

lawyer; acting attorney general, 1691–1692; collector of Patuxent, 1691–1696; receiver general, 1693–1696; naval officer of Patuxent, 1693–1694, 1698–1707; receiver for Patuxent and Pocomoke, 1696–1697. **STEPFATHER:** *John Rousby* (1685–1744). **MOTHER:** Ann (?–ca. 1717), widow of Robert Doyne (?–1689) of Charles County, daughter of *Thomas Burford* (?–1686/87) and wife Ann (?–1700). **STEPBROTHER:** John Rousby (1728–1750/51), who married Ann (1727–1793), daughter of *Peregrine Frisby* (1688–1739). **SISTER:** Anne, who possibly married by 1751 *Charles Carroll* (1691–1755). **HALF OR STEPSISTERS:** Gertrude Rousby (?–ca. 1770), who married in 1746 *Robert Jenkins Henry* (ca. 1712–1766); Elizabeth Rousby, who married *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778). **STEP-SISTER:** Ann Rousby (1721–1769), who married *Edward Lloyd* (1711–1770). **MARRIED** first, on June 10, 1729, Rebecca (1703–?), widow of *James Bowles* (?–ca. 1727/28); daughter of *Thomas Addison* (1679–1727) and wife Elizabeth Tasker (1686–1706/7); stepdaughter of Eleanor (1689–1761), daughter of *Walter Smith* (?–1711); granddaughter of both *John Addison* (?–ca. 1705/6) and *Thomas Tasker* (?–1700). Rebecca was the niece of *Benjamin Tasker* (ca. 1690–1768). Her half brothers were *John Addison* (1713–1764); Henry; Thomas; and Anthony. Her sister was Elinor (1705–?), who married fourth, *Corbin Lee* (?–1774). Her half sister was Ann (1711/12–1753), who married *William Murdock* (ca. 1710–1769). **MARRIED** second, on June 25, 1749, Elizabeth (?–1750), widow of Capt. James Carpenter of Annapolis. **CHILDREN. SONS:** *George Plater* (1735–1792); Thomas Addison (1738–died young). **DAUGHTERS:** Rebecca (1731–1787), who married on July 11, 1747, John Tayloe (1721–1779) of “Mt. Airy,” Richmond County, Virginia, a member of the Council of Virginia; Anne (1732–died young); and Elizabeth (1742–?). **STEPDAUGHTERS:** Elinor Bowles, who married William Gooch, son of William Gooch (1681–1751), governor of Virginia, 1727–1749; Mary Bowles, who married William Armistead, Esq., of Gloucester County, Virginia; and Jane Bowles, who married Ralph Wormley, Esq., of Middlesex County, Virginia. **WARDS:** Anne (1726–by 1748) and Elizabeth (1729/30–1798), daughters of *Charles Calvert* (?–1733/34). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** attended the Inner Temple. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Anne’s Parish, Anne Arundel County; All Faith Parish, St. Mary’s County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1717; Hon., by 1749. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the

following courts: Provincial Court in April 1723; Chancery Court by May 1723; Baltimore County in June 1723; Prince George’s County in March 1723; planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Upper House, 1732–1734, 1734/35–1737 (Bills of Credit Cv, 2), 1738, 1739–1741, 1742–1744 (Bills of Credit 2) 1745, 1745/46–1748, 1749–1751, 1751–1754, 1754–1755 (died before the 3rd session of the 1754–1757 Assembly). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** clerk, Prerogative Court, 1723–1729; clerk, Council, 1724–1728/29; collector of Pocomoke, January–August 1729; naval officer of Patuxent, 1729–1755; justice, Provincial Court, commissioned 1729, 1730, and 1731; Council, 1732–1755 (qualified on April 18, 1732); commissioner to establish boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, appointed 1750; deputy secretary of Maryland, March–May 1755. **LOCAL OFFICES:** churchwarden, St. Anne’s Parish, Anne Arundel County, 1728–1729; All Faith Parish Vestry, St. Mary’s County, 1731–1734, 1750–1753; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, St. Mary’s County, commissioned 1754. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, St. Mary’s County Militia, by 1748. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 2,000 acres in Dorchester, St. Mary’s, and Calvert counties, 1 lot and house in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, and 1 lot in Benedict Town, Charles County (ca. 1,600 acres and the lot and house in Annapolis acquired by patent and purchase, 1725–1728; ca. 400 acres and the lot in Benedict Town probably inherited by 1717). Plater had previously sold ca. 1,400 acres in Dorchester and Calvert counties, probably all inherited. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired by purchase and inheritance ca. 13,000 acres in St. Mary’s, Kent, Baltimore, Dorchester, Prince George’s and Frederick counties, 1 lot and house in Leonardtown, St. Mary’s County, and 1 lot in Londontown, Anne Arundel County, 1734–1755; sold ca. 1,000 acres in Kent and Calvert counties, 1 lot in Londontown, and 1 lot in Benedict Town, 1746–1753. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on May 17, 1755, in St. Mary’s County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** no inventory survives, but in his will he mentioned legacies of £1,000.0.0 sterling. **LAND:** ca. 14,000 acres in St. Mary’s, Prince George’s, Baltimore, Dorchester, and Frederick counties, 1 lot and house in Annapolis, and 1 lot and house in Leonardtown.

PLATER, GEORGE (1735–1792). BORN: on November 8, 1735, at “Sotterly,” St. Mary’s County;