

because the freemen illegally appointed election judges after the ones officially appointed failed to act; reelected); Lower House, Prince George's County, 1777. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Prince George's County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Prince George's County, appointed 1777 (did not qualify), 1779–1786, 1793–1798; commissioner of the tax, Prince George's County, appointed 1792, 1798. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: In his will, Sprigg manumitted a number of his slaves and gave them houses, personal property, and/or money. He directed his executors to be “kind and friendly” to the freed “servants” and to continue to treat the old and infirm “in the same humane manner they are accustomed to.” WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 43 slaves, 1790; assessed value £1,383.10.0, including 24 slaves and 64 oz. plate, 1796. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: none. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased his father's land and dwelling plantation from his brother *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800), which had been sold to pay his father's debts, plus additional land, including a mill, totaling 629 acres, in Prince George's County in 1775; purchased 59 acres in 1778 and 181 acres in 1787, and sold 36 acres in 1787, all land adjoining his home plantation; purchased 180 acres in Prince George's County, 1786, but sold it by 1800; purchased 225 acres in Prince George's County between 1787 and 1800. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in May 1815 in Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value \$6,473.00 (including 51 slaves and 162 oz. plate), 1815. LAND: 1,054 acres in Prince George's County. Sprigg's principal heirs were the children of his brother *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800) and his sister Rachel Harwood (1733–1808).

SPRIGG, THOMAS (by 1670–by 1739). BORN: probably in mid- to late-1660s, in Calvert County; eldest son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at “Northampton,” Western Branch Hundred, Prince George's County; in London, 1722. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Sprigg (1630–1704), who immigrated from Virginia in 1651; justice, Calvert County, 1667–1674/75. MOTHER: either Catherine (?–by 1668), widow of William Roper of Accomack County, Virginia, daughter of Thomas Graves (?–ca. 1636) of Accomack County, Virginia, a Virginia Burgess 1629–1630, 1632; or, Eleanor, daughter of John Nuthall (?–1668). BROTHERS OR HALF BROTHERS: possibly John; Elias. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: *Robert Tyler*

(ca. 1671–1738) was also raised in this household. SISTERS OR HALF SISTERS: Sarah Sprigg, who married (first name unknown) Pearce; Martha Sprigg, who married first, Thomas Prather (1673–1712), and second, Stephen Yoakley; Eleanor, who married first, Thomas Hilleary, and second, John Nuthall; Elizabeth, who married Robert Wade (by 1657–1713/14), son of *Zachary Wade* (ca. 1627–1678); Ann, who married Philip Gittings; and Mary (?–1693/94), who married, ca. 1689, Thomas Stockett (1667–1732), son of *Thomas Stockett* (?–1671). HALF OR STEPSISTER: Verlinda Roper. MARRIED Margaret (?–by 1739), daughter of Edward Mariartee (?–1688) and wife Honor. Her brother was *Daniel Mariartee* (ca. 1676–ca. 1726/27). Her sister was Elizabeth (?–1725), who married Robert Levitt. CHILDREN. SONS: Thomas (?–1725), justice, Prince George's County, 1719–1725, who married Margery (?–1783), daughter of *John Wight* (?–1705); *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751); and *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1707–1749/50). DAUGHTERS: Priscilla, who married in 1716, *Ralph Crabb* (?–1733/34); Margaret, who married first, Francis King (?–1726/27), and second, Richard Keene; Eleanor, who married Henry Wright; and Elizabeth (?–1787), who married first, Henry Wilson, and second, *Turner Wootton* (ca. 1695–1760). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: retired abruptly in 1716 from all offices; merchant in London, 1722. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1712–1714, 1715. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Prince George's County, 1697–1704, 1705, 1709–1715/16 (quorum, 1710–1715/16); Queen Anne Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, 1711–1715. MILITARY SERVICE: major, by 1711; lt. colonel, by 1715. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 2,100 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between 1728 and 1739. LAND: gave away all lands to his children between 1716 and 1722.

SPRIGG, THOMAS (1715–1781). BORN: in November 1715, in Prince George's County; eldest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: at West River, South River Hundred, Anne Arundel County, by 1737. His home later became known as “Cedar Park.” FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Sprigg (?–1725) of Prince George's County, son of *Thomas Sprigg* (by 1670–by 1739). STEPFATHER: *Joseph Belt* (ca. 1680–1761).