

**WEST, WILLIAM** (ca. 1737–1791). BORN: ca. 1737 in Fairfax County, Virginia. IMMIGRATED: in 1762 to Charles County. RESIDED: in Charles County, 1762; Anne Arundel County, 1762–1767; St. Mary's County, 1767–1772; Harford County, 1772–1779; Baltimore Town, Baltimore County, 1779–1791. MARRIED in April 1768 Susannah (1737–ca. 1787), daughter of Dr. James Walker (?–1759) of Anne Arundel County and wife Susannah Gardner. Her brothers were John (1733–1794); George (1736–?); James (1740–?); and Charles (1744–?), who married Ann Cradock (1755–?). Her sisters were Margaret (ca. 1742–1801); Agnes (1746–?), who married William Young; Mary (1732–?); and Catherine. Her first cousin was Agnes Walker (1731–1783), who married **William Lux** (by 1730–1778). CHILDREN. SON: George William (1770–1795), a portrait painter. DAUGHTERS: Margaret (ca. 1772–1844), who married John Beale Howard (1770–?), son of **John Beale Howard** (by 1739–1799); Sybil (ca. 1774–?), who married in 1797 Francis Utie Holland, son of **Francis Holland** (ca. 1745–1795). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: attended the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1756–1760. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: awarded honorary doctor of divinity degree by Washington College, Kent County, 1785. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: Anglican minister, ordained in London in November 1761 and served in the following parishes: Port Tobacco and Durham Parishes, Charles County, curate, 1762; Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County, probationer, 1762, rector, 1763–1767; St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County, rector, 1767–1772; St. George's Parish, Harford County, rector, 1772–1779; St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, rector, 1779–1791. Governor **Horatio Sharpe** (1718–1790) wrote that West had been recommended to him by George Washington as a "well behaved young man." Francis Asbury, the leader of American Methodism, heard West preach at St. George's Church and commented that he gave "a plain useful sermon, which contained much truth." While at St. Paul's, West tried to prevent schism and animosity between the Methodists and Anglicans in Maryland. He served as secretary of the Episcopal diocesan convention in 1784 and was elected president of the convention in 1790. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 1st Convention, Harford County, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: active in the founding of Washington College and

St. John's College; one of the founders of the Baltimore Academy; provided in his will for the manumission of his slaves. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: probably 17 slaves in Harford County, 1776; assessed value £365.0.0, including 5 slaves, Anne Arundel County only, 1783; devisee of one-third of the estate of **Thomas Harrison** (?–1782), the total value of which was estimated at £150,000. In April 1790, the other two devisees under Harrison's will, **Daniel Bowley** (1745–1807) and **Richard Ridgely** (1755–1824), mortgaged their two-thirds interest in the unsold portion of Harrison's estate to West to secure payment of £6,197.2.6 current money, which was the value of West's one-third interest of Harrison's property that the three had recently sold. In his will, West provided that after deducting a fair amount for his service as executor of Harrison's estate, the remainder would be divided among Harrison's heirs in England. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably none in Maryland. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 120 acres with his wife and 120 acres in his name only, all in Anne Arundel County, in the division of his father-in-law's land, 1777; sold and leased the land of **Thomas Harrison** (?–1782) in Anne Arundel, Harford, and Baltimore counties and Baltimore Town as executor and devisee of Harrison's estate, 1782–1790. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on March 30, 1791, in Baltimore Town of the "putrid fever." PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,741.19.6 (including plate, 14 slaves, and 338 books); FB, after first account, £1,596.16.6. LAND: probably 240 acres in Anne Arundel County and land in Virginia.

**WHARTON, JESSE** (?–1676). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1670, as a free adult from Barbadoes, West Indies. RESIDED: in Charles County. MARRIED probably second, Elizabeth (?–ca. 1710), daughter of **Henry Sewall** (?–1665) and Jane Lowe (?–1700/1). Elizabeth was the stepdaughter of **Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltimore** (1637–1714/15). Her brother was **Nicholas Sewall** (ca. 1655–1737). Her sisters were Jane, who married **Philip Calvert** (1626–1682); Anne, who married first, **Benjamin Rozer** (?–1681), and second, **Edward Pye** (?–1696); and Mary. Elizabeth subsequently married **William Digges** (ca. 1650–1697). CHILDREN. SONS: Cecilius; Henry. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, probably well educated. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: in the West Indies by December 1654, when he was called a "chirurg-