

which he was later criminally charged; he was dismissed from all of his offices on October 2 and 3, 1693; he died much indebted to the crown for customs fees previously collected but not paid to the government, which led to extended controversy and litigation over the settlement of his estate. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 550 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in December 1693. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,586.2.0 sterling (including 14 slaves, 4 servants, and numerous books); FB, estate overpaid £14.3.5. **LAND:** ca. 550 acres.

**BLANCKENSTEIN (BLAKISTON), WILLIAM** (1660–by 1721). BORN: in 1660 at “Hofstein.” IMMIGRATED: in 1678 as an indentured servant to *William Dare* (?–1719). RESIDED: in Cecil County; St. Mary’s County, by the mid-1680s. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** naturalized by an Act of the Assembly, 1682; Gent., by 1684; went to England in 1692, with no mention of him found thereafter in Maryland records. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** servant, free by 1681/82; planter; Indian trader. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Associators’ Convention, St. Mary’s City, 1689–1692. **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE:** agent to New York on Indian affairs, 1690–1691. **LOCAL OFFICES:** alderman, St. Mary’s City, 1689; probably a justice, St. Mary’s County, 1692. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: over 1,200 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by 1721. **LAND:** over 1,200 acres. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** land escheated for want of heirs, 1721.

**BLAY, EDWARD** (ca. 1653–1713). BORN: ca. 1653 in Anne Arundel County; first son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Anne Arundel County; Cecil County, by 1685; Kent County, by 1707. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: William Blay (?–ca. 1661), who was probably transported to Virginia as a servant in 1636, but was in Maryland by 1652 when he surveyed 600 acres in Anne Arundel County. **MARRIED** first, Barbara, daughter of Josias Lanham. **MARRIED** second, by 1695 Anne (?–1712/13), widow of Robert Burnan. **CHILDREN.** SON: *William Blay* (ca. 1681–1716), who married Isabella, daughter of *William Pearce* (ca. 1641–1720/21). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1697. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1697 (elected to the 7th session), 1704–1707, Kent County, 1712–1713 (died before

the 3rd session). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Cecil County, 1685–1687, 1690–1692, 1694–1702 (quorum, 1702), Kent County, 1693 (refused to take the required oath), 1707–1713 (chief justice, 1708–1713); Shrewsbury Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1695–1696, 1704–1709, 1712. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1696; lieutenant colonel, by 1707. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably over 1,000 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in November 1713. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,318.17.10 sterling (including 15 slaves); balance in London of £394.16.1. **LAND:** over 1,000 acres.

**BLAY, WILLIAM** (ca. 1681–1716). BORN: ca. 1681 in Cecil County, of age by 1702; only son. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in Cecil County; Kent County, by 1702. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Edward Blay* (ca. 1653–1713). MOTHER: probably Barbara, daughter of Josias Lanham. **STEPMOTHER:** probably Anne (?–1712/13), widow of Robert Burnan. **MARRIED** Isabella, daughter of *William Pearce* (ca. 1641–1720/21). She subsequently married by 1722 John Johnson. Her brothers were *Daniel Pearce* (1677–1727); William, Jr. (?–1703); and Benjamin (1683–1734), who married Mary, widow of *John Hynson* (ca. 1670–1708). Her sisters were Elizabeth, who married *Henry Ward* (?–1734); Sarah. **CHILDREN.** SONS: Edward (1707–?); William (1714–?). **DAUGHTERS:** Rachel (1703–?), who married first, in 1724 *Edward Scott* (?–1725), second, by 1727 John Brown, and third, Aquila Paca, son of *Aquila Paca* (early 1670s–1721); Catherine, who married John Tilden; and Isabella, who married Robert Wetherhead. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** second generation burgess; did not become a justice or burgess until after his father’s death; Mr. at death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1714 (elected to the 4th session), 1715. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Shrewsbury Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1710–1711, 1715–1716; justice, Kent County, 1714–1716. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,000 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by September 25, 1716. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,620.17.0 (including 19 slaves); FB, £1,429.9.8. **LAND:** probably 2,600 acres.

**BLOUNT (BLUNT), WILLIAM** (?–?). IMMIGRATED: in 1642 as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in Kent County, St. Mary’s County; left Maryland in 1643. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. SO-