

death; one-half of a 6-ton shallop, 1739; all of these vessels held in partnership with his brother *William Clayton* (ca. 1682–1728/29). LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 200 acres; over 1,400 acres by 1732. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on September 13, 1739. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,695.12.11 current money (including 31 slaves, 4 servants, and books); FB, £894.12.5. LAND: ca. 1,700 acres.

CLAYTON, WILLIAM (ca. 1682–1728/29). BORN: ca. 1682, probably in Queen Anne's County; elder son. NATIVE: probably second generation. RESIDED: in Talbot County, by 1710/11. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Clayton (ca. 1655–1721), of Queen Anne's County. STEPMOTHER: Joane (Joan) (?–1730), widow of Robert Gough (?–1705). BROTHER: *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739). STEPBROTHERS: Joseph Gough; William Gough; Robert Gough; and John Gough. SISTERS: Rachel (?–1749), who married Capt. William Finney (?–ca. 1723), son of *William Finney* (ca. 1637–1696); Alice, who married *Edward Wright* (?–1740/41); and Margaret, who married Thomas Kemp (?–ca. 1727). NIECE: Margaret Finney (?–by 1767), who married first, *John Edmondson* (1692–1743), and second, *William Thomas* (1705–1767). MARRIED Katharine (?–1735), widow of both David Blaney (?–1699) and William Alderne (?–1701/2). CHILDREN. SON: William (ca. 1710–1740/41), who married Mary, daughter of *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739). STEPDAUGHTER: Susanna Blaney, who married by 1724 William Edmondson. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Wye Church, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1719; Gent., 1722. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, 1708; merchant, 1718. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1720–1721/22 (elected to the 3rd session to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Talbot County, 1710—at least 1727 (quorum, 1723—at least 1727); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office 1717–1723. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,848 acres in Dorchester, Talbot, and Queen Anne's counties (150 acres from his father; 1,698 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased at least 950 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties between 1723 and 1724. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: administrative bond filed on March 19, 1728/29 in Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,027.12.8 current money (including 42 slaves, 8

white indentured servants, 25 oz. plate, and books); FB, £2,954.15.10. LAND: at least 2,798 acres in Dorchester, Talbot, and Queen Anne's counties.

COCKEY, EDWARD (1731–ca. 1795). BORN: on December 20, 1731, in St. Thomas Parish, Baltimore County; fifth son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in St. Thomas Parish, Back River Upper Hundred, Baltimore County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Capt. John Cockey (1681–1746), of Baltimore County. MOTHER: Elizabeth (1685–1780), daughter of William Slade (?–1731). STEPFATHER: Rev. Charles Baker. BROTHERS: William (1718–1756), who married Constant Ashman; Thomas (1724–?), who married Prudence Gill; Joshua (1726–1765), who married Charcilla Cockey Deye (1731–1806), sister of *Thomas Cockey Deye* (ca. 1728–1807); John (1729–1746); and Peter (1734–by 1749). SISTERS: Susanna (1714–?), who married Thomas Gist, son of *Richard Gist* (1683–1741); Mary (1716–?), who married Joshua Owings, brother of *Samuel Owings* (1702–1775); and Sarah (1721–ca. 1807), who married Thomas Boone. MARRIED on June 19, 1753, Eleanor Pindell (?–1795). CHILDREN. SONS: Joshua (1755–?); William (1758–?); and Thomas. DAUGHTER: Urath (1754–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Thomas Parish, Baltimore County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; surveyor. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Baltimore County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, St. Thomas Parish, Baltimore County, 1755; justice, Baltimore County, 1777—at least 1794; sheriff, Baltimore County, at least 1778–1779 (resigned); St. Thomas Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, 1782–1784; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Baltimore County, appointed 1786 (declined). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £402.0.0, including 4 slaves and 8 oz. plate, 1783; 6 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 200 acres in Baltimore County (ca. 170 acres inherited from his father), plus a 100-acre leasehold in Baltimore County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated in February 1795 in Baltimore County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £790.7.2 current money (including 5 slaves, books, and 218 silver dollars); FB, £725.11.6 prior to final distribution. LAND: 200 acres in Baltimore County and 100 acres of leased land in Baltimore