

George's County and 400 acres in Frederick County, 1741–1748; sold 846 acres in Prince George's County and 75 acres in Frederick County, 1741–1748; gave 825 acres in Prince George's County to his son Richard before 1746; resurveyed two tracts in Frederick County in 1749 and 1751 for a net gain of 4,134 acres; sold 492 acres in Prince George's County, 1750. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on November 30, 1751, in Prince George's County, after an illness of only 20 hours. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least 18,760 pounds of tobacco, £1,165.2.11 current money (including 33 slaves, 54 oz. plate, medicines and surgeon's instruments, and books); FB, not calculated due to discrepancies in accounts, the last of which was filed in 1785. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Sprigg's debts included over £1,051.0.0 sterling owed to William Black, a merchant of London. His will directed that 785 acres in Prince George's County, including his 502-acre home plantation, be sold to pay his creditors. **LAND:** ca. 6,000 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties.

SPRIGG, EDWARD (ca. 1721–1790). BORN: ca. 1721, in Prince George's County; third son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Prince George's County; Anne Arundel County by 1750; Prince George's County, probably by 1757–1764; St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, 1764–1768; Prince George's County, 1768–death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Thomas Sprigg (?–1725), son of *Thomas Sprigg* (by 1670–by 1739). STEPFATHER: *Joseph Belt* (ca. 1680–1761). MOTHER: Margery (?–1783), daughter of *John Wight* (?–1705) and wife Ann (?–1726). **UNCLES:** *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1707–1749/50). **HALF UNCLE:** *Thomas Gantt* (?–1765). **AUNTS:** Priscilla Sprigg, who married *Ralph Crabb* (?–1733/34); Elizabeth Sprigg (?–1787), who married *Turner Wooten* (ca. 1695–1760). **BROTHERS:** *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781); John (ca. 1716–1787) of Prince George's County, a physician. **HALF BROTHER:** Humphrey Belt. **STEP-BROTHERS:** John Belt (ca. 1707–?); Joseph Belt, Jr. (1717–1761), who married Anne Sprigg; Tobias Belt (1720–1785); Jeremiah Belt (1724–1784), who married Mary Sprigg; and James Belt (1726–?). **SISTERS:** Anne (by 1726–?), who married Joseph Belt, Jr. (1717–1761); Mary (1723–?), who married Jeremiah Belt (1724–1784). **HALF SISTER:** Margery Belt. **STEPSISTERS:** Anne Belt (1708/9–?); Rachel Belt (1711–?), who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1707–1749/50); and Mary Belt (1722–?), who married first, Edward Hall (?–ca. 1741/

42), second, *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751), and third, Thomas Pindell (?–1779). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Edward Sprigg* (1723–1758); Margaret Sprigg (ca. 1726–1804), who married *William Bowie* (1721–1791); *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741–1815); *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747–1809); *Henry Wright Crabb* (1722/23–1764); *Francis King* (1724/25–1771); and *Thomas Sprigg Wooten* (?–1789). **NIECE:** Elizabeth Belt (?–1808), who probably married *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747–1809). **CHILDREN.** SON: Richard (ca. 1769–1806), who was elected to the Lower House in 1792, and served as chief justice of the First Judicial District of Maryland, 1802, and as associate judge of the General Court. **DAUGHTER:** possibly Ann. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1750; Esq., by 1770. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Conventions, 2nd–3rd, 1774 (declined election to 4th Convention, January 1775, because of ill health). **LOCAL OFFICES:** chairman, Upper Marlborough, Prince George's County, Committee to Support Non-Importation Association, April 1770; trustee of the poor, Prince George's County, in office January 1772; Committee of Observation, Prince George's County, elected December 1774; Committee of Correspondence, Prince George's County, in office January 1775; commissioner of the tax, Prince George's County, appointed April 1778, December 1779, January 1781, January 1782, January 1783, December 1783; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessments, Prince George's County, appointed June 1778. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** valued in excess of £300.0.0, by 1757. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably 539 acres in Prince George's County (450 acres from his brother *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781); 80 acres by purchase; 9 acres by patent). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in 1790; administration bond dated April 10, 1790, in Prince George's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £8,781.3.11 current money (including £392.6.0 in gold and silver money, 6 books, 53 oz. plate, and 67 slaves). **LAND:** probably ca. 519 acres in Prince George's County.

SPRIGG, EDWARD (1723–1758). BORN: on June 12, 1723, in Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County; second son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Prince George's County; Frederick County by November 1751–death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751), son of *Thomas Sprigg* (by 1670–by 1739). MOTHER: