

County. **MARRIED** first, Mary. **MARRIED** second, Elizabeth. She subsequently married ca. 1664 Thomas Wynn. **CHILDREN.** SON: Philip. **DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth; Grace. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Catholic. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** called servant of *Leonard Calvert* (ca. 1606–1647), but probably his assistant, 1644; left Maryland briefly with Calvert in 1646 and then assisted him in regaining the province; steadily acquired property after 1653; Mr., by 1650. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1658, St. Mary's County, 1662. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, St. Mary's County, 1658–1662; sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1662–1663. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 850 acres in St. Mary's and Charles counties. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired 500 acres in Charles County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated on September 5, 1663, in St. Mary's County. LAND: ca. 1,350 acres in St. Mary's and Charles counties.

WILLIAMS, ELISHA (1735–?). **BORN:** in 1735 in Prince George's (later became part of Frederick) County; probably fourth son. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Sugarland Hundred, Frederick (later became part of Montgomery) County, 1776. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Thomas Williams (1693–1749) of Prince George's County, son of Baruch Williams and wife Eleanor Hilleary. MOTHER: Eleanor Prather (ca. 1699–after 1749), daughter of Thomas Prather and wife Martha Sprigg, stepdaughter of (first name unknown) Yoakley of Charles County. **UNCLE:** *John Smith Prather* (1706–1763). **BROTHERS:** Walter; William (probably by 1732–1769), who married Barbara (surname unknown); Thomas (1748–1785), Prince George's County tax collector, commissioned in 1776 as a colonel of the 25th Battalion of Prince George's County; and Baruch, who married Lucy Sprigg. **SISTERS:** Martha; Elizabeth; Elinor, who married Richard Duckett; and Mary. **MARRIED** by 1759 Ann (1736–after 1778). **CHILDREN.** SONS: John (1762–?); Thomas (1764–?); Jarred (1766–?); and Elisha (1770–?). **DAUGHTERS:** Hazel (1758–?); Mary (1759–?); and Martha (1773–?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Prince George's Parish, Frederick (later Montgomery) County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1778. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** carpenter in 1761; planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERV-

ICE: 9th Convention, Frederick County, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776, because the Frederick County election judges were appointed by a county commission contrary to the resolves of the 8th Convention; subsequently reelected and seated); Lower House, Montgomery County, 1777, 1777–1778. **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, Montgomery County, appointed 1777, 1778. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, Seventh Regiment, commissioned December 10, 1776, resigned November 28, 1778. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** signed a petition ca. 1758 as a member of Prince George's Parish in Frederick County requesting an act to divide the parish; contributed £600.0.0 in September 1776 to raise militia for a company in the Lower District of Frederick County, subscribed an additional £150.0.0 in January 1777. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 719 acres in Frederick (later became Montgomery) County. Patented in the early 1760s ca. 1,561 acres (including ca. 303 acres, half of a tract he held with his brother), and purchased 341 acres. Subsequently sold 1,183 acres in moderate sized tracts with nearly all of the transactions being concluded in the 1760s. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold at least 657 acres in Montgomery County, 1778. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: after 1778; size of estate unknown. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** By November 1778, Elisha had sold virtually all of his land and does not appear again in Maryland records. There is a strong possibility that he may have joined other family members out of the state. His cousin, Thomas Prather, settled in Louisville, Kentucky, and became a merchant by 1794; Prather became known for his philanthropies and is said to have been one of the first millionaires of his time. An uncle, Philip Prather, settled in Guilford County, North Carolina, in 1756.

WILLIAMS, JOHN (1739–1797). **BORN:** on May 28, 1739, in Coventry Parish, Somerset County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Great Annessex Hundred, Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Capt. John Williams, Sr., (?–1760) of Somerset County. MOTHER: Elizabeth Polk (?–1775). **BROTHERS:** Josiah (1742–?); Benjamin (1747–?); Jacob; and Samuel. **SISTERS:** Priscilla (1733/34–?), who married in 1762 Samuel Curtis; Mary (1736/37–?), who married by 1760 William Polk; and Hannah, who married by 1760 (first name unknown) Hirmerson (Hermison, Harman). **FIRST COUSIN:** *William Strawbridge* (?–by 1796). **MARRIED** Eliza-