

who married Ruth (last name unknown). DAUGHTER: Jane (?–1762), who married William Frisby (1684–1738), son of *William Frisby* (by 1664–1713). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, had clerical skills; possibly attended Middle Temple, 1674. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: acquired a series of minor clerkships soon after arrival. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: placeman; attorney, admitted to Cecil County Court by 1686; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1694–1697 (Accounts 7; Laws 3–6), 1697/98–1700 (Accounts 1–4), 1701 (Accounts 1; died before the 2nd session of the 1701–1704 Assembly). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: justice, Provincial Court, 1697–1701; clerk, Prerogative Office, 1679–1681. LOCAL OFFICES: clerk, Cecil County, 1681–1685, 1689–1694; North Sassafras Parish Vestry, 1693–1700; justice, Cecil County, 1694–1697; naval officer of Cecil County, 1695–1697, 1697–ca. 1701/2; coroner, Cecil County, 1700. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1694; major, 1695–1697; colonel, 1697–1701/2. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,000 acres (1,366 acres through wife's dower). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between December 10, 1701, and March 16, 1701/2; will probated in Cecil County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,304.14.10 (including 9 slaves and books); FB, £1,158.0.4. LAND: ca. 2,300 acres, plus a farm in New York in partnership with a Col. Bayard.

**THOMPSON, JOHN D. (DOCKERY)** (1743–1786). BORN: on December 16, 1743, in North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: in Bohemia, West and North Sassafras Hundred, Cecil County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Thompson (1710/11–1749), Gent., who owned land in Cecil and Prince George's counties at death, the son of *Richard Thompson* (ca. 1680–1775). GUARDIAN: John Brown. MOTHER: Mary, a seamstress, daughter of Rene Julian. STEPMOTHER: Jane Houston, who subsequently married in 1752 Capt. John Brown. BROTHERS: Samuel (1735–?), who resided in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, in 1776; Joshua (1745–?); George; and Edward. SISTER: Mary (1742–?), who married (first name unknown) Wilson. OTHER KINSHIP: great-uncle, *Augustine Thompson* (1691–1738/39). MARRIED first, on May 4, 1765, Mary Haly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. MARRIED second, Hester (surname unknown). Hester's sister was Mary, who married

(first name unknown) Thompson. CHILDREN. SON: John, a minor in 1786. DAUGHTER: Mary (1767–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; requested that his son be instructed in the law. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1775. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Cecil County, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Cecil County, 1774–1786; justice, Orphans' Court, Cecil County, 1777–1786; commissioner of the tax, Cecil County, 1777–1782; North Sassafras Parish Vestry, 1779–1782; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, appointed 1786. MILITARY SERVICE: lieutenant colonel, Bohemia Battalion, Cecil County Militia, commissioned July 6, 1776. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,224.0.0, including 29 slaves and 9 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 769 acres in Cecil County (inherited from his father and held until 1766 by his guardian and stepfather, Capt. John Brown). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned at least 673 acres, possibly as much as 742 acres, in Cecil County, 1783. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 3, 1786, in Cecil County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV £1,441.11.1 current money (including 21 slaves and more than 24 books); FB, estate overpaid £238.16.1. LAND: at least 673 acres in Cecil County.

**THOMPSON, RICHARD** (ca. 1613–ca. 1649). BORN: ca. 1613, probably in Norwich, Norfolk County, England. IMMIGRATED: in 1636, as a free adult with wife and child. RESIDED: on Poplar Island, south of Kent Isle, 1636–1637; Kent Isle, 1637–ca. 1644; probably moved to Northumberland County, Virginia, ca. 1645. FAMILY BACKGROUND. COUSIN: *William Claiborne* (1600–ca. 1677). MARRIED first, name unknown. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Thompson's first wife probably died in an Indian massacre on Poplar Island in 1637. MARRIED second, in 1641, Ursula Bisshé (Bish). CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Sarah (?–ca. 1673), who married by 1660 Thomas Willoughby (1632–by 1672); Elizabeth, who married Peter Presley. PRIVATE CAREER. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: possibly in Virginia and on Kent Isle with Claiborne as early as 1631; brought seven servants on arrival; relative of Maurice Thompson, a prominent Puritan merchant and partner of *William Claiborne*