

IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: deeds of gift to stepson totaling 124 acres, 1784, 1794. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on January 23, 1796, in Caroline County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,103.1.10 (including at least 5 slaves); FB, £382.10.9. LAND: 268 acres in Caroline County.

DRAPER, LAWRENCE (?–1713). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1676 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Anne Arundel County; Baltimore County, by 1704. MARRIED Elizabeth. CHILDREN. SON: Lawrence. DAUGHTER: Mary, who married Robert Lissby. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: transported two others with him on his arrival in the colony. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1701/2–1704 (elected to the 2nd session). LOCAL OFFICES: Middle Neck Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1693–1696; justice, Anne Arundel County, 1702–1703, Baltimore County, by 1705/6, sitting in 1709. MILITARY SERVICE: officer, 1697; captain, by 1701/2. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 250 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on August 5, 1713. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £345.8.4 sterling.

DRIVER, MATTHEW (1740–1798). BORN: on August 30, 1740, in Dorchester County; younger son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: on James Island, Dorchester County, 1740–1742; Ingrams Creek, Dorchester County (later became part of Caroline County), 1742; Bridgetown Hundred, Caroline County, 1776. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Matthew Driver, Sr. (1707–by 1776), planter; son of Matthew Driver (?–1714) and wife Levina Pattison; stepson of Moses Lecompte. MOTHER: Renness (?–ca. 1777). BROTHER: Christopher, who married in 1775 Sarah Ringgold. SISTERS: Anna Nancy; Rennis, who married first, James Pritchett, and second, James Lecompt; and Leviney, who possibly married (first name unknown) Fountain. MARRIED on January 12, 1762, Margaret (?–by 1777), widow of John Casson (?–ca. 1761), of Dorchester County; daughter of John Pratt Baynard (?–1747), of Queen Anne's County, planter, and wife Elizabeth Fisher; stepdaughter of Elizabeth Clarke; niece of Esther Baynard, who married *Henry Casson* (?–ca. 1788). Her brother was Thomas (?–1753), of Talbot County, a planter who married his stepsister Hannah Clarke. Her stepbrother was *Joshua Clarke* (?–1781). Her

sister was Rachel. Her first cousin was Esther Casson, who married *Matthew Driver* (1740–1798). Her nieces were Elizabeth Baynard (1748–1809), who married second, *Philemon Downes* (ca. 1741–ca. 1796); Margaret Baynard (1752–by 1788), who married *Henry Downes* (ca. 1748–1816). MARRIED second, on January 21, 1777, Esther, daughter of *Henry Casson* (?–ca. 1788) and wife Esther Baynard. Her brothers were John; James; Thomas; and probably Henry (?–1777). Her first cousin was Margaret Baynard (?–by 1777), who married second, *Matthew Driver* (1740–1798). CHILDREN. SONS: Joshua (1767–?); Henry; and Matthew. STEPSONS: Robert Casson; John Casson; Ferdinando Casson; and Myers Casson. DAUGHTERS: Margaret, who married in 1782 William Robinson; Elizabeth, who married in 1791 *Peter Edmondson* (ca. 1753–1819); Ann, who married by 1807 James M. Broome, of Baltimore City, attorney; and Esther. STEPDAUGHTER: Elizabeth Casson. STEPCHILD: one child, sex unknown (?–1776, died in infancy). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: founder and supporter of Washington College, Chestertown, Kent County, 1782. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, 1764; farmer, 1774; owned a sawmill which he rented out, and a gristmill. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Caroline County, 1778 (elected, but did not attend; discharged on October 28, 1778, for serving as a field officer at time of election), 1779–1780, 1780–1781, 1785. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Caroline County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Caroline County, 1774–at least 1796 (heads list by 1789); chairman, Committee of Observation, Caroline County, 1775; commissioner of tax, Caroline County, commissioned 1777, in office 1782–at least 1785; justice, Orphans' Court, Caroline County, 1778–at least 1797 (heads list by 1789). MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Fourteenth Militia Battalion, 1775; major, Second East Battalion, 1776; commander, Fourteenth Militia Battalion, 1776; president, Caroline County Court for a court-martial proceeding; lieutenant colonel, Fourteenth Militia Battalion, 1777; colonel, Fourteenth Militia Battalion, 1778. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 21 slaves, 1776; assessed value £949.0.0, including 18 slaves and 30 oz. plate, 1783; 24 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 967 acres in Caroline and Dorchester counties (160 acres from his father 557 acres through his first marriage, 250 acres by purchase and patent), plus control of an additional 469 acres in Dorchester County belonging to his step-