

Her brothers were Thomas (1750–1804); James White (1754–1808); Aquila (1754–1754); William (1756–1818); John (1762–1804); Edward (1763–?); and Benedict (1771–?). Her sisters were Charlotte (1758–1838), who married *Nathaniel Ramsay* (1741–1817); Mary (1760–?); Martha (1768–?); and Elizabeth (1770–?). Her cousin was Susannah Hall (1744– ca. 1770), who married first, in 1759, *James Heath* (?–1766), and second, *John Lee Webster* (ca. 1735–1795). CHILDREN. SONS: Philip (1781–?), who married Frances Putnam; Robert Morris (1787–?); John (1789–died a minor); Henry Greenfield Sothoron (1790–1872), who married first, Henrietta Tayloe, and second, Maria Harris; Edward Hall (?–died a minor); Upton Scott; Thomas White (ca. 1802–1874), who married Nancy E. Murphy (1834–1889); and John Hall (1807–1884), who married Juliet Malinda Reedes. DAUGHTERS: Mary (1782–?), who married John Barnes; Cecilia Brown (1784–?), who married in 1804 Henry Ashton; Rebecca Sothoron (1784–?), who married Charles H. W. Wharton; Eliza Maynadier (1792–?), who married John Scott; Clarissa Bond (1794–died a minor); Sophia Hall (?–died a minor); Susanna Gardiner (?–died a minor); Anna Heath, who married Richard Smith; and Mary Hall (1803–?), who married in 1823 John Hanson Briscoe. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: attended school in England; studied law. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, King and Queen Parish, St. Mary's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1771; Esq., by 1780. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; lawyer; merchant, by 1779–1787; in partnership with *Uriah Forrest* (1746–1805) in 1779. Forrest and Key owned a schooner. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1773–1774 (Claims 1, Cv), 1779–1780 (Manufactories 1; Tax Commissioners 1), 1780–1781 (Manufactories 1), 1782–1783 (Claims 2), 1783 (Grievances; Claims), 1784 (Grievances; Claims), 1785, 1787–1788 (discharged on May 20, 1788, for "treating" at the election), 1790, 1795 (speaker), 1796 (speaker). LOCAL OFFICE: Committee of Correspondence, St. Mary's County, in office 1774. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: representative. U.S. Congress, 1791–1793. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 3 slaves inherited from father, 1755; 4 slaves and £155.0.0 inherited from grandfather, 1764; 23 slaves, 1790; assessed value £699.1.8, including 26 slaves and 50 oz. plate, 1793; assessed value £720.0.0, including 22 slaves and 16 oz. plate, 1801; assessed value £566.5.0, including 16 slaves and 16 ounces plate,

1806. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: inherited 8 tracts (acreage unknown) in St. Mary's County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired by patent and purchase as much as 2,000 acres in St. Mary's and Charles counties, 1776–1820, plus partial ownership of 2 mills in St. Mary's County, 3 lots in Baltimore City, and 4 acres in Baltimore County; probably sold by 1819 all Baltimore City and Baltimore County property. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on January 4, 1820, in St. Mary's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$8,711.43 (including 16 slaves); FB, \$4,208.95. LAND: as much as 2,900 acres in St. Mary's and Charles counties.

KEY, THOMAS (?–1772). BORN: probably in St. Mary's County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Philip Key* (1696/97–1764). MOTHER: Susannah Gardiner. STEPMOTHER: Theodosia Lawrence Humphreys (?–1772). BROTHERS: Richard Ward (?–1765); *Edmund Key* (?–1766); Dr. John (?–1755); Francis (ca. 1731/32–1770); and Philip Barton (?–1756). SISTER: Susannah Gardiner (1742–1811), who married in 1761 *Normand Bruce* (?–1811). NEPHEWS: *Philip Key* (1750–1820); *John Ross Key* (1754–1821). MARRIED BY 1770 Jane Llewellyn. CHILDREN. SON: Edmund (1771–1857), of St. Mary's and Prince George's counties, an associate judge of the 1st District Court, 1806–1848, who married first, by 1795, Ruth Anna Potts, and second, Margaret Johns, daughter of Benjamin Mackall and wife Christiana Beall. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. His father was an Anglican and his mother was a Roman Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1769. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1766 (elected to the 4th session of the 1765–1766 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1768–1770, 1771 (elected, but did not attend). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: He was first elected to the Lower House to fill a vacancy caused by the death of his brother, *Edmund Key* (?–1766). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited in 1764 from his father £1,356.5.3 gold currency, 33 slaves, and livestock. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: more than 1,500 acres in Charles and St. Mary's counties, plus one-fourth part of a mill and mill lands in St. Mary's County and 1 lot in Leonardtown (all inherited from father, 1764). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND