

home plantation was sold immediately after his death to pay creditors.

WEEMS, JOHN (1737–1813). BORN: in 1737, in Calvert County, probably youngest son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in the Second District, Calvert County; Anne Arundel County by 1796; Louisville, Kentucky, after ca. 1812. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *James Weems* (ca. 1707–1781). MOTHER: Sarah Parker Stoddert. STEP-MOTHER: by 1749 Mary (?–1769), widow of both (first name unknown) Wheeler and Thomas Crompton (Compton). HALF UNCLE: *James John Mackall* (1717–1772). BROTHERS: William Loch (?–1783); James. SISTERS: Susannah, who married Roger Wheeler (?–1763); Sarah (?–1763), who married in 1763 *Samuel Chew* (1737–1790); and Margaret (?–1783), who married second, *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800). FIRST COUSIN: *John Weems* (1727–1794). NIECE: Sarah Wheeler (ca. 1754–ca. 1804), who married *William Allein* (ca. 1742–ca. 1802). MARRIED first, possibly Ann Compton. MARRIED second, Elizabeth (ca. 1766–1784), daughter of William Miller, a merchant of Philadelphia. MARRIED third, in 1788, Alice (?–1789), daughter of *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707–1787) and granddaughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744). Her uncles were *Francis Lee* (?–1749); *Arthur Lee* (?–1760). Her brothers were Richard, Jr. (?–1834); *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738–1778). Her sisters were Sarah (?–1761), who married *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Hannah (?–1763), who married *George Plater* (1735–1792); and Eleanor Ann (?–1806). Her first cousins were *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745–1819); *Philip Richard Fendall* (?–?); Sarah Fendall (1732–1793), who married *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811); *Richard Potts* (1753–1808); Rebecca Potts, who married *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745–by 1810); and Sarah Potts, who married *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?–1808). MARRIED fourth, ca. 1792, Mary (surname unknown). CHILDREN. SONS: at least 6, including James; William Loch; John Compton (1778–1862), a member of U.S. House of Representatives, 1826 to 1829, who married Elizabeth, daughter of *John Lee Webster* (ca. 1735–1795); and George Washington. DAUGHTERS: at least 6, including Mary, who married the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Wharton (1748–1833); Sarah Margaret, who married in 1782 Philip Thomas. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1785. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Calvert County, 1771, 1773–1774 (Accounts 2, 3;

Arms and Ammunition 2, 3); Conventions, Calvert County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775; Lower House, Calvert County, 1782–1783, 1784. LOCAL OFFICE: sheriff, Calvert County, 1766–1769. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,742.16.8, including 35 slaves and 80 oz. plate, 1783. Gave son John Compton 20 slaves, 1792, and 15 slaves, 1795. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 625 acres in Calvert County (probably all by personal acquisition). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 216 acres in Calvert County by 1774. Under the terms of his father's will, John was to inherit land in Anne Arundel County devised to James by his uncle, Dr. William Loch, and 1 lot in Huntingtown, Calvert County. Ownership of the Loch land had been in litigation for many years and James's will specified that John use money from his estate to settle the case. The litigants finally reached a compromise in the early 1780s. John paid Loch's grandson, William Loch Chew, £1,823.3.6 current money for the rights to the property in question and then John and his cousin *John Weems* (1727–1794) divided the land between them with John of Calvert County getting 373 acres. In 1783, John was charged with 355 acres of the Anne Arundel County land (the final adjustments to Dr. Loch's land not having been completed), as well as 1,195 acres in Calvert County. He purchased 600 acres in Calvert County in 1792, but sold it 3 years later. In 1792 and 1796 he gave his son John Compton the Anne Arundel County land. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on September 7, 1813, at his residence near Louisville, Kentucky. LAND: possibly ca. 1,000 acres in Calvert County and property in Kentucky.

WELLS, GEORGE (?–1696). BORN: probably in Virginia; probably third son. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1652 as a minor with his parents from Charles City County, Virginia. RESIDED: in Herring Creek Hundred, Anne Arundel County; Baltimore County by 1672. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Richard Wells* (?–1667). MOTHER: Frances. BROTHERS: Richard; Benjamin; John; Robert; and William. SISTERS: Anne (?–by 1675), who married *John Stansby* (?–ca. 1682/83); Mary (?–1699), who married first, *Thomas Stockett* (?–1671); Martha; Frances; and Elizabeth. MARRIED by 1671 Blanche (?–1704), daughter of *Samuel Goldsmith* (?–1671) and wife Johanna. Her sisters were Elizabeth; Susanna, who married first, *George Utie* (?–1678). CHILDREN. SONS: Benjamin (?–by 1702);