

heavy indebtedness at the time of his death necessitated the sale of his real and personal estate, and resulted in litigation that lasted until 1820.

LAWRENCE, THOMAS (ca. 1645–1714). BORN: ca. 1645 in Chelsea, Middlesex, England; elder son. IMMIGRATED: in 1692 as a free adult; probably left his family in England. RESIDED: in St. Mary's City, St. Mary's County; Annapolis, Anne Arundel County; returned to England in 1705/6. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Sir John Lawrence (?–1681) of Chelsea. MOTHER: Mary (?–1664), second daughter of Sir Thomas Hempson of Taplow. BROTHER: John. MARRIED in 1674 Anne English (?–1723) of St. Clement's Dane. CHILDREN. SONS: John (1676–by 1714), who married Elizabeth (?–1701); *Thomas Lawrence* (ca. 1677–1701); and Henry (?–by 1701), who died as a volunteer on the royal ship *Carlisle*. DAUGHTERS: Anna (1675–?); Margaret. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: matriculated at St. John's College, Oxford, 1661, B.A. 1664/65; Middle Temple, 1664; probably University College, Oxford, M.A., 1668. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: acceded to baronetcy in 1681; arrived as provincial secretary, and perhaps acquired post through his friendship with William Blathwayt; returned temporarily to England, November 1694–August 1696, May 1698–1701, and finally returned permanently in January 1705/6. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: royal placeman. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Upper House, 1693 (attended the final days of the 2nd session of the 1692–1693 Assembly), 1694–1697 (absent from the 2nd through the 6th sessions), 1697/98–1698 (resigned before the 2nd session of the 1697/98–1700 Assembly). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council 1691–1698 (suspended March–September 1693, and not fully reinstated until May 1694; served as president of the Council from September 22 to September 25, 1693, and from May 7 to July 26, 1694); secretary, 1691–1693, 1694–1698, 1701–1714 (from 1705/6–1714 his deputy *Philemon Lloyd* (ca. 1674–1732/33) officiated in Maryland while Lawrence remained in England); justice, Provincial Court, 1692–1693, 1694 (chief justice, May–October 1694); judge, Court of Vice Admiralty, 1697. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: serious disagreements with Gov. *Lionel Copley* (1648–1693) over the perquisites of the secretary's office led to Lawrence's suspension in 1693; reinstated by Gov. *Francis Nicholson* (1655–1727/28) from whom he enjoyed much support;

the subject of much controversy and divisiveness in the colony and Assembly, Lawrence became the target of a growing nativist sentiment against royal placemen. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. ANNUAL INCOME: about £200.0.0 sterling per year from the secretary's office, 1705/6–1714. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on April 25, 1714, in London. LAND: none in Maryland.

LAWRENCE, THOMAS (ca. 1677–1701). BORN: ca. 1677, in Chelsea, Middlesex, England; second son. IMMIGRATED: probably in 1692, as a minor with his father. RESIDED: in St. Mary's City, St. Mary's County; Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Sir *Thomas Lawrence* (ca. 1645–1714). MOTHER: Anne English (?–1723). BROTHERS: John (1676–by 1714); Henry (?–by 1701). SISTERS: Anna (1675–?); Margaret. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, probably had considerable schooling (his brother attended Oxford). RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1698; his father, the provincial secretary, dispensed patronage beneficial to him, and he followed his father in that office. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: placeman; engaged in His Majesty's service "by sea," mid–1690s. PUBLIC CAREER. PROVINCIAL OFFICE: provincial secretary, 1698–1701; Council, 1700–1701 (appointed on October 22, 1700, but died before actually serving under sworn oath). LOCAL OFFICES: clerk, Talbot County, 1694–1698/99 (a deputy actually served during most or all of this period; Lawrence's appointment aroused much opposition from the Talbot County justices). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on April 15, 1701, in Annapolis. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £265.5.1 and 77,086 pounds of tobacco (including 1 servant and books); FB, £66.2.2 and 33,292 pounds of tobacco before payment of legacies and distribution. LAND: none.

LAWSON, JOHN (?–1668). IMMIGRATED: in 1650 as a free adult with his wife. RESIDED: in Poplar Hill Hundred, St. Mary's County. MARRIED Dorcas (?–by 1668). CHILDREN. SON: John. DAUGHTERS: Jane, who married first, Thomas Wright (?–ca. 1673), second, (first name unknown) Ryder of Poplar Hill Hundred, and third, *Thomas Long* (?–1691); Dorcas, who married Peter Carwardin. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: arrived with three servants; Mr., upon arrival; Gent., by 1668. OCCUPA-