

TIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Parliamentary Commission, 1654–1657/58. **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE:** justice, Provincial Court, 1654–1657/58. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, St. Mary's County, in office 1661, 1663, 1664, and 1666; sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1665–1666; coroner, St. Mary's County, 1665. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 500 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** by July 2, 1668, in St. Mary's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least 17,815 pounds of tobacco (including 1 servant). **LAND:** probably ca. 500 acres.

LAWSON, PETER (1713–1792). BORN: on December 2, 1713, in St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Bohemia Manor Hundred, Cecil County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** David Lawson (?–1746), a farmer. **MOTHER:** Elizabeth. **BROTHER:** John Augustine (?–1755), who married Mary, daughter and heir of *Ephraim Augustine Herman* (1683–1734/35). **SISTERS:** Anne (1700–?); Susannah; Elizabeth (?–1795), who married (first name unknown) Mahar. **MARRIED** never. **CHILDREN.** Died without progeny. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1780. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; innholder, at least from 1741 through 1745; owned a mill, which he mortgaged in 1739 and sold in 1745. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** 5th Convention, Cecil County, 1775; Lower House, Cecil County, 1780 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1779–1780 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1780–1781. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Cecil County, 1779–1792; commissioner of the tax, Cecil County, 1779–1782; school visitor, Cecil County, in office 1784. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,143.6.8, including 26 slaves and 8 oz. plate, 1783; 36 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 8,000 acres. Lawson inherited this land in 1755 upon the death of his brother, John, whose wife, Mary, was heir to a half of Bohemia Manor from her father, *Ephraim Augustine Herman* (1683–1734/35). Mary contested the terms of her husband's will, but later leased her share of the manor to Peter and gave him power of attorney to act for her. In 1766 Mary devised her half of the manor to Peter, with the exception of 2,000 acres that she had already conveyed to her cousins. In addition to his inherited acreage, Lawson also held a lease on an additional 603 acres. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND**

BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned 477 acres in Cecil County, 420 acres of which he leased out, 1783; deeded as a gift 450 acres of Bohemia Manor to Richard Basset, Esq., in 1785. In 1790, by court order, two parts, or one half of the 20,000-acre Bohemia Manor, was awarded to Peter. *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737–1832) received one part, and *Edward Oldham* (ca. 1756–1798) and Joseph Ensor received another part. Lawson sold a third of his two shares of the manor, or ca. 3,333 acres, in 1791. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on July 18, 1792, in Cecil County; principal heir was Richard Basset, Esq., of Delaware. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £1,249.14.3 current money (including 11 slaves). **LAND:** at least 6,667 acres in Cecil County.

LECOMPTE (LeCOMPTE, LECOUNT), JOHN (ca. 1662–1705). BORN: ca. 1662, in Dorchester County; eldest son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Dorchester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Anthony LeCompte (?–1673), who was born in Picardy, France; immigrated by 1655/56; a planter and merchant; justice of Dorchester County, 1669–1671. **MOTHER:** Esther. **STEPFATHER:** after 1674, Mark Cordea. **BROTHERS:** Moses (?–1720); Philip (?–ca. 1705); and Anthony (?–1705). **SISTERS:** Esther, who married first, Henry Fox, and second, William Skinner, Jr.; Katherine, who married first, James Collins, and second, Thomas Bruff. **MARRIED** Ann, daughter of Dr. Robert Winsmore. **CHILDREN. SONS:** John (1686–1754), a justice of Dorchester County in 1733, who married Blanche Powell; William (?–1749); *Philemon Lecompte* (ca. 1691–1769); Anthony; James (?–1777); and Robert Winsmore. **DAUGHTER:** Ann. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, probably Great Choptank Parish, Dorchester County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1701–1704. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Great Choptank Parish Vestry, 1693–1697; justice, Dorchester County, sitting 1700. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** over 500 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated June 6, 1705, in Dorchester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £105.19.6; FB, estate overpaid £11.17.4. **LAND:** 1,187 acres.

LECOMPTE (LECOMPT, LECOUNT), MOSES (ca. 1753–1801). BORN: ca. 1753 in Dorchester County; only son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: on Taylor's Island, Dorchester County.