

ported James Rumsey's efforts to build and sell his steamboat exclusively in Maryland. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £942.13.4, including 9 slaves and 112 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 2 lots in Salisbury, Somerset County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold 2 lots in Salisbury, Somerset County, 1778; purchased and patented at least 525 acres in Dorchester County, plus 1 lot in Cambridge, Dorchester County, 1780–1792; sold at least 370 acres in Dorchester County and the lot in Cambridge, 1780–1799; given unknown acreage in Virginia by his father by 1782; inherited 1,475 acres in Kentucky from his father, 1782; inherited unknown acreage in Virginia from his brother in 1787; purchased 242 acres of confiscated British property in Dorchester County, 1787; purchased and then sold 669 acres in Baltimore County and 1 lot with a house and gardens on South Street, Baltimore Town, 1793–1797; patented ca. 20,000 acres in Allegany County, 1795–1798; purchased 33 acres in Georgetown, Washington, D.C., 1795; probably purchased 2 acres in Prince George's County and 120 acres in Montgomery County, ca. 1798. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on December 25, 1800, in Washington, D.C.; interred December 26 on his farm, "Strawberry Vale," in Virginia. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$10,056.10 current money (including 23 slaves, 216 oz. plate, and 10 shares in the Potomack Bridge Company); FB, estate overpaid, \$918.61. Claims against his estate included a debt due the estate of *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722–1797) for \$6,740.68. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** In 1802, President Jefferson advised Joel Barlow, then consul to Algiers, to buy Scott's house in Georgetown: "There is a most lovely seat adjoining this city . . . now for sale. A superb house, gardens, etc. with thirty or forty acres of ground. It will be sold under circumstances of distress and will probably go for half of what it has cost. It was owned by Gustavus Scott, who is dead—a bankrupt." **LAND:** 33 acres in Washington, D.C.; ca. 242 acres in Dorchester County; 20,285 acres in Allegany County (of which 18,388 acres were sold for debts and taxes); 1,475 acres on Panther Creek, Kentucky; and an unknown number of acres in Fairfax, Stafford, Fauquier, and Loudon counties, Virginia.

**SCOTT, JOHN** (?–ca. 1682/83). **IMMIGRATED:** by 1669/70, as a free adult probably from Sarum, England. **RESIDED:** on the Gunpowder River,

Baltimore County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., by 1674. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** called John Scott of Sarum, merchant, 1669/70. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Baltimore County, 1676–1682. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 300 acres in Baltimore County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by February 17, 1682/83. **LAND:** 300 acres in Baltimore County.

**SCOTT, JOHN** (ca. 1727–1790). **BORN:** on October 10, ca. 1727, in Kent County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** George Town, Kent County, by 1756; Chestertown, Kent County, 1760 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Edward Scott (?–1729), son of *Edward Scott* (?–1725). **STEPFATHER:** Col. Joseph Nicholson (1709–ca. 1787) of Chestertown, a merchant. **MOTHER:** Hannah (1708/9–by 1772), daughter of *James Smith* (ca. 1683–1760) and wife Sarah Hynson. **BROTHER:** Edward (1726–?). **HALF BROTHERS:** *Joseph Nicholson, Jr.* (?–1786); *Benjamin Nicholson* (?–1792); Capt. James Nicholson (ca. 1736–1804), senior officer in the Continental Navy, 1778–1783; Samuel Nicholson (1743–1811), a captain in the Continental Navy, 1776–1783; Thomas Nicholson (?–1783), who married in 1774 Rachel, daughter of *John Ridgely* (by 1724–1771); and John Nicholson, a captain in the Continental Navy. **HALF SISTER:** Elizabeth Nicholson, who married Charles Gordon (?–1787). **OTHER KINSHIP:** great-uncles, *John Hynson* (ca. 1670–1708) and *Nathaniel Hynson* (?–1721/22); great-grandfather, *John Hynson* (?–1705). **MARRIED** first, Elizabeth, daughter of *James Calder* (ca. 1695–1755) and wife Katherine Murray. Her brothers were James (?–1766); Alexander. Her sisters were Sarah; Ann. **MARRIED** second, Mary (?–by 1785). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** James; John, who married Elizabeth Goodwin, daughter of Lyde Goodwin (1718–1755) and wife Pleasance Ridgely Goodwin (1724–1755), and niece of *John Ridgely* (by 1724–1771). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Chester Parish, Kent County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1761; Esq., by 1784. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** physician; planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1784 (Claims). **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** naval officer, 8th District, 1785—at least 1789. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Kent County, 1777—at least 1780, 1782–1790; justice, Orphans' Court, Kent County, 1778—at least 1780, 1782–1790; Chester Parish Vestry, Kent County,