

cancy; seated on December 29, 1806), 1807–1809, 1809–1811, 1811–1813; representative, U.S. Congress, 1817–1819, 1822–1823 (elected to fill vacancy after successfully contesting the election of Jeremiah Conden; seated on March 19, 1822). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 5 slaves, 1790. **COMBINED PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY:** total assessed value \$1,227.00, 1804; \$3,524.00, 1815; \$4,632.00, 1827; \$4,137.00, 1828. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 787 acres in Kent and Harford counties (all by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 138 acres in Kent County, 1788, and sold 141 acres that same year; mortgaged 642 acres in 1789; purchased a soldier's lot in addition to the four lots he obtained in his own right for his military service, Washington County, 1789; purchased 821 acres in Kent County between 1808 and 1829 (mortgaged 420 acres of this in 1822). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: administration bond executed on December 12, 1829, in Kent County; buried at Christ Church, Chester Parish, Chestertown. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least \$4,234.49 current money (including 29 slaves, books, and 55 oz. plate). **LAND:** ca. 1,600 acres in Kent and Harford counties, plus 5 soldiers' lots in Washington County.

REEDER (READER), JOHN, JR. (ca. 1732–1780). BORN: ca. 1732, in St. Mary's County. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Thomas Reeder* (by 1715–1773). MOTHER: Susannah (1711–1771). BROTHERS: Henry (?–ca. 1787), a physician; Thomas Attaway (1741–1806). SISTERS: Draden; Elizabeth Attaway; Elizabeth; and Henrietta. **MARRIED** first, Dicandia, daughter of Charles Somerset Smith (1698–1738/39) of Charles County. Smith married twice. Dicandia's mother was either Jane, daughter of *Thomas Crabb* (?–1719/20), or Margaret, daughter of William Smith. Her brothers or half brothers were Richard (1733–1759) and Charles Somerset Smith (1733–1781), twins. Her sisters or half sisters were Jane, who married (first name unknown) Forbes; Ann, who married Samuel Parran (1717–?); Mary; Elizabeth, who married first, Francis Wilkinson, Jr. (?–by 1738), and second, *Young Parran* (1711–1772). Her nephew was *Richard Parran* (?–ca. 1782). **MARRIED** second, Catherine. She subsequently married by 1784 Nathaniel Ewing. **CHILDREN.** DAUGHTER: Susannah, who married first, Dr. John Ireland, and second, Dr. Gustavus Brown (1751–1801). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RE-

LIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1772. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1756–1757 (elected to the 4th session of the 1754–1757 Assembly), 1757–1758, 1771, 1773–1774 (Grievances 2, 3); Conventions, St. Mary's County, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776. **LOCAL OFFICES:** All Faith Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, 1763–1765, 1775, 1779; justice, St. Mary's County, 1764—at least 1777 (quorum, 1773—at least 1775); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, St. Mary's County, commissioned 1772; trustee for the poor, St. Mary's County, 1773; Committee of Observation, St. Mary's County, 1775; justice, Orphans' Court, St. Mary's County, appointed 1777—at least 1778; commissioner of the tax, St. Mary's County, appointed 1777; churchwarden, All Faith Parish, St. Mary's County, 1779. **MILITARY SERVICE:** commissioned lieutenant colonel, Upper Battalion, St. Mary's County Militia, January 6, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** no evidence of land ownership. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired 2,317 acres in St. Mary's County, 400 acres of which were inherited from his father. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in 1780, in St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,032.16.6 current money. **LAND:** 2,317 acres in St. Mary's County.

REEDER (READER), THOMAS (by 1715–1773). BORN: between 1711 and 1715 in St. Mary's County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Benjamin Reeder (1666–1720). STEPFATHER: Ralph Bagley. MOTHER: Elizabeth Attaway. BROTHERS: Simon (1696–1754); Benjamin (1699–1769), who married Margaret (1698–1795), daughter of Richard Robins and wife Lydia; John (1705–1777); and (name unknown). SISTERS: Ann, who married (first name unknown) Davis; Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Allston. **MARRIED** ca. 1730 Susannah (1711–1771), whose last name was probably Graves. **CHILDREN.** SONS: *John Reeder, Jr.* (ca. 1732–1780); Thomas Attaway (1741–1806), who married Catherine Vemere; and Dr. Henry (?–ca. 1787), who married first, Judith Townley (1744–1771), and second, Elizabeth (?–1802), daughter of John Cummingham. **DAUGHTERS:** Draden, who married Thomas (?–ca. 1807), son of John Reeder (1705–1777); Elizabeth Attaway, who married first, Rev. John Stephen (1741–1784), and second, Thomas Bond; Eliza-