

land Battalion, Flying Camp, commissioned July 1776. Potter was unable to raise a company and resigned. He was appointed surgeon's mate to Col. William Richardson's Battalion of the Flying Camp in August 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £359.0.0, including 7 slaves and 33 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,088 acres in Caroline County (inherited 1,055 acres, bought 33 acres). A mill and mill site were part of this acreage. By 1780 he also held 250 acres for the heirs of William Fountain (?-1734). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** bought 120 acres in Caroline County, 1790. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between March 6 and May 13, 1793, in Caroline County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,409.4.5 current money (including 14 slaves, medicine, and shop furniture); FB, £1,311.8.10. **LAND:** 1,208 acres in Caroline County.

POTTS, RICHARD (1753-1808). BORN: on July 19, 1753, in Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, until 1775; Frederick Town, Frederick County, 1775 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William Potts (1718-1761), who emigrated from Barbadoes to Maryland ca. 1740; returned to Barbadoes in 1757 where he lived for the last few years of his life. MOTHER: Sarah, daughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744) and either his first wife Sarah Brooke Dent or his second wife Elizabeth Lawson Sewall. UNCLER: *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707-1787); *Arthur Lee* (?-1760); *Francis Lee* (?-1749); *Corbin Lee* (?-1744); *George Lee* (1736-1807); and possibly *Thomas Brooke* (1683-1744). AUNTS: possibly Priscilla Brooke, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765); Hannah Lee, who married *Joseph Sprigg* (1736-1800); Lettice Lee (?-1776), who married third, *Joseph Sim* (?-1793); and possibly Jane Brooke (?-1779), who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691-1740). BROTHER: William (?-by 1817), a merchant. SISTERS: Rebecca (?-by 1810), who married *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745-by 1810); Sarah Eleanor (?-before 1810), who married by 1782 *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808). FIRST COUSINS: *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738-1778); *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745-1819); Alice Lee (?-1789), who married *John Weems* (1737-1813); Sarah Lee, who married *Philip Richard Fendall* (?-?); Hannah Lee, who married *George Plater* (1735-1792); *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785); *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807); *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783); probably Ann Gantt, who married *John Broome* (1703-1748);

Sarah Fendall (1732-1793), who married *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729-1811); *Philip Richard Fendall* (?-?); *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); and Eleanor Brooke, who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713-ca. 1778). OTHER KINSHIP: possible grandfather, *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). MARRIED first, on April 15, 1779, Elizabeth (?-1793), daughter of Barnabus Hughes (?-1780) of Hagerstown and wife Elizabeth Waters. Her brothers were *Samuel Hughes* (ca. 1741-?); Capt. James Hughes. MARRIED second, on December 19, 1799, Eleanor, daughter of *George Murdock* (1742-1805) and wife Eleanor Charlton. Her brother was George William Murdock (?-before 1822), who married Jacqueline Haines. Her sisters were Ann, who married Richard Potts (1786-1865); Harriet (?-by 1822), who married Dr. William Bradley Tyler of Frederick County; and Mary (?-1820). CHILDREN. SONS: William, a Baltimore City businessman; John Lee; Philip Thomas; George Murdock; Samuel Hughes; and Richard (1786-1865), who married Ann Murdock. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Anne (ca. 1792-1809); Mary Jane; Harriet Murdock; Eleanor Murdock; and Rebecca (?-1804). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: read law in Annapolis until ca. 1775 with Judge *Samuel Chase* (1741-1811); received an honorary LL.D. degree from the College of New Jersey in appreciation of his professional abilities, 1805. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, All Saints' Parish, Frederick County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1778; Esq., by 1780. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; lawyer; land speculator, involved in real estate ventures with friends including *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721-1783) and *Philip Thomas* (1747-1815). PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1780 (resigned during the 1st session of the 1780-1781 Assembly; Grievances 1; Laws to Expire 1), 1787-1788, 1788 (Elections); Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1786-1791: 1787 (elected on December 3, 1787, to fill vacancy in the 1787-1788 Assembly; declined to serve). OTHER STATE OFFICES: clerk of the Senate, elected April 2, 1777, resigned June 17, 1777; state's attorney for the district encompassing Frederick, Washington, and Montgomery counties, appointed 1784; Constitution Ratification Convention, Frederick County, 1788; commissioned U.S. district attorney for Maryland by President Washington in 1789 and held office until 1791 when he was appointed chief justice of the Fifth Judicial District (Frederick, Washington, and Montgomery counties), January 17, 1791, resigned December 7, 1792; reappointed chief