

bly). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: surveyor general, 1694; chief justice, Provincial Court, 1694–1699; commissary general, 1697 (appointed, but never served); Council, 1699–1706/7. LOCAL OFFICES: clerk of Indictments, Talbot County, 1688; His Lordship's Attorney, Kent and Talbot counties, 1688; justice, Talbot County, 1692–1694 (quorum). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: supported Revolution of Protestant Associators in 1689; enjoyed considerable support and patronage from Gov. *Francis Nicholson* (1655–1727/28). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3,877 acres in Talbot (now Queen Anne's) County (acquired 7,100 acres by patent and 1,765 by purchase; sold ca. 5,000 acres before his first election). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 4,275 acres, purchased 13,000 acres, and sold 11,000 acres in Talbot and Kent counties. Most of this land was located on the south side of the Chester River. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated March 18, 1706/7, in both Talbot and Queen Anne's counties. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,354.3.1 (including 17 slaves); FB, estate overpaid £1,109.19.6. LAND: will mentioned bequests of 1,000 acres of land to each of his brother's children in England; 3 other tracts, totalling 1,850 acres, were named in the will and several additional bequests of unknown acreage were made. At least 5,515 acres were sold within four years of Smith's death by his executors. IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS. It is possible, but not likely, that there were two Robert Smiths: 1) the man who was a tenant in possession of "Hinson's Addition" in 1677, married the widow Hynson, and was the merchant whose ship was seized; 2) the man who was admitted to the Kent and Talbot County courts as a lawyer, later a justice and burgess. However, analysis of Robert Smith's land holdings seems to indicate that the Robert Smith who married Anne, the widow of Thomas Hynson, was the same Robert Smith who owned several thousand acres of land along the Chester River and served as justice and burgess of Talbot County.

SMITH, SAMUEL (1695–1748). BORN: on May 14, 1695, in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County; only son of father. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Anthony Smith (?–1711) of Anne Arundel County, Gent.; a merchant, who was transported ca. 1678. MOTHER: Dinah (?–1698), widow of Thomas

Knighton (?–by 1695), daughter of Ferdinando Battee (?–1706) and his first wife (name unknown), stepdaughter of Elizabeth Battee Hood (?–1718). STEPMOTHER: by 1701, Johanna Hull, who subsequently married in 1712 Alexander Rosenquist (?–ca. 1746). HALF BROTHERS: Thomas Knighton, who married in 1700 Dorothy Wood; George Knighton. HALF SISTERS: Mary Knighton, who probably married first, Richard Harwood (?–1711), and second, Joseph Jones (?–1733); Elizabeth Knighton, who probably married George Simmons; Millicent Knighton; and probably Sarah Knighton. MARRIED on January 27, 1714/15, Elizabeth, baptised 1701, daughter of John Watkins (?–1697) and wife Ann (ca. 1670–1742); stepdaughter of both William Burgess (?–1698) and *Richard Jones* (ca. 1671–1714). Elizabeth was the granddaughter of *Nicholas Gassaway* (1634–1691/92). She was the half niece of *Thomas Gassaway* (1683/84–1739). Her brothers were Gassaway (?–1746); Nicholas; and John (?–1743), who married Mary (?–1768). Her half sisters were Ann Jones (1700/1–?); Jane Jones (1703–1704). Her first cousin was Sarah Cotter (1701/2–?), who married *John Gassaway* (1707–1762). CHILDREN. SONS: Samuel (1722–?), who married his cousin Ann Watkins; John (1726–?) of Cecil County; and Anthony (1727–?), who married his cousin Jane Watkins. DAUGHTERS: Ann (1717–?); Elizabeth (?–1733); Dinah (1730–?); Jane (1734–?); and Elizabeth (1738–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County; clerk of St. James' Parish Vestry, by 1716–1742. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1721; Esq., by 1743. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1738 (Accounts). LOCAL OFFICES: overseer of highways, West River Hundred, Anne Arundel County, in office 1717; churchwarden, St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County, 1718–1719; justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer, Anne Arundel County, 1720; justice, Anne Arundel County, 1720—at least 1723 (no records, 1724–1732), 1738–1742, 1746–1747 (quorum, 1738–1739, 1741, 1746–1747); St. James' Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1729–1732; sheriff, Anne Arundel County, 1742–1745. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: accepted 4 slaves, livestock, household goods, and plate as security for £227.0.0 current money lent to Alexander Rosenquist, 1744. ANNUAL INCOME: received 1,000 lb. tobacco as clerk of St. James' Parish Vestry. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least