

SONS: James; Thomas, who attended St. Johns College, Annapolis, in 1792; William, who attended St. Johns College in Annapolis, 1792; and John. STEPDAUGHTER: Betsey Lecompte. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1776; Esq., by 1782; subscribed £20.0.0 to Washington College, date unknown. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: When Shaw was appointed 1st lieutenant of the Vienna Company, Dorchester County Militia, in 1776, Charles Muir and others sent a petition to the Council of Safety protesting his appointment. They wrote that Shaw was "a man odious to the people," who, if continued in office, would cause the breakup of the company. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; in partnership with *Levin Kirkman* (?-ca. 1790) in the brig *Free Mason*, which set sail from Vienna, Dorchester County, in May 1785 on its way to the West Indies to sell its cargo. The captain was under secret, verbal orders from Shaw and Kirkman to stop at Antigua or some other British port to obtain a British register for their brig. This would have given them dual papers for the *Free Mason*, American and British. Trade between American and British ports was still prohibited in 1785, and Shaw and Kirkman hoped to profit considerably from their secret dual trading arrangements on this and other voyages. Capt. Solomon Frazier of the *Free Mason* succeeded in obtaining a British registry from John Hollingsworth at St. John's, Antigua. When he attempted to enter the vessel at the customs house on Montserrat Island, however, the brig was seized and condemned as an American vessel attempting to enter the port as a British bottom. The *Free Mason* and all its cargo, valued by Kirkman at nearly £1,600.0.0, plus the lucrative chance to prosecute a contraband trade, were thus lost to the owners. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Dorchester County, 1780-1781 (elected to the 1st session of the 1780-1781 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1781-1782, 1782-1783, 1783, 1784, 1786-1787, 1787-1788, 1788 (Grievances; Claims), 1789. OTHER STATE OFFICES: Maryland Senate elector, Dorchester County, 1786; Constitution Ratification Convention, Dorchester County, 1788; register, Land Office, Eastern Shore, 1794-1795. LOCAL OFFICES: coroner, Dorchester County, appointed 1775; justice, Dorchester County, 1777-1791 (declined); sheriff, Dorchester County, elected 1785 (but was not commissioned); justice, Orphans' Court, Dorchester County, 1785-1788. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st lieutenant, Vienna Company, Dorchester

County Militia, commissioned January 1776, resigned June 1776. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 4 slaves, 1776; assessed value £721.13.4, including 14 slave and 16 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 511 acres in Dorchester County, plus 1 lot in Vienna, Dorchester County (all by purchase or patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 895 acres in Dorchester County, plus 2 lots in Vienna, Dorchester County, from the commissioners of confiscated British property, 1782, but the sale for the 895 acres was declared void. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between November 10, 1794, and January 17, 1795, in Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £635.1.10 current money (including 2 slaves, 1 Negro servant, books, 44 oz. old silver, and the contents of several boxes of merchandise). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: At the time of his death, Shaw was heavily in debt. He had acted as trustee to settle several estates and had neglected to distribute the money so acquired to the various creditors. To recover these funds many creditors made claims against his estate. LAND: approximately 500 acres in Dorchester County, plus 1 lot in Vienna, Dorchester County.

SHEPHERD (SHEPHARD), PETER (?-1787). BORN: probably in Pennsylvania. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1774 from Bucks County, Pennsylvania. RESIDED: in Baltimore County ca. 1774-ca. 1780; Baltimore Town, Baltimore County, ca. 1780 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Adam Shepherd (?-ca. 1736) of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. MOTHER: Ann (ca. 1700-1786), who died at her son Peter's residence in Baltimore Town. MARRIED Elizabeth. CHILDREN. SONS: Adam; Michael. DAUGHTERS: Margaret (Peggy), who married in 1782 Capt. John Agnew Hamilton (Hambleton); (first name unknown), who married in 1780 John Keenor, a merchant; and Mary (1771-1787). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1777. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer, by 1774; millowner, by 1778; speculator in Baltimore Town lots, 1782-1783; probably surveyor. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 9th Convention, Baltimore County, 1776; Lower House, Baltimore County, 1777, 1777-1778. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Baltimore County, 1777-1786. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: member, General Assembly of Pennsylvania, dates unknown. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: petitioned for relief as an insolvent debtor in August 1787, stating