

**DAUGHTERS:** Rebecca, who married in 1778 *Thomas Hughlett* (ca. 1739–ca. 1803); Sarah, who married (first name unknown) Swift; and Margaret. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. John's Parish, Caroline County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Caroline County, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776, 9th, 1776; Lower House, Caroline County, 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1781–1782 (elected, but did not attend, died during the 1st session). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Queen Anne's County, 1763–at least 1773; commissioner, Caroline County, appointed 1774; Committee of Correspondence, Caroline County, appointed 1774; justice, Caroline County, 1774–at least 1779 (quorum, 1774–at least 1779); Committee of Observation, Caroline County, in office 1776; Orphans' Court, Caroline County, 1774–at least 1779. MILITARY SERVICE: major, West Battalion, Caroline County Militia, elected January 8, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 282 acres in Caroline County (133 acres inherited from his father, the remainder purchased). In 1769 Mason leased an unspecified amount of land in Caroline County for twenty-one years. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: administration bond dated January 1, 1782, in Caroline County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £667.10.4 current money (including 7 slaves); FB, £281.5.0. LAND: 282 acres and possibly the remainder of a twenty-one year lease, all in Caroline County.

**MASON, ROBERT** (1653–1700). BORN: in 1653, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1677 as a free adult with his wife. RESIDED: in St. George's Hundred, St. Mary's County. MARRIED Susanna (?–ca. 1716). CHILDREN. SONS: Robert (?–ca. 1734); John; *Matthew Mason* (ca. 1689–ca. 1728/29), who married Mary Blakiston; and Fordham. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary; Elizabeth, who married first, John Rogers (?–1717), second, Dr. Daniel Jenifer (?–ca. 1729), third, John Theobalds, and fourth, Robert Whythill; and Susanna, who married George Clarke. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: transported nine others and his wife at the time of his immigration; no title on arrival; Mr., by 1679. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, 1678; merchant, by 1679. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Associators' Convention, St. Mary's County, 1690–1692 (prob-

ably elected to the 3rd session of the 1689–1692 Assembly, definitely sitting by the 4th session in 1691); Lower House, St. Mary's City, 1692 (Accounts 1; resigned before the 2nd session of the 1692–1693 Assembly to become sheriff); Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1694–1696 (Accounts 3–6, chairman 5–6; resigned during the 6th session of the 1694–1696 Assembly to become sheriff). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: justice, Provincial Court, 1691–1692, 1694–1696; treasurer of the Western Shore, 1695–1698, 1699–1700 (discharged for living too far from Annapolis). LOCAL OFFICES: alderman, St. Mary's City, 1689; sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1692–1694, 1696–1698; William and Mary Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, 1693–1697; justice, St. Mary's County, 1694/95–1696. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: an active supporter of the Protestant Associators' Revolution in 1689, which brought him considerable patronage; a close associate of *John Coode* (ca. 1648–1708/9); suspended from his offices in 1698 for his role in the conspiracy against Gov. *Francis Nicholson* (1655–1727/28) fomented by *John Coode* (ca. 1648–1708/9) and *Philip Clarke* (?–1699); reinstated as treasurer by the Assembly in 1699. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND: at least 1,000 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by December 21, 1700, in St. Mary's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,303.0.5 sterling and 105,561 pounds of tobacco (including 4 servants, 9 slaves, a quarter interest in the ship *Loyal Society*, and rum worth more than £217.0.0). LAND: 1,923 acres.

**MASON, THOMAS** (?–1802). BORN: in Queen Anne's (later became Caroline) County. NATIVE: probably fifth generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's (later became Caroline) County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Richard Mason* (?–1781). STEPFATHER: Benjamin Elliott of Queen Anne's County, a farmer. MOTHER: (first name unknown) Baggs (?–1774). STEPMOTHER: Sarah (last name unknown). SISTERS: Rebecca, who married *Thomas Hughlett* (ca. 1739–ca. 1803); Sarah; and Margaret. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1798. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Caroline County, 1788, 1789, 1799, 1800, 1801, 1802 (elected, but died before serving). LOCAL OFFICES: commissioner of the tax, Caroline County, appointed 1783, 1785, 1786, 1792, and 1798; justice, Caroline County, 1788–at least 1800; justice, Orphans' Court, Caroline County, commissioned 1797 and 1799. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st