

current money (including 24 slaves); FB, £58.18.0 sterling, £476.5.7 current money. LAND: 6,194 acres, plus 5 tracts of unspecified acreage.

GRESHAM (GRASHAM), JOHN (ca. 1703–ca. 1752). BORN: ca. 1703, probably in Anne Arundel County; eldest son. NATIVE: probably, if so, third generation. RESIDED: at “Greshams Calledge,” Kent County, by 1728. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Gresham, Esq. (?–1723), of Annapolis; planter; sheriff of Anne Arundel County from ca. 1722 until death; examiner general from 1722 until death; owned ca. 5,000 acres at death; son of John Gresham (?–1713), of Anne Arundel County. MOTHER: Sarah (?–1756), owned real estate in England at time of death. BROTHERS: Thomas (?–ca. 1731/32), died without progeny; *Richard Gresham* (?–ca. 1773). SISTERS: Priscilla; Sarah, who married Solomon Wooden; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Jones. NIECE: Sarah Gresham, who married *Thomas Smyth* (1730–1819). OTHER KINSHIP: his great-nephew was *Thomas Smyth, Jr.* (1757–1807). MARRIED first, Hannah (1705–?), daughter of *Nathaniel Hyson* (?–ca. 1721/22). MARRIED second, (name unknown), a widow. Her sister was Mary (1711–?). CHILDREN. SONS: John (ca. 1742–ca. 1772); *Richard Gresham* (?–1780); and Thomas (probably after 1750–?). STEPSON: William. DAUGHTERS: Sarah (1730–?), who married by 1750 James Frisby; Mary, who married *Richard Graves* (1739–1792). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1728. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1742–1744 (Arms and Ammunition 1, 2; Elections 2), 1745 (Arms and Ammunition; Elections), 1745/46–1748 (Elections Cv 1, 1–3, 4; Laws 3), 1751 (elected to the 1751–1754 Assembly, but did not attend; died before the 2nd session). LOCAL OFFICES: deputy commissary, Kent County, 1727–1742; sheriff, Kent County, 1727–1729, 1732–1735; justice, Kent County, 1729–at least 1731. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3,185 acres in Kent, Anne Arundel, and Queen Anne’s counties, plus 1 lot in Chestertown, Kent County (1,336 acres inherited from father; 550 acres through marriage to first wife; 1,299 acres by personal acquisition). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,222 acres in Anne Arundel and Kent counties, 1743–1754; gave 400 acres in Anne Arundel County to his sister Sarah and her husband Solomon Wooden, 1744. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated in Janu-

ary 1752 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,655.18.4 current money (including 34 slaves and numerous silver and gold items); FB, £1,099.16.2. LAND: 3,399 acres (2,163 acres in Kent County; 236 acres in Anne Arundel County; 1,000 acres in Queen Anne’s County; plus 2 lots in Chestertown, Kent County).

GRESHAM, RICHARD (?–ca. 1773). BORN: probably in Anne Arundel County, of age by 1729; younger son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Gresham, Esq. (?–1723), of Annapolis; planter; sheriff of Anne Arundel County from ca. 1722 until death; examiner general from 1722 until death; owned ca. 5,000 acres at death; son of John Gresham (?–1713), of Anne Arundel County. MOTHER: Sarah (?–1756), owned real estate in England at time of death. BROTHERS: *John Gresham* (ca. 1703–ca. 1752); Thomas (?–ca. 1731/32), died without progeny. SISTERS: Priscilla; Sarah, who married Solomon Wooden; and Elizabeth, who married Jacob Jones. NEPHEW: *Richard Gresham* (?–1780). MARRIED Martha (1712–?), daughter of *Thomas Smith* (1656–1719). Her brother was *Thomas Smith* (1710–ca. 1742). CHILDREN. Possible natural SON: Thomas Gresham, son of Sophia Whalen and grandson of Edward Whalen, to whom Gresham devised a large part of his estate. DAUGHTER: Sarah, who married *Thomas Smyth* (1730–1819), of Chestertown, Kent County, merchant. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Chester Parish, Kent County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1743; Esq., 1748. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1742–1744, 1745 (Aggrievances), 1745/46–1748 (Aggrievances Cv 1, 1–3, 4), 1752–1754 (elected to the 2nd session to fill vacancy), 1754–1757, 1758–1761, 1768–1770, 1771. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Kent County, 1760–at least 1769 (quorum, 1762–at least 1769). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 960 acres in Kent and Baltimore counties (150 acres in Baltimore County remaining from his inheritance from his father in 1723). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 564 acres and purchased 965 acres, plus parts of 2 lots in Chestertown, all in Kent County, 1743–1773. Sold at least 351 acres in Kent and Baltimore counties, 1743–1773. Inherited land in England from his mother in 1756. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between December 4, 1772, and January 6, 1773, in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least