

ATION: Anglican; Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1739; Esq., by 1748. His obituary describes him as "greatly beloved, not only in his own county, but by all who knew him." OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant, by 1741/42, in partnership with Joseph Belt, Jr. (ca. 1717-1761) and Thomas Clark (?-1766) trading with merchants in England and Philadelphia. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1739-1741 (Aggravances 1-3), 1742-1744 (Aggravances 1, 2), 1745 (Aggravances). LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County, 1733, 1745; Queen Anne Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, 1734-1736, 1742-1744; commissioner to erect town of Bladensburg, Prince George's County, appointed 1742; sheriff, Prince George's County, 1747-death. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,670 acres in Prince George's County (at least 525 acres from his father as a gift, 1722; 600 acres by purchase; 545 acres by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 100 acres in 1741/42 and 495 acres in 1747, all part of the same tract in Prince George's County; sold and gave away 500 acres in Prince George's County, 1741-1745; with a partner purchased 1,185 acres in Prince George's County, 1746, and received half of 150 acres in Frederick County as security for a loan, 1749. Much of Sprigg's land was located in that part of Prince George's County that became Frederick County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on January 8, 1749/50, in Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, 281,976 pounds tobacco, £161.16.9 sterling, £2,488.0.11 current money (including 30 slaves, 4 servants, 64 oz. plate, books, maps, and one-third of the assets of the partnership with Belt and Clark); FB, estate overpaid £1,669.0.5 current money. LAND: ca. 2,214 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties. Over 1,700 acres were sold after Sprigg's death to pay his creditors.

SPRIGG, OSBORN (ca. 1741-1815). BORN: ca. 1741, probably at "Northampton," Prince George's County; second son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: at "Northampton," Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1707-1749/50), son of *Thomas Sprigg* (by 1670-by 1739). MOTHER: Rachel (1711-?), daughter of *Joseph Belt* (ca. 1680-1761). UNCLE: *Edward Sprigg* (1697-1751). AUNTS: Priscilla Sprigg, who married *Ralph Crabb* (?-1733/34);

Elizabeth Sprigg, who married *Turner Wootten* (ca. 1695-1760); and Mary Belt (1722-?), who married second, *Edward Sprigg* (1697-1751). BROTHERS: *Joseph Sprigg* (1736-1800); *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747-1809). SISTERS: Lucy (ca. 1728-?); Esther (1730/31-?); Rachel (1733-1808); Priscilla (1735-?); Elizabeth; and Anne. HALF SISTER: Margaret (ca. 1726-1804), who married in 1745 *William Bowie* (1721-1791). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Sprigg* (1715-1781); *Edward Sprigg* (ca. 1721-1790); *Edward Sprigg* (1723-1758); *Henry Wright Crabb* (1722/23-1764); *Francis King* (1724/25-1771); *Thomas Sprigg Wootten* (?-1789); and Elizabeth Belt (?-1808), who probably married *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1747-1809). NIECE: Lucy Harwood, who married second, *Richard Harwood* (1738-1826). MARRIED first, in 1771, Martha (?-1778), widow of both William Hamilton (?-1759) and Charles Clark (?-1767), daughter of David Crauford (?-1749) of Prince George's County, a merchant, and wife Mary (?-1794). Her brother was *David Crauford* (ca. 1738-1801). Her sister was Mary, who married (first name unknown) Parker. MARRIED second, in 1779, Sarah, probably the daughter of *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785) and his second wife Eleanor Hilleary (?-1787). Sarah was probably the granddaughter of *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). She was the niece of *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807); *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783); and Ann Gantt, who married *John Brome* (1703-1748). Her brothers were probably Levi; *Erasmus Gantt* (?-?); and Fielder. Her half brothers were probably *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808); Edward (ca. 1741-1837); and John (1740-?). Her sisters were probably Priscilla (?-ca. 1784); Ann; and Elizabeth. Her half sister was probably Rachel (?-1793), who married *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783). Her first cousins were probably Ann Gantt, who married *Thomas Harwood, 3rd* (by 1757-by 1805); *Thomas Gantt* (?-ca. 1802). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Sarah may have been the daughter of Eleanor Hilleary by a previous marriage. CHILDREN. STEPSONS: *Thomas Clark* (ca. 1760-1796); David Clark (ca. 1766-1792), a physician, who married in 1788 Eleanor Hall, daughter of *Benjamin Hall, of Francis* (?-1803). STEPDAUGHTER: Wilhelmina Hamilton (ca. 1759-?), who married in 1780 Edward Nicholls. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1778; Esq., by 1782. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 1st, 1774, 2nd-3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776,