

LIC CAREER. PROVINCIAL OFFICES: governor, 1768–1776 (commissioned in 1768; arrived in Maryland in 1769; left the province for England in May 1774, but returned in November 1774; sailed for England in 1776); surveyor general of the Western Shore, 1771–1776; commissioner for the sale of proprietary manors and reserved lands, commissioned 1771. **MILITARY SERVICE:** in England, lieutenant fireworker in the Royal Regiment of Artillery, 1757; ensign, The Coldstream Guards, 1758; active duty in Germany with The Coldstream Guards, 1760; lieutenant and captain in The Coldstream Guards, 1762; applied for a lieutenant colonel's brevet, but was denied, 1770; in Maryland, commander in chief of all provincial forces. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** Eden was granted £100 per year by his father-in-law from the time of his marriage until his appointment as governor. He was given £800 current money by the General Assembly in 1769. While governor, his estimated annual income was £3000–4,000 per year. After his return to England in 1776, Eden's personal property in Maryland was confiscated, but 8 slaves confiscated in 1781 as Eden's property were later found to have been conveyed to a creditor for payment of a debt. In an Estate Act of 1781 passed by the British Parliament, £17,500 was awarded to Eden and his wife in a settlement of litigation over the proprietorship. By 1791 his creditors had made claims of £3,132.2.4 current money against the estate. All except £834.8.2 in debts incurred after 1776 were allowed. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably none in Maryland, except ca. 388 acres in Anne Arundel County, given to his wife by her father before 1771. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** In 1769, Eden purchased the "Capitol Mansion House" and grounds in Annapolis previously tenanted by Gov. Horatio Sharpe, but he mortgaged it immediately for the entire £1,000 purchase price. The mortgage was released by 1775. One of Eden's largest creditors, *William Fitzhugh* (ca. 1722–1798), apparently took the ca. 388 acres of land in Anne Arundel County in payment for Eden's debts to him. Eden also owned 1 lot in Carrollsburgh, Prince George's County, which was confiscated in 1781 along with his lands in Annapolis. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on September 2, 1784, in Annapolis, of dropsy. Buried at old St. Margaret's Parish Church, Anne Arundel County; his body was later removed to St. Anne's Churchyard, Annapolis. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** estate appraised by the General Assembly at £2,745.15.0 current money; £356.5.10 remained after payments to his

creditors by 1794, with a claim of an additional £559.13.2 outstanding as of that date. **LAND:** none in Maryland. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** income at death was at least £800 from a pension allowed him by the British government.

EDGE, JAMES (ca. 1710–1757). **BORN:** ca. 1710. **IMMIGRATED:** probably; probably from England. **RESIDED:** in Mill Hundred, Talbot County. **MARRIED** by 1746 Hannah (1702–1759), widow of Capt. Tamberlaine Davis (?–1735), of Talbot County, a mariner; eldest daughter of *John Oldham* (?–1729). Her brother was *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773). Her sisters were Elizabeth (1704–by 1765); Mary (1707–?); and Martha. Her nieces were Ann Oldham (?–by 1794), who married *Joshua Clarke* (?–1781); Elizabeth Oldham (?–by 1776), who married *William Hopper* (by 1747–1806); and Hannah Oldham (?–1828), who married *Nicholas Martin* (1743–ca. 1808). **CHILDREN.** **STEPDAUGHTER:** Frances Davis. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1739. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant, agent and factor for Richard Gildart, Esq., of Liverpool, England. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Talbot County, 1754–1756 (Accounts 1–5; Bills of Credit 1–5; died before the 6th session). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Talbot County, 1741—at least 1756 (quorum, 1749—at least 1756); St. Michael's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, in office 1743, 1750, 1756–1757. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** his wife received all of the real and personal estate of her first husband, whose TEV was at least £1,610.13.9 current money (including 20 slaves and a brigantine called *Hannah & Frances*), 1735; his wife bound herself to pay £600 current money to her daughter by her first husband when she became 21 years of age or married, 1739. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 3,843 acres in Talbot and Dorchester counties, plus 1 lot in Oxford, Talbot County (303 acres were the residue of 623 acres of the land acquired through his marriage; 3,540 acres, plus 1 lot, by purchase and patent). **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** in January 1757; buried at Christ Church, St. Michael's, Talbot County. **LAND:** 3,843 acres in Talbot and Dorchester counties. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Edge left all of his real and personal estate to his wife, who in turn left nearly all of his estate, as well as her own, to her two nieces, Ann and Elizabeth Oldham, both of whom married legislators.