

1657), widow of both Adam Thoroughgood (1602–1640) and John Gookin (?–1643). Sarah was the daughter of Robert Offley of London, England. **CHILDREN.** **STEPSON:** Adam Thoroughgood (?–1685/86), who married Frances, daughter of Agroll Yardley (1621–1655). **STEPDAUGHTERS:** Anne Thoroughgood, who married first, *Job Chandler* (?–1659), and second, *Gerard Fowke* (1625–1669); Sarah Thoroughgood (?–1658), who married Simon Oversee (Overzee); and Elizabeth Thoroughgood, who married John Michael. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** lived in Northampton County, Virginia, in 1642, where he owned at least 1,000 acres; was noted for his explorations to the south of Virginia; wife was a wealthy widow; was in Maryland by November 1651 and entered his mark for cattle in Maryland courts in March 1651/52; appointed to the Council by Richard Bennett and William Claiborne on March 29, 1652, and again on June 28, 1652. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** Council, 1652–1653 (last date of proven service was November 25, 1652); justice, Provincial Court, 1652–1653. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 1652–1653. **OUT OF COLONY SERVICE:** justice, Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, 1651–1654; burgess, Lower Norfolk County, Virginia, 1653; captain, by 1650; colonel, by 1652. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** In February 1653/54, Yardley was found guilty of illegally seizing a ship, for which he was charged with costs and fined 3,000 pounds of tobacco; in March 1653/54 the Council charged him with “contemptuous carriage and demeanor” toward the proprietary government. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND:** 1,000 acres in Charles County and probably 2,590 acres in Virginia. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** probably by December 5, 1654, certainly by 1655, in Lower Norfolk County, Virginia.

YATES, ROBERT (by 1692–1743). **BORN:** by 1692, in Charles County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Robert Yates, Sr. (?–1713), a merchant who immigrated from London by 1687 and who was a justice of the peace of Charles County in 1712. **MOTHER:** Rebeckah, widow of James Tyre (?–ca. 1687) of Charles County, possibly the daughter of Nicholas Young and wife Elizabeth of St. Mary’s County. **STEP-MOTHER:** Lydia Hatch (?–1718), widow of William Hawton, Sr. **BROTHER:** Charles. **HALF**

BROTHERS: Bowles Tyre; James Tyre. **MARRIED** by September 3, 1736, Ann, daughter of John Gwinn (?–1734) and wife Ann (?–1736). Ann subsequently married between April and September 1744 *Arthur Lee* (?–1760). Her brothers were Joseph; Benjamin. Her sister was Mary, who married (first name unknown) Williams. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Robert, who probably married by 1741 Sarah, widow of John Bruce, Gent., of Charles County; Jonathan. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** After Robert’s death in 1743, his brother Charles became guardian to his two surviving sons. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1742 (died prior to the 2nd session of the 1742–1744 Assembly). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Charles County, 1728–1743 (quorum, 1735–1743) **MILITARY SERVICE:** called major at death. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 2 slaves inherited by his wife. 1734. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 772 acres in Charles County (200 acres probably inherited from his father). It is likely that he acquired an additional 160 acres of his father’s land by 1743. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** administration bond executed June 24, 1743. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,750.7.7 current money (including 20 slaves and 9 books dealing with religion and law); FB, estate overpaid £126.11.0. **LAND:** at least 772 acres, and probably as much as 932 acres, all in Charles County.

YEATES (YEATS, YATES), DONALDSON (1729/30–1796). **BORN:** on February 12, 1729/30, probably in Delaware; fourth son. **IMMIGRATED:** probably from New Castle, Delaware. **RESIDED:** in Kent County by April 1, 1774; at Turner’s Creek on the Sassafras River, Kent County, by 1780. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** George Yeates (1695–?), son of Jasper Yeates and wife Catherine Sandelands. Jasper Yeates was an English immigrant and merchant of Chester on the Delaware River. **MOTHER:** Mary Donaldson. **BROTHERS:** Jasper (1720–1767); John (1722/23–1795); and David (1728–1770). **SISTERS:** Mary (1724/25–?); Catherine (1726–?), who married I. J. Currie (Corrie); Elizabeth (1731–1795), who married James Lathim; and Ann (1734–1767). **MARRIED** Mary Syng (1751–1809). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** George; John; and Donaldson (?–ca. 1817), who in 1812 was appointed a surgeon’s mate in the navy by President James Madison and who served as assistant surgeon aboard the USS *Constitution* in