

him into office on the provincial level. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: over 1,000 acres (he acquired a substantial estate from his father-in-law). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by November 1702. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,815.11.2 sterling (including 30 slaves and 6 servants). **LAND:** 2,260 acres.

COURTS, JOHN (1691/92–1747/48). **BORN:** on March 3, 1691/92, at "Pyckyawaxon," Charles County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in "Pyckyawaxon," Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *John Courts* (1655/56–1702). **STEPFATHER:** *John Contee* (?–1708). **MOTHER:** Charity (?–1703), daughter of *Robert Henley* (ca. 1617–1684). **BROTHERS:** Henley (?–ca. 1712); Charles; and William (?–1758). **SISTERS:** Ann (1693–?); Charity (1680–1711), who married second, *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753). **MARRIED** Elizabeth. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** William (?–1758), who married Elizabeth; John; and *Robert Hendly Courts* (?–1774). **DAUGHTERS:** Ann; Charity, who married (first name unknown) Adams; Mary Ann, who married (probably John) Martin; and Elizabeth, who married (probably Charles) Jones. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., 1747/48. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1722–1724, 1725–1727, 1728–1731, 1732–1734, 1734/35–1737, 1738, 1739–1741, 1744 (elected to the 2nd session to fill vacancy), 1745 (Elections), 1745/46–1747 (died before the 4th session). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 1,007 acres in Charles, Prince George's, and Calvert counties (307 acres inherited from his father, 1703; 500 acres inherited from his father's estate after the death of his brother Henley; at least 200 acres inherited from his stepfather). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between January 16 and January 29, 1747/48, in Charles County, of pleurisy, having claimed recovery from the disease twenty-nine times before. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,933.1.11 current money (including 57 slaves, 1 servant, and 11 books); FB, £1,538.11.4. **LAND:** at least 1,707 acres in Charles, Calvert, and Prince George's counties, plus lots in Nottingham, Prince George's County, in partnership with *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753).

COURTS, ROBERT HENDLY (?–1774). **BORN:** of age by 1762; probably third son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in East Hundred, Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *John Courts* (1691/92–1747/48), son of *John Courts*

(1655/56–1702). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth. **BROTHERS:** William (?–1758); John. **SISTERS:** Ann; Charity; Mary Ann; and Elizabeth. **NEPHEW:** *William Courts* (ca. 1753–1792). **MARRIED** Elizabeth (?–1779). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John; Robert Henley (?–1810); George; and Daniel. **DAUGHTERS:** Anne; Betty. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1762. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1770 (elected to the 3rd session to fill vacancy), 1773 (died before the 3rd session). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 750 acres in Charles County (650 acres inherited from his father in 1748, 100 acres by personal acquisition). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 142 acres in Charles County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in 1774 in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,505.19.2 current money (including 33 slaves and a parcel of books); FB, £475.17.8. **LAND:** 892 acres in Charles County.

COURTS, WILLIAM (ca. 1753–1792). **BORN:** ca. 1753 in Charles County; probably second son. **NATIVE:** fifth generation. **RESIDED:** in Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** William Courts (?–1758), son of *John Courts* (1691/92–1747/48). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth (ca. 1758–?). **UNCLE:** *Robert Hendly Courts* (?–1774). **BROTHERS:** John; Richard Henly. **MARRIED** Elizabeth. **CHILDREN.** **SON:** William. **DAUGHTER:** one, name unknown. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1792. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1782–1783. **JURY SERVICE:** impaneled to serve on Grand Inquest, Charles County, 1781; foreman, grand jury, Charles County, 1786. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,240 acres in Charles County (200 acres inherited from his father, 1758). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold 139 acres in Charles County, 1786. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on September 28, 1792, in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,345.3.0 current money (including 35 slaves); FB, estate overpaid £137.2.2. **LAND:** 1,100 acres in Charles County.

COVINGTON (COVENTON), THOMAS (?–1708/9). **BORN:** probably in Talbot County, of age by 1695; only surviving son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Talbot County; Kent County,