-law, Roger Wheeler (?–1763), which totalled at least £244.6.9 sterling and £934.4.8 current money after the first account, plus perhaps £500.0.0 current money in debts due the estate. In a Chancery Court case brought against Weems's estate by Wheeler's heirs in 1788, it was charged that although James had paid for the care and schooling of Wheeler's four children, he had done so cheaply and that they were entitled to a fair distribution of Wheeler's estate. The court agreed and ordered James Weems's executor to pay at least one of Wheeler's heirs ca. £394.0.0 current money. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 334 acres in Anne Arundel County and perhaps as much as 500 acres in Calvert County (the Anne Arundel County land and probably most, if not all, of the Calvert County land by personal acquisition, the remainder of Calvert County land possibly inherited from uncle Dr. William Loch), plus land in Virginia (inherited from Dr. William Loch). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 1,069 acres in Prince George's County in 1740; patented 46 acres

in Calvert County in 1751. By 1753 Weems was taxed on 1,499 acres in Calvert County, 1,069 acres in Prince George's County, and 334 acres in Anne Arundel County, plus 1,055 acres in Calvert County that he held for the heirs of his wife Mary Compton's first husband. In 1759 he sold the 334 acres in Anne Arundel County, and within the next two years also sold 220 acres in Calvert County and gave 535 acres in Prince George's County to his son William Loch Weems. By 1761 he had purchased 548 acres in Calvert County and 1 lot in Huntingtown, Calvert County. By 1765 he had purchased an additional 330 acres in Calvert County. Between 1763 and 1771, Weems controlled 870 acres in Calvert County for the heirs of Roger Wheeler (?–1763). He sold 657 acres in Calvert County and lost control of Compton's 1,055 acres by 1770. He gave his son William Loch Weems the rest of his Prince George's County land by 1772 and by 1774 had sold 160 acres and purchased 50 acres in Calvert County. During the 1760s and 1770s James Weems was taxed for varying amounts of two tracts of land totalling about 764 acres in Anne Arundel County, which he and his brother David had inherited under the terms of the will of their uncle Dr. William Loch. Loch's will had directed that if his son William had no direct heirs, the land would pass to James and David Weems. William Loch died in 1750. His will specifically denied the Weemses' right to his father's land and devised it to his Chew relatives. For the next thirty years ownership of the land was under litigation. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on September 10, 1781, in Calvert County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** estimated at £20,000 sterling in a later court case. **LAND:** probably about 1,290 acres in Calvert County, 1 lot in Huntingtown, Calvert County, and land in Virginia.

**WEEMS, JOHN** (1727–1794). **BORN:** on March 26, 1727, in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County; second son. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** on "Portland Manor," St. James' Parish, Herring Creek Hundred, Anne Arundel County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** David Weems (1706–1779) of Anne Arundel County, who immigrated with his mother and sister, and possibly with his brother, in the early 1720s to live with his uncle, Dr. William Loch (?–1732). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth (?–1738), daughter of Samuel Lane (?–1715), a Quaker, and wife Sarah Harrison. Elizabeth was the stepdaughter of Dr. William Loch (?–1732). **STEPMOTHER:** after 1742, Esther (Hester) (1717–1776), daughter of Abell