

1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend), 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776, because the freemen of Frederick County illegally appointed election judges after the ones officially appointed failed to act; subsequently re-elected and seated; Elections); Lower House, Montgomery County, 1777 (speaker 1, resigned as speaker, 1; Manufactories 2; Grievances 2); 1779–1780 (resigned during the 3rd session of the 1779–1780 Assembly; Grievances 1; Tax Commissioners 1), 1783, 1784, 1785. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: As part of his committee service, Wootton worked to establish a market house in Frederick Town, to secure a new church in Prince George's Parish, to aid relief for the poor, and to divide All Saints' Parish in Frederick County. He also favored the inspection of flour in Georgetown, the prohibition of raising geese and swine in Georgetown, the inspection of public offices, and cutting a wagon road from Ft. Cumberland to the nearest navigable water on the west side of the Allegheny Mountains. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Frederick County, 1768–1777, Montgomery County, 1777; Prince George's Parish Vestry, Frederick (later became part of Montgomery) County, 1771; Committee of Correspondence for the Lower District of Frederick County, 1774; Committee of Observation, Frederick County, 1774; collector of money for arms and ammunition, Frederick County, appointed 1775; justice, Orphans' Court, Montgomery County, 1777–1778; commissioner of the tax, Montgomery County, commissioned April 16, 1778. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: in his will he instructed his nephew to make donations to the poor "as I have always done." He also manumitted three slaves in his will, bequeathing them a generous donation. He instructed that the slaves not freed were to be treated "kindly and tenderly" and that families were not to be separated. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £651.5.0, including 24 slaves, 1783; purchased 10 slaves, 1786. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 236 acres in Frederick County (all by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 938 acres in Frederick and Montgomery counties, 1772–1783, sold 559 acres of this in Montgomery County, 1778; owned 615 acres in Montgomery County, 1783; obtained a mortgage on two tracts totaling 222 acres in 1785, which he may have secured by foreclosure in 1787; purchased a lot in the addition to Georgetown, 1786; inherited a plantation of unspecified acreage in Prince George's County

from his brother Singleton, 1788. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between January 11 and November 30, 1789. His entire estate was left to his nephew, Turner Wootton, of Queen Anne, Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: an unspecified number of slaves and books were mentioned in his will. LAND: at least 615 acres in Montgomery County, a plantation of unknown acreage in Prince George's County, plus 1 lot in the addition to Georgetown, Montgomery County.

WOOTTON, TURNER (ca. 1695–1760). BORN: ca. 1695, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: probably from England as a minor with his father. RESIDED: in Londontown, Anne Arundel County, until 1723; "Essington," Patuxent Hundred, Prince George's County, 1723 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Wootton (?–1722) of Anne Arundel County. BROTHER: William (?–1744) of Londontown, Anne Arundel County. MARRIED first, in 1715, Ann Jones (1700/1–by 1721), daughter of *Richard Jones* (ca. 1671–1714) and wife Ann. MARRIED second, on January 1, 1723/24, Agnes Chambers (?–1732) of Anne Arundel County. MARRIED third, by 1735, Elizabeth Sprigg (?–1787), widow of Henry Wilson, daughter of *Thomas Sprigg* (by 1670–by 1739) and wife Margaret Mariartee (?–by 1739), niece of *Daniel Mariartee* (ca. 1676–ca. 1726/27). Elizabeth's brothers were Thomas (?–1725); *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751); and *Osborne Sprigg* (ca. 1707–1749/50). Her sisters were Priscilla, who married *Ralph Crabb* (?–1733/34); Margaret; and Eleanor. Her first cousins were *John Smith Prather* (1706–1763); Sarah Pierce (?–ca. 1700), who married *John Beale, of Lawson* (ca. 1674–1751). Her nephews were *Edward Sprigg* (1723–1758); *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Osborne Sprigg* (ca. 1741–1815); *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747–1809); *Henry Wright Crabb* (1722/23–1764); *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781); *Edward Sprigg* (ca. 1721–1790); and *Francis King* (1724/25–1771). Her niece was Margaret Sprigg (ca. 1726–1804), who married *William Bowie* (1721–1791). CHILDREN. SONS: John (?–1774), who never married; *Thomas Sprigg Wootton* (?–1789); William Turner (?–1777), who married Ann (1750–1774); Singleton (?–1788), a merchant, who never married; and Richard. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Mary (1735–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: may have sent his sons to St. Omers, a Roman Catholic school in France, to be educated; gave a deposition printed in the *Maryland Gazette* on No-