

**WARD, HENRY** (?–1760). BORN: in North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County; of age by 1734. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: probably in North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Ward* (ca. 1671–1747/48). MOTHER: Mary (?–1752). BROTHERS: Thomas (1707–?), who probably married on June 24, 1729, Mary Caulk; Peregrine (1709–?), who married on October 11, 1736, Mary Chew; and John (?–by 1745). SISTER: Rebecca (1705–1761), who married *John Veazey* (1701–1777). MARRIED on May 9, 1739, Hannah Ricketts (?–ca. 1761), a widow. CHILDREN. SONS: Henry (1757–?); John, alive in 1771. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: probably literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Stephen's Church, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1754–1757, 1757–1758, 1758–1760 (Arms and Ammunition 2; died before the 3rd session of the 1758–1761 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICE: coroner, Cecil County, appointed September 3, 1746. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 4,100 acres in Cecil County (200 acres by deed of gift from father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 300 additional acres in Cecil County by 1760. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: ca. July 1760 in Cecil County of smallpox. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,704.10.0 current money (including 14 slaves, books, 132 oz. plate, and millstones); FB, £568.8.10. LAND: ca. 4,350 acres in Cecil County.

**WARD, JOHN** (ca. 1671–1747/48). BORN: ca. 1671. IMMIGRATED/NATIVE: unknown; in colony by 1691. RESIDED: in Cecil County; in London, 1718/19. MARRIED on February 17, 1701, Mary (?–1752) (last name unknown). CHILDREN. SONS: John (?–by 1745), who married Augustina (last name unknown); Thomas (1707–?); and Peregrine (1709–?), who was sheriff of Cecil County in 1736, justice in 1737, and who married in 1736 Mary Chew; *Henry Ward* (?–1760). DAUGHTER: Rebecca (1705–1761), who married *John Veazey* (1701–1777). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: elected to Assembly nine times, an unusually long tenure. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; agent for Edward Smalley of Liverpool, England, 1703. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1708A, 1708B–1709 (re-

signed before the 3rd session of the 1708B–1711 Assembly to become sheriff); 1715, 1716–1718, 1721/22 (elected to the 5th session of the 1719–1721/22 Assembly), 1722–1724 (Accounts 1–Cv), 1725–1727 (Accounts 1–4), 1732–1734 (Accounts 1–3), 1735–1737 (elected to the 1st session of the 1734/35–1737 Assembly; appeared and qualified on April 16, 1735). LOCAL OFFICES: North Sassafras Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1701–1705, 1707–1709, 1712; sheriff, Cecil County, 1709–1712; justice, by 1713–1730 (chief justice, 1726–1730); commissioner, Cecil County, 1715–1730. MILITARY SERVICE: major, by 1712; lieutenant colonel, by 1715; colonel, by 1727. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,400 acres in Cecil County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated March 13, 1747/48, in Cecil County. LAND: at least 1,500 acres, and possibly as much as 1,800 acres, in Cecil County; a house and lot in Frederick Town, Frederick County, all mentioned in his will.

**WARD, JOHN** (identity questionable). RESIDED: in Cecil County. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1777–1778, 1778–1779 (Elections 3), 1779–1780, 1780–1781 (Claims 1, 2). IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS. Four men from Cecil County were eligible for this term of service: John Ward, son of *Henry Ward* (?–1760); John Ward (1730–possibly 1787), son of John; John Ward, son of Peregrine; and John Ward, son of William. There is no information in the legislative proceedings to indicate which of these four men was elected to the Lower House in 1777. Identification was also hampered by the difficulty of separating out individual records with respect to land, officeholding, and probate information. John Ward, the son of *Henry Ward* (?–1760) and grandson of *John Ward* (ca. 1671–1747/48), was a merchant. The only land that can be definitely attributed to this John is 253 acres in Cecil County, which he inherited from his father ca. 1760 and sold in 1776. John Ward (1730–possibly 1787) of John was the brother of *William Ward* (1727–1776). His father was John Ward, who married in 1717 Susanna Veazey (1696/97–?), daughter of William Veazey and his wife Rosamond. He served as a vestryman of North Sassafras Parish in 1770, 1773, and 1779. He was coroner of Cecil County in 1773 and commissioner of the tax in 1777 (the latter office may have excluded him from serving in the legislature). He owned at least 698 acres in Cecil County by the date when he would have first been elected to office. A will for