

Greensboro, Caroline County. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Caroline County, 3rd, 1774. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: Boston Relief Committee, Kent County, Delaware, elected on August 14, 1775; 2nd lieutenant, Infantry, Eighth or Dover Regiment, Delaware Militia, period of service unknown. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: one-quarter interest in 477 acres in Cecil County (the residue of sales from at least 819 acres inherited from his father); probably owned land in Kent County, Delaware. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold the remainder of his land in Cecil County that he inherited from his father, 1777; owned at least 1,500 acres in Kent County, Delaware, which he advertised for sale in 1777. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: administration bond granted on July 11, 1786, in Caroline County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,179.18.5 current money (including 3 slaves, 57 oz. plate, and books); FB, estate overpaid £177.6.9. **LAND:** lot 6 in Greensboro, Caroline County; probably also owned land in Kent County, Delaware.

BRICE, JAMES (1746–1801). **BORN:** on August 26, 1746, in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in the Brice House, a large townhouse he built between 1767 and 1775, in Annapolis. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** John Brice (1705–1766); clerk of Anne Arundel County from 1734 to 1765; justice of the Provincial Court from 1741 to probably 1766; judge of the Assize of the Western Shore from 1754 to 1766; son of *John Brice* (?–1713). **MOTHER:** Sarah (1714–1782), daughter of *James Frisby* (1684–1719) and wife Ariana (1690–?); stepdaughter of both *Thomas Bordley* (ca. 1683–1726) and *Edmund Jennings* (?–1756); granddaughter of *Matthias Vanderheyden* (?–1729). **HALF UNCLE:** *John Beale Bordley* (1726/27–1804). **AUNTS:** Ariana Margaret Frisby (1717–?), who married *William Harris* (1704–1748); Anne Brice (1708–1765), who married *Vachel Denton* (ca. 1696–1752); and Rachel Brice (1711–1786), who married *Philip Hammond* (1697–1760). **BROTHERS:** John (?–died in infancy); *John Brice* (1738–1820); *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786); and Edmund (?–1784), who married in 1783 Harriet Woodward. **SISTERS:** Ariana, who married Dr. David Ross (?–by 1779); Sarah, who married Richard Henderson; Anne; Margaret Augustina, who married William Sydebotham; and Elizabeth, who married first, Lloyd Dulany (1742–1782), son of *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753), and second, ca. 1785 Walter Dulany,

son of *Walter Dulany* (?–1773). **FIRST COUSINS:** *William Stevenson* (1739–1785); *John Hammond* (1735–1784); *Rezin Hammond* (1745–1809); and *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786). **MARRIED** in 1781 Julianna (ca. 1764–1837), daughter of *Thomas Jennings* (ca. 1736–1796). Her brothers were Thomas; George; William; John; Daniel; Horner; and Horatio. Her sisters were Ann (?–by 1839), who married *Nicholas (Maccubbin) Carroll* (1750/51–1812); Elizabeth. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** James Frisby; Thomas Jennings; and John. **DAUGHTERS:** Julianna (1782–?), who married in 1808 John Stephen (?–1844); Sarah Ann (1783–1784); and Anne Carroll (1785–?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1771. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** manager of a lottery to build a new dock for Annapolis, 1772; member of a committee to supervise the building of St. John's College, Annapolis, and hiring of a professor for it, 1789; manager of a lottery to fund completion of St. Anne's Church, Annapolis, 1790. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Baltimore County in 1765; Frederick County in 1765; Prince George's County in 1765. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **STATE OFFICES:** Executive Council, 1777 (elected on April 16, 1777, to fill vacancy, but declined to serve), 1777–1778 (elected on November 25, 1777, to fill vacancy), 1778–1779, 1779–1780, 1780–1781, 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783 (resigned on December 26, 1783, because he could not “consistently act any longer as one of the Council”); reelected on July 29, 1784, but declined to serve saying he could not “with any degree of consistency accept. . .”), accepted the office 1785–1786, 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788–1789, 1789–1790, 1791–1792, 1792–1793, 1793–1794, 1794–1795, 1795–1796, 1798–1799; acting governor, 1792 (following the death of George Plater). **LOCAL OFFICES:** commissioner of tax, Anne Arundel County, 1777–1779; county lieutenant, Anne Arundel County, appointed 1777; alderman, Annapolis, 1780–1782, 1784–1787, 1789–1792; mayor, Annapolis, 1782–1783, 1788–1789; St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1783–1787; treasurer, Annapolis, 1784–1801; Maryland Senate elector, Annapolis, elected 1786 and 1791; common councilman, Annapolis, 1793–1801. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 1779. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** On May 30, 1774 he signed a protest that appeared in the *Maryland Gazette* against a resolution of some Anne Arundel County patriots to prohibit lawyers from suing Maryland residents for debts owed to