

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 Wootten** (ca. 1695–1760). BROTHERS: **John** (ca. 1716–1787); **Edward Sprigg** (ca. 1721–1790). HALF BROTHER: **Humphrey Belt**. STEPBROTHERS: **John Belt** (ca. 1707–?); **Joseph Belt, Jr.** (1717–1761), who married **Anne Sprigg** (by 1726–?); **Tobias Belt** (1720–1785); **Jeremiah Belt** (1724–1784), who married **Mary Sprigg** (1723–?); and **James Belt** (1726–?). SISTERS: **Mary** (1723–?), who married **Jeremiah Belt** (1724–1784); **Anne** (by 1726–?), who married **Joseph Belt, Jr.** (ca. 1717–1761). HALF SISTER: **Margery Belt**, who married (first name unknown) **Perry**. STEPSISTERS: **Mary Belt** (1722–?), who married second, **Edward Sprigg** (1697–1751); **Rachel Belt** (1711–?), who married **Osborn Sprigg** (ca. 1707–1749/50); and **Anne Belt** (1708/9–?). 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 Wootten** (?–1789). NIECE: **Elizabeth Belt** (?–1808), who probably married **Thomas Sprigg** (ca. 1747–1809). MARRIED on December 14, 1737, **Elizabeth** (1721–1789), only daughter of **Richard Galloway** (1691–1741) of **West River, Anne Arundel County**, and wife **Sophia Richardson** (?–1781). Her first cousin was **Elizabeth Richardson** (ca. 1748–?), who probably married **Benjamin Bradford Norris** (1745–1790). CHILDREN. SON: **Richard** (1739–1798), who married in 1765 **Margaret Caile** (?–1796) of **Dorchester County**. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: The Galloways were prominent Quakers and family tradition says that **Sprigg** became a Quaker upon his marriage to **Elizabeth**. His marriage and death and the births of his child and grandchildren were recorded in the minutes of the **West River Quaker meeting**. **Sprigg** did, however, take the Oath of Fidelity in 1778. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1762; Esq., by 1781; active in local horse racing, 1762. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, 1758; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, **Anne Arundel County**, 1st, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend), 2nd, 1774. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, **Anne Arundel County**, appointed 1749 (did not serve); Com-

mittee of Observation, **Anne Arundel County**, elected 1774, 1775. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: his wife's grandfather, **Richard Galloway** (?–1736), bequeathed her £100.0.0 at her marriage. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3,327 acres in **Anne Arundel, Frederick, and Dorchester counties** (1,000 acres in **Frederick County** inherited from his father, 700 acres in **Dorchester County** acquired through marriage, 773 acres in **Anne Arundel County** acquired through marriage but subject to mother-in-law's life estate, 854 acres in **Anne Arundel County** by purchase). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on December 29, 1781, at his plantation on **West River, Anne Arundel County**. PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested that no account be made of his estate. His property at **West River** was assessed in the name of his wife at £3,205.0.0 (including 64 slaves and 216 oz. plate), 1783. LAND: ca. 3,327 acres in **Anne Arundel, Frederick, and Dorchester counties**.

SPRIGG, THOMAS (ca. 1747–1809). BORN: ca. 1747, probably at "Northampton," **Prince George's County**; third son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: **Prince George's County** until 1775; **Elizabeth Hundred, Frederick** (later became **Washington**) **County**, 1776; **Washington County**, 1777–death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: **Osborn Sprigg** (by 1707–1749/50), son of **Thomas Sprigg** (1670–by 1739). MOTHER: **Rachel** (1711–?), daughter of **Joseph Belt** (ca. 1680–1761). UNCLE: **Edward Sprigg** (1697–1751). AUNTS: **Priscilla Sprigg**, who married **Ralph Crabb** (?–1733/34); **Elizabeth Sprigg**, who married **Turner Wootten** (ca. 1695–1760); and **Mary Belt** (1722–?), who married second, **Edward Sprigg** (1697–1751). BROTHERS: **Joseph Sprigg** (1736–1800); **Osborn Sprigg** (ca. 1741–1815). SISTERS: **Lucy** (ca. 1728–?); **Esther** (1730/31–?); **Rachel** (1733–1808); **Priscilla** (1735–?); **Elizabeth**; and **Anne**. HALF SISTER: **Margaret** (ca. 1726–1804), who married in 1745 **William Bowie** (1721–1791). FIRST COUSINS: **Thomas Sprigg** (1715–1781); **Edward Sprigg** (ca. 1721–1790); **Edward Sprigg** (1723–1758); **Henry Wright Crabb** (1722/23–1764); **Francis King** (1724/25–1771); and **Thomas Sprigg Wootten** (?–1789). NIECE: **Lucy Harwood**, who married second, **Richard Harwood** (1738–1826). MARRIED possibly first, by 1776, **Amelia** (ca. 1754–?). MARRIED possibly second, on February 8, 1780, **Elizabeth Belt** (?–1808). **Elizabeth** was probably his first cousin, the daughter of **Joseph Belt, Jr.** (ca. 1717–1761) and wife **Anne Sprigg** (1726–?). She