

EDMONDSON (EDMUNDSON, EDMONSTON, EDMONSON), JOHN (1692–1743). BORN: in December 1692, probably in Talbot County; probably eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Talbot County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: James Edmondson (1670–1702), son of *John Edmondson* (?–1697/98). STEP-FATHER: Jacob Loockerman, Gent. (1678–1731), of Talbot County; son of *Jacob Lookerman* (1652–1730). MOTHER: Magdalen (1679–1739), daughter of *John Stevens* (?–1692). UNCLE: *Thomas Edmondson* (?–ca. 1721/22). BROTHERS: James (?–by 1731); William, who married Susanna Blaney, stepdaughter of *William Clayton* (ca. 1682–1728/29). SISTER: Sarah, who married in 1718 Howell Powell. FIRST COUSIN: Sarah Stevens, who married *Thomas Woolford* (ca. 1699–ca. 1750/51). MARRIED by 1718 Margaret (?–by 1729), daughter of *Tobias Pollard* (ca. 1669–1749); granddaughter of *John Pollard* (?–1702); niece of Hager Robson, who married *John Meekins* (ca. 1674–1734). MARRIED second, by 1730 Margaret (?–by 1767), daughter of Capt. William Finney (?–ca. 1723) and wife Rachel Clayton (?–1749); granddaughter of *William Finney* (ca. 1637–1696); niece of *William Clayton* (ca. 1682–1728/29), *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739), and Alice Clayton, who married *Edward Wright* (?–1740/41). Margaret Finney Edmondson subsequently married by 1762 *William Thomas* (1705–1767). Her brothers were William; Vincent. Her sister was Katherine, who married Dr. John Jackson. CHILDREN. SONS: *Pollard Edmondson* (ca. 1718–1794); John; James (?–by 1747), who married Ann; and Samuel (?–1751). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married Hugh Hope-well; Rachel, who married William Hanson, of Talbot County, a merchant. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County. His parents were Quakers. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1729. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1728–1731, 1732–1734, 1734/35–1737. LOCAL OFFICE: St. Peter's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, in office 1724, 1729–1732. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,524 acres in Talbot and Dorchester counties (2,356 acres inherited from his father; 168 acres by patent). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in July 1743 in Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,112.6.11 current money (including 13 slaves, 4 servants, and books); FB, £316.4.11. LAND: at least 2,340 acres in Talbot County.

EDMONDSON (EDMUNDSON, EDMONSON), PETER (ca. 1753–1819). BORN: ca. 1753, probably in Dorchester County; possibly only son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Great Choptank Hundred, Caroline County, 1778; Talbot County, 1795. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Peter Sharpe Edmondson (1702–after 1784), son of William Edmondson (1677–1702), a merchant, and wife Sarah Sharpe (?–1702). OTHER KINSHIP: his great-grandfather was *John Edmondson* (?–1697/98). MARRIED on May 5, 1791, Elizabeth (by 1777–?), daughter of *Matthew Driver* (1740–1798); stepdaughter of Esther Casson; step-granddaughter of *Henry Casson* (?–ca. 1788); step-niece of *Joshua Clarke* (?–1781). Her brother was Joshua (1767–?). Her sister was Margaret. Her first cousins were Elizabeth Baynard Tillotson (1748–1809), who married second, *Philemon Downes* (ca. 1741–ca. 1796); Margaret Baynard (1752–by 1788), who married *Henry Downes* (ca. 1748–1816). CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Maria (?–1817), who married Dr. John Rogers; Rachel, who married Alexander Hands, Esq.; and Elizabeth. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1782; Esq., 1789. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Caroline County, 1788. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Caroline County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Caroline County, elected 1782, appointed January 1791, elected October 1791; collector of tax, Caroline County, 1783–at least 1785; justice, Caroline County, 1786–at least 1791; justice, Orphans' Court, Caroline County, 1786–at least 1789; trustee to build schoolhouse, Talbot County, 1799. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: manumitted several slaves in his will. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 14 slaves, 1790; 25 slaves, 1798; his wife's inheritance, which was received in 1798, consisted of £1,000 in £100 annual payments. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 804 acres in Caroline County (457 acres from his father, 347 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited the remainder of Andrew Mein's estate, which he resurveyed for 423 acres in Talbot County, 1792–1797. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on Tuesday, October 21, 1819, at Dover Bridge, Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: will mentioned 38 slaves (all but 2 to be manumitted after a period of years), capital stock in the Bank of Caroline, and stock in the Dover Bridge. His executors did not return an inventory or an account. LAND: 2,600 acres in Caroline and Talbot counties.