

the judicial commission; returned to commission at former rank in August 1708. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 226 acres in Baltimore County; controlled at least 2,346 acres for the orphans of John Watkins. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: buried in All Hallow's Parish cemetery, Anne Arundel County, on March 30, 1714. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £1,219.18.0 (including 34 slaves, plate, books, a trumpet, and King William's picture); FB, £1,026.11.6 before payment of legacies. LAND AT DEATH: probably 226 acres in Baltimore County and 1 lot in Londontowne, Anne Arundel County.

JORDAN, JAMES (?–1787). BORN: probably in St. Mary's County; younger son. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Justinian Jordan* (ca. 1686–1749). MOTHER: Mary, daughter of *John Coode* (ca. 1648–1708/9). BROTHERS: Justinian (?–1759); *Jeremiah Jordan* (ca. 1733–1806); William (?–ca. 1775); Charles (?–1790); and probably *John Jordan* (?–1763). SISTERS: several mentioned but not named in father's will. MARRIED by 1752 Ann, daughter of Sarah Yates (?–1780) of Charles County. Ann's father was probably Robert, son of *Robert Yates* (by 1692–1743). CHILDREN. SON: Henry (?–ca. 1776). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1752. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; county surveyor. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1777 (Loan Office 1), 1779–1780 (Grievances 1; Manufactories 1; Claims 2; Tax Commissioners 1, 2). LOCAL OFFICES: county surveyor, St. Mary's County, appointed 1766; loan officer, St. Mary's County, appointed 1777; commissioner of the tax, St. Mary's County, appointed 1778 and 1781; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, St. Mary's County, appointed 1786. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 997 acres in St. Mary's County (at least 470 acres through inheritance, 316 acres by personal acquisition). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 50 acres in St. Mary's County, by 1787. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between January 25 and February 13, 1787, in St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** size of estate unknown, but included an interest in a watermill. In 1788 Jordan's executors were empowered by the St. Mary's County Orphans' Court to sell part of his personal property to pay debts and to support Jordan's grandsons who were in school in Great Britain. LAND: 947 acres in St.

Mary's County. His principal heirs were his wife and his grandsons, James Jordan and James McWilliams Jordan (?–ca. 1791).

JORDAN, JEREMIAH (ca. 1733–1806). BORN: ca. 1733, probably in St. Mary's county; younger son. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County; Leonardtown at death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Justinian Jordan* (ca. 1686–1749). MOTHER: Mary, daughter of *John Coode* (ca. 1648–1708/9) and wife Elizabeth. BROTHERS: Justinian (?–1759); William (?–ca. 1775); *James Jordan* (?–1787); Charles (?–1790); and probably *John Jordan* (?–1763). SISTERS: several mentioned but not named in father's will. MARRIED Susannah. CHILDREN. SONS: Richard; Robert (?–by 1804); and John. DAUGHTERS: Elinor, who married (first name unknown) Peers; Ann. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1763; Esq., by 1780. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; officeholder. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1771 (Claims); Conventions, St. Mary's County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend), 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776, 9th, 1776. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, St. Mary's County, 1760–1764, 1768–1786 (resigned) (quorum 1768–1786); sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1764–1767; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, St. Mary's County, commissioned 1771, 1772, and 1775; commissioner of the tax, St. Mary's County, appointed 1777, 1782, 1783, 1785, 1786, and 1790; register of wills, St. Mary's County, 1777–1806; subscription officer, Continental Loan Office, St. Mary's County, appointed 1779; King and Queen Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, elected 1799. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, St. Mary's County Militia, by 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 52 slaves, 1790; assessed value £727.9.4, including 25 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1793; assessed value £727.9.4, including 25 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1794; assessed value £653.7.6, including 23 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1796; assessed value £840.10.0, including 28 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1801; assessed value £706.10.0, including 24 slaves and 47 oz. plate, 1806. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 200 acres in St. Mary's County (probably inherited). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired (probably by purchase) 7 acres in St. Mary's County, by 1793. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on January 12,