

SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., on arrival. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; Indian trader. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1669. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Charles County, 1672. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,300 acres; sold 800 acres in 1670. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated October 4, 1672, in Charles County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least 22,413 pounds of tobacco (of which 6,900 pounds represented the value of his land). LAND: 500 acres.

**MURDOCK, ADDISON** (1731–1793). BORN: on July 31, 1731, in Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County; eldest surviving son. NATIVE: probably third generation. RESIDED: in Patuxent Hundred, Prince George's County, 1757, 1759; Collington Hundred, Prince George's County, 1763; "Perrywood," Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County, probably from 1769 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Murdock* (ca. 1710–1769). MOTHER: Ann Addison (1711/12–1753). STEPMOTHER: Margaret Dulany Hamilton (?–1791). UNCLE: *John Addison* (1713–1764). STEPUNCLES: *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722–1797); *Walter Dulany* (?–1773). BROTHERS: John (1729–died in infancy); John (1733–1790). SISTERS: Catherine (ca. 1735–1771), who married *Joseph Sim* (?–1793); Ann; Mary (?–1795); and Eleanor (?–1796), who married in 1757 *Benjamin Hall, of Francis* (?–1803). HALF SISTERS: Margaret (1761–1828); Rebecca (?–1828). NIECE: Anne Hall (1762–1809), who married *Thomas Clark* (ca. 1760–1796). MARRIED probably never. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1763; Gent., by 1768; Esq., by 1793. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 1st, 1774, 2nd, 1774. LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County, 1764–1765; Queen Anne Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, in office, 1765–ca. 1767; Committee of Correspondence, Prince George's County, elected 1774, 1775; Committee of Observation, Prince George's County, elected 1775. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: manumitted two slaves in his will and apprenticed three others to trades on the condition that they be set free to practice their trades at the age of 21. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited unknown amount of personal property from his father, 1769; 89

slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,419 acres in Prince George's County (all inherited from his father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 1,250 acres in Prince George's County, 1778–1791 (his stepmother had a life estate in 746 acres of this property, which he sold to his half sisters in 1790 prior to his stepmother's death); mortgaged 600 acres of land to his brother-in-law *Benjamin Hall, of Francis* (?–1803), 1790. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on May 14, 1793; probably in Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £6,732.5.3 current money (including 76 slaves, 54 oz. plate, books, 26 horses, and a diamond ring); FB, £2,803.18.2. LAND: ca. 1,169 acres in Prince George's County, plus the 600 acres that were mortgaged but later released to the estate. In his will he directed that 300 acres of his dwelling plantation be sold to help pay his debts.

**MURDOCK, GEORGE** (1742–1805). BORN: in 1742, probably in Prince George's County; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Frederick Town, Frederick County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Murdock (?–1815), son of Rev. George Murdock (?–ca. 1761), an immigrant from England, rector of Prince George's Parish, Prince George's County, in 1726, who married Eleanor Sprigg, widow of first, John Nuttall (?–1714), and second, Thomas Hillary. BROTHERS: William (?–1825), a merchant of London; Benjamin, who resided in Frederick County. SISTER: Barbara (?–by 1822), who married by 1814 *Andrew Bruce* (?–1815). FIRST COUSIN: *William Murdock Beall* (ca. 1742–1823). MARRIED by 1771 Eleanor (1747–1828), daughter of Arthur Charlton (?–1771) and wife Eleanor Harrison (?–by 1797). Her brothers were Thomas; John Usher. Her sisters were Alice, who married Casper Schaff (?–1798); Mary, who married Peter Grosh; Alice (Ann) Phebe Penn (ca. 1756–1830), who married *John Ross Key* (1754–1821); Usher; and Jane (?–1797), who never married. Her nephew was Francis Scott Key (1779–1843), author of "The Star-Spangled Banner," who married Mary Tayloe, daughter of *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796). CHILDREN. SON: George William (?–by 1822), who married Jaqueline Haines. DAUGHTERS: Eleanor (?–1842), who married *Richard Potts* (1753–1808); Ann, who married Richard Potts, Jr. (1786–1865), a lawyer who served in the Maryland Senate, 1838–1844; Harriett (?–by 1822), who married Dr. William Brad-