

October 22, 1768, in Baltimore Town. LAND: at least 800 acres in Baltimore and Kent counties, plus 2 lots in Baltimore Town.

**ADAMS, HENRY** (?-1686). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1639 as an indentured servant to *Thomas Greene* (?-ca. 1651/52). RESIDED: in St. Mary's County; Port Tobacco, Charles County, by 1650. MARRIED by 1658 Mary (1637-?), daughter of John Cockshutt and wife Jane (1612-?); stepdaughter of *Robert Clarke* (ca. 1611-1664). Her half brother was *Ignatius Causine* (ca. 1642-1695). Her sister was Jane, who married *Thomas Mathews* (ca. 1622-1675/76). CHILDREN. Probably died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr. by 1658; first appointment to the bench followed his marriage. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: servant, free by 1647; probably worked for Margaret Brent in 1647; planter, 1649; merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1661, 1663, 1671-1674/75 (Accounts 2; Laws 3), 1676-1682, 1682-1684. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Charles County, 1658-1665, 1667-1685 (quorum, 1667-1685); sheriff, Charles County, 1665-1666. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: probably forced into temporary exile during Ingle's Rebellion, returning ca. 1647. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: claimed rights to 50 acres in 1654; acquired at least 600 acres through his marriage. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on July 4, 1686. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £569.15.7 sterling (including 1 slave, 5 servants, and 28 books). LAND: 800 acres.

**ADAMS, JOHN** (?-?). BORN: by 1730 in Somerset County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Wicomico District, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Rev. Alexander Adams (ca. 1679-1769), who immigrated from England in 1704 and served as rector of Stepney Parish, Somerset County from 1704 to 1769. MOTHER: Sarah, daughter of Samuel Horsey and wife Ann. BROTHERS: James Alexander (?-by 1741); Rev. Alexander, Jr. (ca. 1725-1767), who was ordained in London, England, on December 21, 1748, and was rector of St. James Parish at Herring Creek, Anne Arundel County from 1748 to 1767 and who married on May 19, 1745, Sarah Jones (?-ca. 1782); *William Adams* (?-1795); George (?-by 1801); Samuel (?-by 1796), who married Rebecka Whittington; Stephen (?-by 1801); Andrew, who married in 1759 Mary Whittingham; and Henry Smith

(1739—probably by 1769). NIECE: (first name unknown) Adams, who married *William Horsey* (ca. 1745-1786). MARRIED on February 14, 1760, Sarah Piper, widow of Clement Dashiell. CHILDREN. SONS: John (1760-?); William (1765-?). STEP-DAUGHTER: Ann Dashiell (1751-1778), who married William Dixon. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter; obtained the right to build a water mill, 1763. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1762-1763 (Grievances 2), 1765-1766 (Grievances 2, 3), 1771; Conventions, Somerset County, 6th-8th, 1775-1776 (did not attend the 7th Convention). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Somerset County, 1766—at least 1777 (quorum, 1768—at least 1777); justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Somerset County, commissioned 1772; justice, Orphans' Court, Somerset County, commissioned 1777; commissioner of tax, Somerset County, 1777—at least 1783; judge, court of appeals, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, Somerset County, appointed 1778. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1763. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited £239.16.6 from his father, 1774; assessed value £1,065.0.0, including 19 slaves, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,022 acres in Somerset County (185 acres were a gift from his father; 837 acres by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned 1,746 acres in Somerset County, 1783. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: after 1783, possibly by 1796; size of estate unknown.

**ADAMS (ADDAMS), PETER** (?-1785). RESIDED: in Great Choptank Hundred, Caroline County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. BROTHER: William Adams (?-by 1788), of Caroline County. OTHER KINSHIP: William Adams, Jr., and Anne Adams are listed as his nearest kin in his inventory. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: possibly a merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Caroline County, 5th, 1775. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, militia, elected by the battalion on January 2, 1776; captain, Smallwood Maryland Regiment, 1776; major, Seventh Maryland Regiment, 1777; lieutenant colonel, 1777; lieutenant colonel-commandant, First Maryland Regiment, 1779, transferred to Third Maryland Regiment in 1781 and served until 1783. In 1781 William Smallwood wrote to Gov. Thomas Sim Lee complaining that Col. Adams was "commonly activated by avarice