

Elizabeth (1740–?); and Rachel (1748–?), who married Jacob Howard of Frederick County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Barnabus Church, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1747; Gent., by 1752. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: tobacco planter, who shipped his tobacco to John Buchanan, Port of London, England; forced by ill health in 1761 to give up the strenuous livelihood of planter for the more sedentary one of innholder; his inn was located in Bladensburg, then a port of entry for English merchant vessels. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1749–1751 (Prather's charge that the sheriff of Frederick County had conducted an illegal election was upheld; *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722–1797) was unseated and Prather declared the winner). LOCAL OFFICES: constable, Prince George's County, appointed 1733; justice, Frederick County, 1748. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 986 acres in Prince George's County (inherited 166 acres from his father, purchased 820 acres). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: gave 200 acres in Frederick (formerly Prince George's) County to his son Jeremiah by 1762; before his death gave 200 acres, possibly in both Prince George's and Frederick counties, to two of his daughters. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between July 14 and September 3, 1763; will probated in Prince George's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £808.2.5 current money (including 2 servants, 6 slaves, 31 books, and 17 oz. plate); FB, £104.1.6. LAND: 586 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties.

**PRESTON, RICHARD** (ca. 1618–ca. 1669/70). BORN: ca. 1618, in England. IMMIGRATED: probably in 1649, definitely by 1650, as a free adult with his wife and seven children from Virginia. RESIDED: in Calvert County; Dorchester County by 1669. MARRIED Margaret. CHILDREN. SONS: Richard (?-by 1669), who married Margaret (?-1688), daughter of *Thomas Marsh* (ca. 1615–ca. 1656); James (?-by 1673/74); and Samuel. DAUGHTERS: Naomi (?-1663), who married *William Berry* (ca. 1636–1691); Margaret; Rebecca, who married Lovelace Gorsuch (?-ca. 1703); and Sarah, who married first, *William Ford* (?-1678/79), and second, *Edward Pindar* (?-ca. 1692/93). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant, with Puritan leanings; converted to Quakerism sometime in the 1650s.

SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: resident of Upper Norfolk, Virginia, by 1636; transported 10 servants on arrival in Maryland; came to Maryland with other religious dissenters from Virginia; had considerable wealth and status on arrival; called the "Great Quaker" by Charles Calvert in 1663; had one of the longest and most active legislative careers in seventeenth-century Maryland. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Parliamentary Commission, 1654–1657/58; Assembly, Patuxent (Calvert County), 1654 (speaker); Lower House, Calvert County, 1658, 1659/60 (in England and did not attend), 1661 (speaker), 1662 (speaker), 1663–1664, 1666, Dorchester County, 1669 (Aggrievances). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council of Parliamentary Commissioners 1652–1653; justice, Provincial Court, 1652–1653, 1654–1657/58; temporary secretary of the province, 1655/56. MILITARY SERVICE: commander, north side of Patuxent, 1652. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: prominent leader of the Puritan forces in Maryland during the commonwealth period. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,300 acres; probably owned over 4,000 acres in late 1650s. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between December 2, 1669, and January 8, 1669/70, probably in Calvert County. LAND: ca. 2,400 acres.

**PRICE, JOHN** (ca. 1607–1660/61). BORN: ca. 1607, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1636, as a free adult. RESIDED: in St. Michael's Hundred, St. Mary's County. MARRIED Alice, widow of Thomas Bushell (or Bullet). CHILDREN. DAUGHTER: Ann (1659–?), who married by 1674 Richard Hatton. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: illiterate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: rose to high office despite humble origins, illiteracy, and a relatively low economic status. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, present 1637/38, St. Michael's Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1638/39, present 1647/48 (Accounts), special writ 1649; Upper House, 1650–1650/51 (Laws 1; Accounts 1), 1658, 1659/60. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: mustermaster general, 1648; Council, 1648–1660; justice, Provincial Court, 1648–1654, 1658–1660; Parliamentary Commission, 1652–1653. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1646/47; colonel, 1659–1660/61. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: faithful support of the proprietor brought Price extensive patronage, especially when Lord Baltimore came under pressure to appoint Protestants; fined 30,000