

including the "mansion house," outright to Nathaniel. Crauford sold several small tracts totaling 172 acres in Prince George's County, 1776-1781. He acquired by purchase or patent 384 acres in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, 1782-1801, as well as additional lots in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, Georgetown, Montgomery County, and Washington, D.C. In 1787 he gave his granddaughter Sarah Contee one-half of a lot in Upper Marlboro on which a house was being built. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between May 10 and May 27, 1801, in Prince George's County. **LAND:** ca. 2,000 acres in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, plus 11 lots in Upper Marlboro, Prince George's County, 4 lots in Washington, D.C., and possibly 1 lot in Georgetown, D.C.

CRAWFORD (CRANFORD), JAMES (?-1699). **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1675 as a indentured servant from England. **RESIDED:** in Calvert County. **MARRIED** by 1696 Katherine. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate; studied law in George Parker's office. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** arrived as a servant to George Parker; Gent. by 1688; his experience in Parker's office led to a prosperous legal career. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** indentured servant, free by 1678; lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Prerogative Court by 1684; Provincial Court in 1694; Anne Arundel County by 1694; Calvert County by 1694; Prince George's County in 1696. **Planter.** **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Calvert County, 1696-1697 (elected to the 5th session; Laws 7), 1697/98-1699 (Laws, 1-3; died during the 3rd session). **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** opposed the revolution of 1689; a controversial attorney, he was disbarred from practice in August 1697 for an alleged dishonest administration of an estate; he was supported by the Assembly, however, and readmitted to the bar soon after. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** over 1,725 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on July 13, 1699; he was killed when struck by lightning at the State House. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £787.18.0 sterling (including 9 slaves, 3 servants, and 21 law books); FB, £51.18.0. **LAND:** 1,725 acres.

CRESAP, THOMAS (ca. 1703-1788). **BORN:** ca. 1703 in Skipton, Yorkshire, England. **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1718. **RESIDED:** in Baltimore County, 1727; Prince George's County (later became part of Washington County), ca. 1737; Western Mary-

land (later became part of Allegany County), ca. 1740. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **BROTHER:** Robert Cresap, of London, England. **SISTER:** Ann Dobson, of London, England. **MARRIED** first, by 1727 Hannah Johnson. **MARRIED** second, by 1783 Margaret. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Daniel (1727/28-?); Thomas (1732/33-1756), killed by an Indian; and Capt. Michael (1742-1775). **DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth (1736/37-?); Sarah (1740-?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate, self taught. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1749; Esq., 1751. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter, 1735; fur trader and surveyor, ca. 1737; merchant, 1783. His home and trading post at Old Town lay on the trail that the Iroquois followed in their wars with the Southern Indians. He acted as Maryland's agent in dealing with the Cherokees and Iroquois, and often advised Virginia's Governor Dinwiddie on Indian affairs. He was respected by both whites and Indians from Canada to the Carolinas. A founder of the Ohio Company in 1749, Cresap and his associates were instrumental in opening a road, sixty miles in length, between the Potomac and the Ohio rivers. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Frederick County, 1757-1758 (Accounts 1, Cv, 2; Arms and Ammunition 1, Cv, 2); 1758-1761 (Accounts Cv 1, 1, Cv 2, 3, Cv 3; Arms and Ammunition Cv 1, 1, Cv 2, 3, Cv 3), 1762-1763 (Arms and Ammunitions 2), 1765-1766 (Arms and Ammunition 2; Grievances 2, 3), 1768-1770 (Arms and Ammunition 1-3; Grievances 1). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Prince George's County, 1739-1748 (quorum, 1741-1748), Frederick County, 1748-at least 1775 (quorum, 1748-at least 1775); deputy surveyor, Prince George's County, commissioned 1747; justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Frederick County, commissioned 1751 and 1775; Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1774 and 1775. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, ca. 1732; colonel, 1749. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** By 1729 he had established a farm on Maryland's disputed northern border with Pennsylvania under lenient terms offered by Lord Baltimore. Supported by the proprietary government, which made him a local magistrate and captain of militia, Cresap stubbornly asserted Maryland sovereignty in the area. His aggressive defiance of Pennsylvania authority escalated the controversy into armed conflict, the Conojacular War, and earned him the respect of influential Maryland officials. The Pennsylvanians viewed him as the "Maryland Monster." **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** home burned by Pennsylvanians in