

**SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased ca. 2,000 acres in Frederick County, which included 2 lots in Frederick Town, ca. 1789–1825. During this same time period he acquired 1 lot in Allegany County, plus 16,000 acres in Washington County, which encompassed one-half of the Antietam Iron Works as well as the land connected with the iron works. As part of the Antietam property, he acquired an interest in an ore bank adjacent to the Potomac River on the Virginia side. McPherson also owned a farm in Adams County, Pennsylvania, near Gettysburg, and lots in Gettysburg (probably all inherited). He owned a large number of acres in Kentucky as well, the exact amount of which is unknown. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between November 16 and December 10, 1829; will probated in Frederick County. Buried in All Saint's churchyard, Frederick Town. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** requested no appraisal of estate (an auditor's statement filed in the Chancery Court in 1841 affirmed that no report on personal assets had been issued). Creditors claimed \$65,287.40, and in 1842, at the termination of a long court case, the chancellor ordered that sufficient real estate be sold to pay the debts of the estate. Although McPherson's personal estate was said to have been large and valuable, his executor had allegedly disposed of it all. **LAND:** owned substantial valuable real estate in Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania: Maryland, 16,000 acres in Washington County, ca. 2,000 acres in Frederick County, plus 2 lots in Frederick Town, Frederick County; Pennsylvania, a farm and lots in Adams County; Virginia, an interest in a valuable ore bank adjacent to the Potomac River; Kentucky, a large, but unspecified amount, of acreage.

**McPHERSON, WILLIAM HANSON** (?–1815). **BORN:** probably in Charles County. **NATIVE:** probably, if so at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **BROTHER:** Thomas (?–1784). **NEPHEW:** William McPherson, Jr. **MARRIED** first, in 1785, in Anne Arundel County, Elizabeth, widow of Nicholas Worthington (1757–1782), who was the son of *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793). Her brother was Thomas Rutland of Anne Arundel County. **MARRIED** probably second, Elishebah (Elizabeth) Beall, daughter of *Samuel Hanson, Jr.* (?–1817) and wife Sarah. Her brothers were Samuel Hanson (?–ca. 1823); John Beall Hanson. Her stepbrothers were William Beall; Benjamin Beall. Her sisters were Margaret Beall;

Charity Fendall Noble; and Mary Fendall. Her stepsisters were Elizabeth Duvall; Elinor MacGill; and Mary Beall. **CHILDREN.** **SON:** Thomas. **DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth Margaret Hanson; Matilda, who married (first name unknown) Garner; Kitty (?–1824); and Margaret, who married Henry T. McPherson. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Protestant. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788, 1789, 1791–1792 (Claims 2), 1792, 1793 (Elections; Claims), 1794 (Claims) 1795 (Claims), 1798 (Claims), 1799 (Elections; Laws to Expire; Claims), 1800 (Elections; Claims), 1801 (Claims), 1802 (Claims), 1803, 1804, 1805, 1806, 1810. **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** assistant clerk to the auditor general, appointed 1778. **LOCAL OFFICES:** militia recruiter, Charles County, commissioned 1781; justice, Charles County, by 1791—at least 1801. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, 43rd Regiment, Charles County Militia, commissioned 1794; major, 43rd Regiment, Charles County Militia, commissioned 1796, resigned 1798. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 11 slaves, 1790; 37 slaves, 1810. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** no evidence of land ownership. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** assessed for 565 acres in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County, 1798; purchased 133 acres, Charles County, 1804. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between March 5 and June 13, 1815, in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$10,973.47 (including 27 slaves); FB, \$4,332.61. **LAND:** 698 acres in Charles County.

**MEDLEY, JOHN** (ca. 1616–ca. 1662). **BORN:** ca. 1616, probably in England. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1637, perhaps as a servant. **RESIDED:** in Newtown Hundred, St. Mary's County. **MARRIED** Elizabeth, who immigrated by 1641. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John (ca. 1642–1676), who married Anne, who subsequently married Robert Cole; George (ca. 1644–1676); Thomas (ca. 1647–1683); and William (ca. 1653–1695). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** illiterate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Catholic. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** possibly arrived as a servant to *Thomas Cornwaleys* (ca. 1605–1675/76), but if so he was freed almost immediately. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** possibly servant; planter, 1637/38; sold part ownership of a mill, 1658. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Assembly, present 1637/38, present 1641/42, present 1642B, present 1647/48; Lower House, Newtown