

Prince George's County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter and merchant; in business in Nottingham, Prince George's County, with *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811) in a firm that engaged in the European tobacco trade and the importation of large quantities of goods. They advertised the firm's dissolution on April 1, 1775. Bowie applied for a license to operate the Nottingham Ferry in 1788 and owned a store in Nottingham, Prince George's County, at the time of his death. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1785, 1786–1787 (Grievances 1), 1787–1788, 1788 (elected to the Assembly to fill vacancy), 1790. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Prince George's County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: register, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County, in office 1767; Committee for inspection for armed resistance, Prince George's County, 1775; justice, Prince George's County, 1777–1794 (chief justice, 1793–1794); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, in office 1779, 1782, 1785–1788; justice, Orphans' Court, Prince George's County, 1782—at least 1790; Maryland Senate elector, Prince George's County, elected 1786. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Nottingham Company, Prince George's County Militia, promoted from 1st lieutenant, 1776. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 60 slaves, 1790; mortgaged 60 slaves, plus all of his household furniture, plate, livestock, plantation utensils, a chariot, and a sulky between 1789 and 1792. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,752 acres, plus 1 lot and a partnership in another lot, and one undivided fifth part of 526 acres, all in Prince George's County (at least 561 acres, the remainder of at least 661 acres inherited or received by deed of gift from his father; 262 acres through his marriage, but all sold before first election; 1,471 acres, plus 1 lot and a partnership in another lot, and one undivided fifth part of 526 acres by purchase, but 280 acres of this purchased land had been sold before his first election). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 130 acres in Prince George's County, 1789; purchased 2 lots in Nottingham, Prince George's County, 1790; sold at least 975 acres in Prince George's County to his son Allen, 1791; Bowie mortgaged and remortgaged several of his tracts as security for his various debts between 1790 and 1792. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in September 1794 in Prince George's County; buried at "Brookridge," Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,749.14.7 current money (including 38 slaves, 115 oz. plate, and books, all of which in addition

to the remainder of his personal property Bowie had mortgaged before his death); FB, estate overpaid £110.7.3. LAND: 543 acres, plus 3 lots, a partnership in another lot, and one undivided fifth part of 526 acres, all in Prince George's County. After Bowie's death his creditors went before the Chancery Court where it was determined that his personal property was insufficient to pay his debts. The court ordered that 155 acres plus 2 lots be sold to settle Bowie's accounts.

BOWIE, ROBERT (ca. 1750–1818). BORN: in March ca. 1750 at "Mattaponi," Prince George's County; second son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in the town of Nottingham, Prince George's County; had a summer home at "Mattaponi," Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Bowie* (1721–1791). MOTHER: *Margaret* (1726/27–1804), daughter of *Osborn Sprigg* (1707–1749/50). HALF UNCLER: *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741–1815); and *Thomas Sprigg* (1747–1809). BROTHERS: *Walter Bowie* (1748–1810); *William Sprigg* (1751–1809); and *Osborn* (?–1806). SISTERS: *Elizabeth* (1746–?); *Ann* (1765–?); and *Margaret* (1765–?). FIRST COUSINS: *Allen Bowie, Jr.* (1737–1803); *Fielder Bowie* (ca. 1745–1794). MARRIED ca. 1773 *Priscilla* (1758–1823), with whom, according to tradition, he eloped; daughter of *James John Mackall* (1717–1772); granddaughter of *John Mackall* (1669–1739); niece of *Samuel Hance* (by 1732–?). Her brothers were *John Mackall* (1740–1799); *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745–by 1810); *James* (1747–ca. 1837); *Richard* (1749–?); and *Thomas Mackall* (1751–1799). Her sisters were *Susannah* (ca. 1737–?), who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808); *Mary* (1742–?), who married *Edward Reynolds* (?–?); *Elizabeth* (ca. 1743–?); *Sarah* (1752–?); *Ann* (1753–?); *Margaret* (1755–1799); and *Barbary* (*Barbara*) (1755–?). CHILDREN. SONS: *James John* (1785–1809), who was killed in a duel; *Robert William* (1787–1848), who was a member of the Whig party, served four terms in the Maryland House of Delegates and three terms in the Maryland Senate, was three times a member of the governor's council, a presidential elector in 1821 and 1837, and who married in 1818 *Catherine* (1800–1867), daughter of *Isaac Lansdale* and wife *Catherine Brooke*; and *Robert H.* (?–died young). DAUGHTERS: *Mary Mackall* (1776–1825), who married first, in 1794 *Turner Wooton*, and second, *Thomas Contee Bowie* (1771–1813), son of *Fielder Bowie* (ca. 1745–1794); *Elizabeth Margaret* (1780–1854), who married in 1800 *John Waring, Jr.* (?–1815); *Margaret Anne* (1783–1850),