

1737; insolvent ca. 1739 when a large shipment of his furs was taken by the French. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3,727 acres in Baltimore, Prince George's, and Frederick counties, plus one-twentieth, or 25,000 acres, of a 500,000-acre grant on the Ohio River that he received as a founder of the Ohio Company in 1749. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 1,505 acres in Frederick and Washington counties, 1760–1783; deeded as a gift 25,000 acres (his share of the Ohio Company) to his son Daniel and his grandsons James and Michael in 1783. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: letters of administration granted on April 26, 1788, to Margaret Cresap, but will was not probated until January 21, 1790, in Allegany County. LAND: at least 1,210 acres in Maryland, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

CROMWELL, RICHARD (1749–1802). BORN: on December 30, 1749, in St. Thomas Parish, Baltimore County; youngest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore County; Washington County, ca. 1780. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Joseph Cromwell (1707–1769). MOTHER: Comfort (1710–1787), daughter of *John Dorsey* (ca. 1682–?) and wife Comfort Stimpson. UNCLE: *John Hammond Dorsey* (1718–1774). BROTHERS: Philomen (?–1767); Nathan (1731–1813), who married Phoebe; Joseph (1741–1782), who married Anne Orrick; and Stephen (1747–1783), a member of the Baltimore County Committee of Observation and a major in the Gunpowder Upper Battalion, Baltimore County. SISTERS: Ruth (1738–?), who married Ezekiel Towson; Chloe (1746–1823), who married Capt. John Cockey; and Comfort. OTHER KINSHIP: his great-uncle was *Richard Gist* (1683–1741). MARRIED on February 4, 1772, Rachel (1748–1806), daughter of William Cockey and wife Constance (Constant) Ashman; granddaughter of both John Cockey and wife Elizabeth Slade, and John Ashman and wife Constance Wilcott. CHILDREN. SONS: William (1773–1809); Oliver (1775–1857), who died in St. Louis, Missouri; Richard (1777–?), who married Susan McLaughlin; Philomen (1780–1804); Nathan (1785–?), an adjutant in the First Maryland Regiment during the War of 1812; John Cockey (1787–?); Stephen (1790–?); and Joseph Frederick (1792–?). DAUGHTERS: Constant (1782–1851); Chloe (1783–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1788; Gent., 1791; Esq., 1794. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer, 1775. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House,

Washington County, 1786–1787, 1792, 1795, 1800, 1802. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Baltimore County, elected 1775; justice, Baltimore County, 1777–1780 (moved residence), Washington County, 1791—at least 1800. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st lieutenant, Baltimore County Militia, 1777; captain, 1780. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £784.0.0, including 11 slaves and 1 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,811 acres in Washington, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel counties, plus 1 lot in Baltimore East Hundred, Baltimore County (ca. 400 acres inherited from his father; purchased 590 acres of confiscated British property). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired by purchase and patent 1,127 acres in Washington County, 1791–1802. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on December 25, 1802; buried in St. Anne's Churchyard, Annapolis. His funeral was attended by members of both houses of the legislature and a "large concourse of respectable citizens. . . ." PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,034.4.0 (including 12 slaves and more than 6 books); FB, £2,703.11.0. LAND: probably ca. 2,938 acres in Washington, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel counties.

CROOKE, ROBERT (?–1697) BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1665 as an indentured servant to *Thomas Howell* (?–1675). RESIDED: in Cecil County. MARRIED never. CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: illiterate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: servant, 1665; a planter, who also engaged in some mercantile activity. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1692–1693 (elected to the 1st session to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: North Sassafras Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1693–1697; justice, Cecil County, 1694–1697. MILITARY SERVICE: officer, 1696. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: opposed the revolution of 1689. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 4 tracts of unspecified acreage. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on June 9, 1697. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £414.7.0 sterling (including 1 slave and 6 servants); £176.2.6 in debts owed to his estate. LAND: 4 tracts, 1 containing at least 100 acres.

CUMMING (COMMINGS, CUMMINGS), WILLIAM (ca. 1696–1752). BORN: ca. 1696. IMMIGRATED: arrested ca. 1716 as a Jacobite rebel in Lancaster, Great Britain, and transported to Maryland on the ship *Friendship* from Belfast, Ire-