

of estate unknown. **LAND:** 216 acres in Baltimore County.

TOVEY, SAMUEL (?–1683). **BORN:** in England. **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1674 as a free adult from Bristol, England. **RESIDED:** in Kent County. **MARRIED** first, Elizabeth. **MARRIED** second, Anne Bunten, who subsequently married in 1684 Thomas Joce of Kent County. **CHILDREN.** **SON:** Samuel (?–1716), a churchwarden of St. Paul's Parish, Kent County, 1703–1704, St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1716. **DAUGHTER:** Elizabeth. **STEPDAUGHTER:** Elizabeth Bunten (1670–?). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Tovey also had an unknown number of children living in England; there was some doubt as to whether they would be provided for after Tovey died. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** called Mr., on arrival; Gent., by 1679; transported his first wife and two children in 1679. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** possibly merchant; planter; ordinary keeper. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Tovey was called a merchant of Bristol on arrival, but the only evidence of any mercantile activity in Maryland is debts owed his estate. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1676–1682 (excused from 2nd session for illness; no record of attendance at 3rd–5th sessions, and may have been replaced as a delegate). **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, Kent County, 1676–1677 (ineligible to serve as justice while operating an ordinary). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 450 acres in Kent County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on October 17, 1683, in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £351.14.7 (including 9 books); FB, disbursements totaling 4,672 pounds of tobacco, but size of entire estate unknown. **LAND:** ca. 450 acres in Kent County.

TOWNSEND (TOWNSHEND), JOSHUA (1744–1794). **BORN:** in 1744, in Worcester County. **NATIVE:** at least third generation. Probably descended from John Townsend (?–1698), an early settler of Somerset County who immigrated from Northampton County, Virginia, in 1666. **RESIDED:** in Snow Hill Town, Worcester County, at death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Jeremiah Townsend (?–1784) of Snow Hill Town, Worcester County. **BROTHERS:** Major (?–1794), who married Leah (surname unknown); Bartley (Barclay) (?–1795). **MARRIED** first, by 1782, Nancy (?–by 1793), daughter of Solomon Brittingham (?–1772) of Worcester County and his wife Mary (?–

1784). Her sisters were Attalanta, who married John Wright; Andasiah, who married William Selby; Mary, who married Josiah Robins; Delilah, who married (first name unknown) Purnell; Elizabeth; Rhoda; and Rebeckah, who married (first name unknown) Parker. **MARRIED** second, after January 1, 1793, Mary, widow of Matthew Purnell (?–1791), daughter of James Houston (?–1761) of Worcester County and his wife Mary (?–1773). Her brothers were *Isaac Houston* (?–1797); *James Houston* (?–1809); and John. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Littleton (by 1782–?), who moved to Delaware by 1797; William Bartley, a minor in 1797. **STEPSON:** Levi Purnell. **DAUGHTERS:** Charlotte, who married in 1794 Thomas Robertson and resided in Delaware by 1797; Nancy, who died between 1785 and 1794; and Sarah, who was born after 1785. **STEPDAUGHTERS:** Charlotte Purnell; Elizabeth Marshall Purnell. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1783. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant, by 1779. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Worcester County, 1784, 1792. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Worcester County, 1777–1784, 1791–1794; justice, Orphans' Court, Worcester County, 1779, 1782–1785; sheriff, Worcester County, 1785–1788; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Worcester County, 1783; collector of the tax, Worcester County, 1786. **MILITARY SERVICE:** 2nd lieutenant, Snow Hill Battalion, Worcester County Militia, 1777. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** subscriber to Washington College, 1783. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £412.0.0, including 9 slaves, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 902 acres and 7 lots in Snow Hill Town, Worcester County (117 acres by patent, 505 acres by purchase, and 140 acres through marriage). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired 1,429 acres in Worcester County, 1784–1790, and 5 lots in Snow Hill; disposed of 183 acres and parts of 2 lots in Snow Hill during those same years. Between 1791 and his death, he purchased 769 acres in Worcester County and 4 lots in Snow Hill, selling 1,021 acres and 4 lots. Part of the acreage was owned in partnership with six others and was described in a 1797 Chancery Court case as “poor beach land.” In 1794, he sold a 153-acre tract that had been attached by a writ of fieri facias to satisfy a judgment against him in Worcester County Court. The purchaser relinquished his claim to the title when the land was seized and sold by the sheriff in 1796. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will pro-