

missioner of the tax, Dorchester County, 1777–1779; county commissioner, Dorchester County, appointed 1777. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, Dorchester County Militia, appointed 1776; commanded Upper Battalion of Eastern Shore Militia, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £3,037.3.4, including 71 slaves and 130 oz. plate, Dorchester and Caroline counties, 1783. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** In November 1776 there was a salt shortage on the Eastern Shore. Capt. Richard Andrew and his men seized 14 bushels of salt from Murray's dwelling house on Hunting Creek, but were never brought to trial for the offense. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 6,603 acres in Dorchester County (1,622 acres inherited from father; 1,403 acres inherited from brother David; 3,578 acres by purchase or patent). **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** in September 1784, probably in Dorchester County. **LAND:** 6,749 acres in Dorchester and Caroline counties.

MURRAY, WILLIAM VANS (ca. 1761–1803). **BORN:** ca. 1761 (secondary sources alternately record his birth as February 9, 1760, or as 1762), at "Glasgow," on the Choptank River near Cambridge, Dorchester County; elder son. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** at "Glasgow," on the Choptank River, near Cambridge, Dorchester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Dr. Henry Murray (?–by 1788) of Cambridge, Dorchester County, son of Dr. William Vans Murray (1692–1763) and wife Sarah Ennalls (1697–1742). **MOTHER:** Rebecca, daughter of John Orrick of Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties. **UNCLE:** *James Murray* (?–1784). **BROTHER:** John (ca. 1773–1821), a physician, who married Sophia. **SISTERS:** Henrietta, who married William Murray Robertson, Esq.; Susan, who married (first name unknown) Coats, a physician; Peggy; Rebecca; and Sally. **FIRST COUSIN:** *William Maynadier* (1747–1795). **MARRIED** on October 15, 1789, Charlotte Huggins (Higgins, Hughins), of London, England, who returned to Great Britain following the death of her husband. **CHILDREN.** Probably died without progeny. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** received a "classical education" in Dorchester County; entered Middle Temple in London, England, in 1784 to study law; admitted to the bar in Cambridge, Dorchester County, by 1791. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1795. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** John Quincy Adams described Murray as having "a strong and genuine relish for the fine arts, a refined and delicate taste for literature, and a persevering and patient fondness for the

pursuits of science." **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer; ambassador; wrote "Political Sketches" in 1787 while in England, and inscribed it to John Adams; also wrote a pamphlet, "The Constitution and Laws of the United States," date unknown. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1788, 1789, 1790. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** representative, U.S. Congress, 1791–1793, 1793–1795, 1795–1797; minister resident to the Netherlands, appointed by Pres. George Washington and served under Pres. John Adams, 1797–1801. In 1799, while holding the post in the Netherlands, Murray was appointed a minister plenipotentiary to France along with Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth and former governor of North Carolina William R. Davie. The three were sent to negotiate a settlement of differences that had arisen between the United States and France. They concluded an agreement on October 1, 1800. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** Murray supported John Adams in the presidential elections of 1796 and wrote several pro-Adams articles for the press. He was elected as a Federalist to the U.S. Congress in 1791. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £105.0.0, including 1 slave, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 3,060 acres in Dorchester County, plus 2.5 lots in Cambridge, Dorchester County (all inherited from father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold 785 acres in Dorchester County between 1791 and 1803; purchased 292 acres in Dorchester County, plus land in Pennsylvania, between 1793 and 1802; conveyed by deeds of gift at least 638 acres in Dorchester County, plus 3 lots in Cambridge, Dorchester County, to his brother John, between 1793 and 1797. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on December 11, 1803, after a short illness, at his seat in Dorchester County; buried in Christ Church graveyard, Cambridge, Dorchester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** his will mentioned 1 slave, who was given his freedom and was to be provided for out of Murray's estate, a granary in the town of Cambridge, \$1,491.35 deposited in the Bank of the United States (branch bank, Baltimore), the family seal, family pictures, and a telescope. **LAND:** at least 1,929 acres in Dorchester County, plus lots in Cambridge, Dorchester County, and lands in Pennsylvania. His principal heirs were his wife Charlotte, his brother John, and his sisters Henrietta Robertson, Susan Coats, and Rebecca.

MUSCHAMP, GEORGE (?–1709). **BORN:** in England; first son. **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1691 as a