

REER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant; called "a halfe faced Quaker," 1692; left a bequest to the Quaker church at his death, but swore oaths to qualify for office. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: no title on first appearance; Mr., by 1673; in England, 1692–1694. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: partner with a Mr. Jackson, a bricklayer, in 1673; planter; merchant, "Mr. George Robotham & Co.," 1683. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1681–1682 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1676–1682 Assembly; Trade 5), 1686–1688 (Accounts 2); Associators' Convention, Talbot County, 1689–1692 (speaker 3); Grand Committee of Twenty, 1690–1692; Upper House, 1692–1693 (in England during the 2nd session), 1694–1697 (Laws 1, 7), 1697/98–1698 (died before the 2nd session of the 1697/98–1700 Assembly). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1691–1698; justice, Provincial Court, 1691–1694. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Talbot County, 1681–1692 (quorum, 1685–1692). MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, by August 1691–1698. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: initially followed a moderate course between the Protestant Associators and proprietary adherents, but by the spring of 1690 was supporting the revolution. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,050 acres in Dorchester and Talbot counties (all by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 2,150 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties between 1683 and 1687. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between April 5 and April 15, 1698; will probated on April 26, 1698, in Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,187.2.10 (including 1 servant, 6 slaves, books, and 45 oz. plate); FB, £630.19.11. LAND: 1,750 acres in Talbot and Dorchester counties, plus an estate of unspecified size in England.

ROGERS, JOHN (?–1789). BORN: possibly in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. NATIVE: possibly; if so, at least second generation. RESIDED: in Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County, by 1774; Annapolis, at death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: possibly Capt. William Rogers (1699–1749), Esq., who was born in New England, resided in Annapolis ca. 1720, and was chief clerk and register of the Prerogative Court, 1736–1749. He married first, Mary Townley (?–1725), widow of both *John Contee* (?–1708) and *Philemon Hemsley* (1670–1719). MOTHER: possibly Lucinda (?–1755). BROTHER: William. SISTER: Martha. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: There was a problem

in identifying the parents of John Rogers. His private life left few clues as to his background. After a careful study of probate, land, and court records, Capt. William Rogers appeared to be the most plausible candidate for father. Capt. William Rogers left no will to aid in identifying John as his son, but Lucinda's will probated on October 30, 1755, mentioned a son William and a son John, "both arrived at age of manhood and capacitated to get a livelihood." This evidence, coupled with the fact that family names continue through John's offspring, with a first-born son named William and a daughter named Lucy, have led us to tentatively identify Capt. William Rogers of Annapolis as his father. MARRIED ca. 1776 Margaret Lee (?–1795), daughter of Thomas Clark (1728–1756) and wife Alice Lee; stepdaughter of Meriwether Smith of Essex County, Virginia. Margaret was the granddaughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744). She was the niece of *George Lee* (1736–1807); *Corbin Lee* (?–1774); Lettice Lee (?–1776), who married third, *Joseph Sim* (?–1793); and Hannah Lee (ca. 1736–by 1781), who married *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800). Her first cousins were Barbara Bowie (1756–1805), who married *Ignatius Taylor* (?–1807); *Thomas Clark* (ca. 1760–1796). CHILDREN. SONS: William (ca. 1780–?); Thomas (ca. 1781–?); Daniel; and John (?–ca. 1797). DAUGHTERS: Margaret (?–ca. 1860), who married in 1799 Walter Storey Chandler; Lucy (?–ca. 1792). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1773; Hon., by 1778. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Mayor's Court, Annapolis, January 1762; Prince George's County Court, November 1764; Charles County Court, by June 1764; Provincial Court, September 1765; Frederick County Court, March 1765; Chancery Court, by May 1771; officeholder. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (did not attend the 7th and 8th Conventions). OTHER STATE OFFICES: member, Executive Council, 1777 (re-elected November 11, 1777, but declined to serve); judge, Court of Admiralty, appointed 1776, but declined; chancellor of Maryland, 1778–1789. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Correspondence, Prince George's County, 1774; Committee of Observation, Prince George's County, 1775; trustee, Upper Marlborough Academy, Prince George's County, 1775. MILITARY SERVICE: major, Prince George's County Militia, 1776. OUT OF STATE