

adjoining Baltimore City and at least 444 acres in Allegany County, 1808–1810; patented 34 acres in Allegany County, 1813; leased out over 34 acres adjoining Baltimore City and at least 3 lots within Baltimore City, 1813–1815; acquired lots in Washington, D.C., prior to death. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on May 3, 1816, at his home near Baltimore City. Buried in Westminster Churchyard, Baltimore City. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least \$87,821.37, (including leases on 9 houses and lots in Baltimore City valued at \$26,000.00, 10 slaves, books, over 560 shares of stock in various banks, insurance companies, the Schuylkill Bridge Company, etc., and shares of both 3 percent and 6 percent U.S. stock). **LAND:** ca. 95 acres near Baltimore City under development, lots in Baltimore City, lots in Washington, D.C., at least 1,000 acres in Allegany County (500 acres of which had belonged to McHenry's son Daniel and probably were only controlled by McHenry), and 400 acres of federal bounty land. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** rents received from 74 tenants on Baltimore property totaled \$18,238.66, 1818–1821.

McMECHEN, DAVID (ca. 1754–1810). BORN: ca. 1754. IMMIGRATED: by 1774. RESIDED: in Baltimore County by 1775; Baltimore Town, Baltimore County, by 1778; owned a house at Calvert and Second streets, Baltimore Town, and also maintained a summer residence at "Pot Spring Farm," Baltimore County, after ca. 1787. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** BROTHER: William, who married in 1800 Eleanor B. Armistead. SISTER: (first name unknown) Lee "of Cambdon." **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** his father may have been Capt. William McMechen, who emigrated from Ireland to the Ohio River Valley before the Revolution and who died in 1797 at the age of 73. **MARRIED** on October 22, 1803, Margaret (ca. 1777–1813), daughter of Daniel Carroll, Esq. (?–1826), of Mt. Dillon, Baltimore County. Her brother was Richard, who married in 1813 Judith M. Riddell. Her sister or half sister was Frances, who married in 1825 Alexis Martin. Margaret Carroll McMechen married second, in 1812, Samuel D. Harvey of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Baltimore County. **CHILDREN.** None surviving. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1776; member of the Whig Club, Baltimore Town, before 1777. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Frederick County, March 1774; Harford County, August 1774; attorney for the commissioners of Harford County, 1783. McMechen was also in-

involved in the development of Baltimore Town, and he owned a warehouse and wharf on the harbor by the late 1790s. He purchased the rights for a water course and dam on Peterson's Run, Baltimore County, in 1804, and may have built a mill. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore Town, 1779–1780 (Grievances 3; Manufactories 1, 2), 1780–1781 (Manufactories 1, 2), 1781–1782 (Elections 1, 2), 1782–1783 (Elections 1, 2; Manufactories 1, 2), 1783, 1784 (Laws to Expire), 1785 (Grievances), 1786–1787 (Elections 1, 2; Laws to Expire 2), 1787–1788 (Grievances 1), 1790, 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1795, 1796 (resigned); Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1796–1801 (elected on December 8, 1796, to fill vacancy): 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799, 1800. **LOCAL OFFICE:** commissioner, Baltimore Town, 1795–1796. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** Antifederalist; appointed as a commissioner to express disapproval of Jay's Treaty to President Washington, 1792. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** In 1781 McMechen was asked by the commissioners of confiscated British property to inventory the law library of *Robert Alexander* (1740–1805). McMechen offered to purchase 61 of Alexander's volumes, noting that his own library had "burned the beginning of the war." Alexander's books were sold to McMechen in 1783 for £108.5.9. In 1782 McMechen purchased 36 volumes confiscated from Lloyd Dulany for £34.17.6. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 4 lots in Baltimore Town and 2 acres adjoining Baltimore Town, all held on long-term leases; may have owned land in Delaware. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** took leases on more than 10 lots and 11 acres in or adjoining Baltimore Town and Fell's Point, 1782–1783; with William Hammond took leases on additional land adjoining Baltimore Town in 1783, most of which they sublet in 1783–1784; purchased title to 9 of his leased lots and land between Fell's Point and Baltimore Town, 1786; continued to purchase lots and either sold them outright or gave long-term leases on them, 1792–1800; began purchasing Baltimore County land in 1784 and had acquired almost 4,500 acres by 1792, including a 113-acre net loss from two tracts resurveyed and patented; sold 100 acres in Baltimore County, 1790; purchased probably 600 acres in Washington County, 1791; purchased 243 acres in Baltimore County, 1793–1800, and patented ca. 12 acres in Baltimore County, 1797; sold 490 acres in Baltimore County, 1793–1800; purchased more than 890 acres in Balti-