

**ABBOTT, JOHN** (?-?). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1631, probably as a servant or employee of Cloberry & Company. RESIDED: on Kent Island. PRIVATE CAREER. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: probably left the colony in the 1640s after Ingle's Rebellion. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: indentured servant or employee of Cloberry & Company, 1631; laborer, 1633; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, Kent County, 1640. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Kent County, 1645/46. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 40 acres; patented an additional 200 acres in 1644.

**ABELL, SAMUEL** (ca. 1677-1762). BORN: in 1675 or 1678 in St. Mary's County; elder son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: on Beaverdam Manor, St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Samuel Abell (?-1698), son of Capt. Robert Abell (1628-?). MOTHER: Ann. BROTHER: John (1680-1746). MARRIED ca. 1704 Winifred Hall (?-1754). CHILDREN. SONS: Samuel, Jr. (ca. 1719-1777); John (ca. 1721-?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1745. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 196 acres of manor land in St. Mary's County held under lease from the proprietor. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: leased an additional 76 acres of Beaverdam Manor, St. Mary's County, in 1762. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1762 in St. Mary's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £217.3.3 current money (including 4 slaves); FB, £170.17.8. LAND: leases on ca. 272 acres in St. Mary's County.

**ABELL, SAMUEL, JR.** (1755-ca. 1801). BORN: on January 13, 1755, in St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County; second son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Lower Resurrection Hundred, St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Samuel Abell, Jr. (ca. 1719-1777), son of *Samuel Abell* (ca. 1677-1762). MOTHER: Eleanor Bryan. BROTHERS: Philip (1741-1772); Robert (1757-1802), a member of the Constitutional Convention from Kentucky in 1788; and Abner (1759-?). SISTERS: Mary (?-1815), who married Ignatius Abell; Dorothy, who married (first name unknown) Winsor; Winifred, who married Benjamin Morgan; Alethia, who married (first name unknown) Spalding; and Eleanor. MARRIED Mary (?-

1813). CHILDREN. Probably none who survived. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1785. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter; owned water mills inherited from his father. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1786-1787, 1787-1788, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1782-1785, 1794-1797; tobacco inspector, Leonardtown warehouse, St. Mary's County, in office 1786-at least 1788; justice, St. Mary's County, 1792-1794, 1797-1801. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 12 slaves, 1790; 11 slaves, 1794; 10 slaves, 1796 and 1801; 4 oz. plate, 1801. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 351 acres of manor land in St. Mary's County leased before the Revolution and purchased by Abell as confiscated British property in 1782. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: probably purchased 61 acres in St. Mary's County shortly before his death. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: inventory filed in December 1801 in St. Mary's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least \$1,840.41 current money (including 7 slaves and 4 oz. plate). LAND: probably 412 acres in St. Mary's County.

**ADAIR, ROBERT** (?-1768). BORN: in Calvert County, of age by 1745. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore Town, by 1751. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Alexander Adair (?-1740), a surgeon, of Calvert and Kent counties. MOTHER: Christian (?-1766), daughter of Thomas Sterling, of Calvert County. SISTERS: Cassandra, who married John Moore, of Kent County; Elizabeth. MARRIED Martha. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1750; Mr. and Esq. at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1768 (election of entire county delegation voided on June 14, 1768, because of "treating of voters"). LOCAL OFFICES: St. James' Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, in office 1755-1758; churchwarden, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, in office 1764-1765, 1768-1769; sheriff, Baltimore County, 1764-at least 1766; justice, Baltimore County, 1752-1767 (quorum, 1754-1767); commissioner to build Baltimore County courthouse, appointed 1768; commissioner, Baltimore Town, in office 1768. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 800 acres in Baltimore and Kent counties, plus 2 lots in Baltimore Town. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on