

2–4, chairman). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: naval officer of Oxford, 1694–1695; treasurer of the Eastern Shore, 1695–1713/14; justice, Provincial Court, 1699–1707/8 (quorum), 1712–1713/14 (chief justice, 1701–1707/8). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Talbot County, 1685–1690, 1694–1695/96 (quorum, 1689); deputy surveyor, Talbot County, by 1686; St. Michael's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, 1692/93; deputy commissary, Talbot County, by 1699. MILITARY SERVICE: major, 1694–1699; lt. colonel, 1699; colonel, by 1706. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In 1713, in a letter to the Lower House, the rector, governor, and visitors of the Free Schools expressed concern over Col. Smithson's ability to be entrusted with the money he collected as treasurer of the Eastern Shore. They explained that Col. Smithson himself had requested many times that the money be removed from his hands, he having admitted to being "very aged and crazy." STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: wrote the bishop of London in 1690 in opposition to the government of Protestant Associators; enjoyed considerable patronage from Gov. Francis Nicholson, with whom he cooperated closely; was recommended for appointment to the Council in 1701/2, but was never appointed; given a special gratuity as encouragement not to resign as chief justice of the Provincial Court and treasurer of the Eastern Shore, 1702; sought a special gratuity again in 1706, but the Assembly denied his request; protagonist of Gov. John Seymour, who removed Smithson as chief justice of the Provincial Court in 1707/8; left bequests for St. Michael's Vestry and the Free School at Annapolis. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 2,000 acres, and probably 3,400 acres, patented by 1694 in Talbot, Dorchester, and Kent counties. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented an additional 988 acres by 1700. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in March 1713/14; will probated on April 9, 1714, in Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £854.14.8 current money (including 11 slaves); FB, £10.4.4 (disbursements included £584.0.11 due from Smithson as treasurer of the Eastern Shore for the use of the Free Schools). LAND: ca. 2,000 acres in Talbot and Dorchester counties.

SMITHSON, WILLIAM (ca. 1744–1809). BORN: ca. 1744, in Baltimore County; probably first or second son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore (later became Bush River Lower Hundred, Harford) County. FAMILY BACK-

GROUND. FATHER: Thomas Smithson (1712/13–1795) of Harford County, son of Thomas Smithson (?–ca. 1732) and wife Ann Scott. MOTHER: Mary (ca. 1723–1812). BROTHERS: Thomas (?–by 1775), who married in 1767 Sarah Bond; Nathaniel (ca. 1755–?); Archibald (ca. 1765–?); and Daniel (?–1798). SISTERS: Ann (ca. 1738–?), who married *Samuel Durham* (ca. 1728–ca. 1787); Elizabeth, who married in 1759 John Durbin; Sarah, who married in 1765 David Durham; Mary (ca. 1758–?); Margaret (ca. 1760–?), who married (first name unknown) Bartin (Baslin); and Cassandra (ca. 1763–?), who married (first name unknown) Green. FIRST COUSIN: *Samuel Durham* (ca. 1728–ca. 1787). MARRIED on November 11, 1766, Elizabeth (ca. 1749–1818), daughter of Aquila Scott (1724–1760) and wife Elizabeth Puttee. Elizabeth Scott was the granddaughter of *Daniel Scott* (ca. 1680–1744/45). Her brothers were Aquila (1751–ca. 1827), who married in 1770 Mary Preston; Daniel; and James. Her sisters were Sarah; Martha; and Rebecka. Her first cousins were *Aquila Scott* (1756–?); *James McComas* (1735–1791); and *Thomas Bond, of Thomas* (?–1800). CHILDREN. None surviving; apparently cared for the nine children of his deceased brother Daniel after 1798. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican background. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1775; Esq., by 1779; Hon., at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Harford County, 1777, 1777–1778, 1781–1782, 1782–1783; Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1806–1811: 1806 (elected on November 19, 1806, to fill vacancy), 1807, 1808 (died before the 2nd session of the 1808–1809 Assembly). OTHER STATE OFFICE: Maryland Senate elector, Harford County, 1801, 1806. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Harford County, appointed 1774–1783, 1784 (did not qualify), 1786–1789, 1791–at least 1793, in office 1798, 1800; judge, Orphans' Court, Harford County, appointed 1782, 1786–1787, 1789, 1793. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: signed Bush Declaration, March 22, 1775. In his will provided for the manumission of his slaves after his death. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 2 servants, 6 slaves, 1776; assessed value £483.19.4, including 9 slaves, 10 oz. plate, 1783; 16 slaves, 1790; 16 slaves, 1798. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: had four tenants on his property in 1798; his dwelling house was assessed at \$600.00, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 500 acres in Harford County (acquired through purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BE-