

and invincible obstinacy," and that he refused to obey orders. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** in September 1782 he purchased two lots on Monocacy Manor in Frederick County, one containing 182 acres and the other 133 acres, which had been sold as confiscated British property. In November 1782 he wrote the intendant complaining that the lots he had purchased did not agree with the description given of them at the time of the auction. Adams claimed he had been deceived and his request that the sale be voided was granted with respect to the 133-acre tract; purchased 14 acres in Caroline County, 1783. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on September 5, 1785, in Caroline County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £908.12.6 current money (including 1 slave and books), received by his brother William Adams, the executor and sole legatee, and "in no way accounted for." **LAND:** 14 acres in Caroline County; possibly still owned 182 acres in Frederick County. As an officer, Col. Adams was entitled to 400 acres west of Fort Cumberland, Allegany County.

ADAMS, THOMAS (ca. 1611–1641/42). **BORN:** ca. 1611, probably in England. **IMMIGRATED:** by 1636 as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in Kent County. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** bookkeeper for Cloberry & Company, 1636; Indian trader. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Assembly, Kent County, 1640–1641. **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, Kent County, 1640/41. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** censured by the Assembly in October 1640 "for some indecent speeches touching the Lord Proprietor." **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** had surveyed 1,000 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** by March 26, 1642; size of estate unknown.

ADAMS, WILLIAM (?–1795). **BORN:** in Somerset County. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** District 1, Wicomico Hundred, Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Rev. Alexander Adams (ca. 1679–1769), rector of Stepney Parish, Somerset County from 1704 to 1769, immigrated from England in 1704. **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); *John*

Adams (?–?); George (?–by 1801); Samuel (?–by 1796), who married in 1756 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** first, by 1763 Leah (?–probably by 1773). **MARRIED** second, Ann (?–ca. 1801), who subsequently married by February 1797 William Cottman. **CHILDREN.** None surviving. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1783; Esq. at death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter; owned a mill. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Somerset County, 1762–1763 (Arms and Ammunition 2), 1765–1766 (Arms and Ammunition 2, 4), 1770 (elected to the 3rd session to fill vacancy); Conventions, Somerset County, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (did not attend the 7th Convention); Lower House, Somerset County, 1785, 1786–1787, 1787–1788. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Somerset County, 1763–1775; Maryland Senate elector, Somerset County, elected 1786. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** inherited £239.16.7 from his father, 1774. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 929 acres in Somerset County (at least 200 acres were a gift from his father in 1750). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold 200 acres in Somerset County in 1763. Patented a 879-acre tract in Somerset County in 1764, but had divided and sold all of it by 1783. Inherited at least 393 acres in Somerset County from his father's estate, 1769. Patented 1 acre in Salisbury, Somerset County (later became part of Wicomico County) with *William Horsey* (ca. 1745–1786) in 1771. In 1771 and 1773 he executed bonds to convey 700 acres in Somerset County, plus a 25-acre tract in that county that he had patented in 1772. Purchased 3 lots in Annapolis in 1772 and built a large brick house attributed to architect William Buckland. The house and 2 lots were leased out for 12 years in 1786. Adams purchased ca. 62 acres in Somerset County in 1783 and was assessed that year for a total of 437 acres in Somerset County. In 1792 he purchased land on Great Devil's Island (now Deal Island in Somerset County) to which he added 139 acres of vacant land and patented it in 1793 into a 558-acre tract. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** in 1795 in Somerset County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £3,966.17.8, plus \$1,669.53; FB, £3,817.14.0, plus \$1,312.68. **LAND:** 1,015 acres in Somerset County, plus a dwelling house and lot in Princess Anne, Somerset County, and 3 lots, plus a large brick