

that otherwise he "must go into gaol at a very advanced age" even though his troubles were not "Extravagance or Misconduct but the Times." His schedule of personal property included books and surveying instruments. ANNUAL INCOME: at least £90.0.0 per year in rent from lots in Baltimore Town, 1787. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 79 acres in Baltimore County (all through purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 308 acres in Baltimore County in 1777, but sold all of his Baltimore County land in 1780; took 99-year leases on numerous lots in Baltimore Town in 1782 and 1783, and agreed to build houses on many of them; purchased an additional 11 acres in Baltimore Town, which had been divided into lots, in 1782; sublet, leased out, mortgaged, or released his claim on most of his Baltimore Town lots, 1783–1786. Shepherd's schedule of property at the time of his insolvency petition listed lands in Kentucky, a house and lot on Market Street in Baltimore Town, and an unspecified number of additional lots in Baltimore Town, some subject to ground rents. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 12, 1787, in Baltimore Town. Shepherd's obituary described him as "A gentleman of an amiable benevolent Disposition, and whose Probity and Patriotism justly gained him the confidence and Applause of his countrymen. . . ."

SHEREDINE (SHERRIDINE), THOMAS (1699–1752). BORN: in 1699, in Calvert County; only son of father. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Calvert County; moved to Baltimore County ca. 1719, and lived near the head of Back River on "Kingsbury." FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Daniel Sheredine (?–1700), son of Thomas Sheredine (?–1677). STEPFATHER: *John Smith* (?–1738). MOTHER: Sarah (?–1747). HALF BROTHER: John Smith (ca. 1719–1759). SISTER: Elizabeth. HALF SISTER: Sarah Smith, who married second, *Joseph Hall* (ca. 1701–?). STEPSISTERS: Rachel Smith, who married *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710–1785); Jane Smith (?–by 1738), who married (first name unknown) Holland. MARRIED between August 25, 1718, and January 3, 1718/19, Tabitha (ca. 1691–1769), widow of William Mills (?–1718) of Prince George's County. CHILDREN. SONS: Daniel (ca. 1724–1749); Thomas (1726–1769), who married Ann Cromwell; William Mills (1734–died young); Jeremiah (?–1775), who married Cassandra and died in Harford County, and *Upton Sheredine* (1740–1800). DAUGHTERS: Sarah (ca. 1721–?), who married ca. 1739 William Hammond (1702–

1752); Elizabeth (1728–died young); Elizabeth (1730–?), who married (first name unknown) Paca; Ann (1732–?), who married (first name unknown) Cary; and Tabitha, who married first, (first name unknown) Richardson, and second, (first name unknown) Dorsey. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1730; Esq., by 1748. Sheredine probably had a close personal relationship with his stepfather *John Smith* (?–1738), and Smith was an important asset to his social status and career. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter; involved in the iron industry. Sheredine described himself as a merchant as early as November 1720, when he recorded his power of attorney for the Baltimore County affairs of *John Smith* (?–1738). Much of the land he purchased in Baltimore County had iron deposits and apparently Sheredine was mining them, although there is no mention of a furnace or forge on the property. By June 1734, Sheredine was in some financial difficulty and mortgaged his personal property, including "Iron Bar," to secure a bond required by his dealings with a London merchant. Later that year he sold most of his land and the mineral rights to his home plantation to the Principio Ironworks Company for £800.0.0 sterling. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1725 (declared not eligible for election to the 1725–1727 Assembly because he was undersheriff of Baltimore County at the time of his election, dismissed on October 12, 1725), 1732–1734, 1734/35–1737, 1738 (Accounts), 1739–1741 (Accounts Cv–3; Bills of Credit 1–3), 1742–1744 (Accounts 1, 2; Bills of Credit 1, 2), 1745 (Accounts; Bills of Credit), 1745/46–1748 (Accounts Cv 1, 1–3, 4; Bills of Credit Cv 1, 3, 4), 1749–1750 (Accounts Cv–2; Bills of Credit Cv–2; elected sheriff of Baltimore County before the 3rd session of the 1749–1751 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, 1722–1725, 1726–1729, 1730–1732, 1734–1737; deputy commissary general, Baltimore County, by 1723/24, out of office by 1733; deputy sheriff, Baltimore County, appointed 1724; sheriff, Baltimore County, 1727–1730, 1750–death; justice, Baltimore County, 1730–1745, 1747–1750 (quorum, 1733–1745, 1747–1750); commissioner, Jones Town, Baltimore County, appointed 1732; commissioner, Baltimore Town, Baltimore County, 1745–1750; justice, Especial Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Baltimore County, appointed 1746, 1748, in office 1750/51 (quorum,