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father, 350 acres through marriage, and 114 acres by patent). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on August 6, 1760, one week after the death of his elder son, Alexander, a loss which, it was said, depressed him so greatly that he died of grief. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,678.17.12 current money (including 2 servants and 18 slaves); FB, £1,167.17.12. LAND: 684 acres in Kent County.

WILLIAMSON, CHARLES (ca. 1749–1807). BORN: ca. 1749, in All Saints' Parish, Calvert County; probably second son. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Calvert County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Rev. James Williamson (?-1769), rector of All Saints' Parish, Calvert County, 1722-at least 1753. MOTHER: Elizabeth. BROTHERS: Henry; James; Basil (?by 1796); Alexander; and Compton (?-by 1783). SISTER: Elizabeth, who married first, Patrick Ouchterloney (?-by 1753), and second, John Chesley (?-1768). MARRIED Sarah. CHILDREN. SONS: five under 26 years of age listed in the census of 1800. A letter written by Williamson in 1793 mentions "my sons." DAUGHTERS: five under 26 years of age listed in the census of 1800. PRIVATE CA-REER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIA-TION: Anglican; All Saints' Parish, Calvert County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1778; Esq., by 1780. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Calvert County, 1779-1780, 1780 (resigned during the 1st session of the 1780-1781 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: militia recruiting officer, Calvert County, 1777; sheriff, Calvert County, 1794; justice, Calvert County, 1803, 1805, 1806. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Calvert County Militia, 1776, STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: On November 2, 1793, Williamson offered himself as "a candidate in the ensuing session as one of the Council." He mentioned that his personal misfortune of losing a limb had deprived him of an "active life so that it is my duty to seek such an employment as will give my numerous family a maintenance. . . ." Another objective was to be able to educate his sons. WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £693.10.0, including 26 slaves, 1783; 22 slaves, 1800; filed a petition in 1803 under an Act for Relief of Insolvent Debtors, at which time he owed £2,942.0.0 to creditors. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 372 acres in Calvert County (inherited from father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned 493 acres in Calvert County and 105 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1783; purchased 350 acres in Calvert County from his brother Henry, which he sold in 1786; in 1801 the sheriff of Calvert County advertised the sale of 500 acres of Williamson's land to satisfy two judgments against him, including his "large and convenient house," which was "elegantly furnished," a new yard and garden, an orchard of 400 young trees, outbuildings costing a minimum of £1,500.0.0 consisting of "a kitchen, study, milk, meat, corn, carriage, tobacco and cow houses, a school house and several negro quarters. . . ." In 1803 he instituted insolvency proceedings, listing 511 acres of real estate, some of which was encumbered because of his indebtedness. WEALTH AT DEATH, DIED: on January 25, 1807, in Calvert County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown.

WILLIAMSON, SAMUEL (1658-1729). BORN: in 1658, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1673, probably as an indentured servant. RE-SIDED: in St. Mary's County. MARRIED first. (name unknown). MARRIED second, in 1713, Judith, widow of Capt. James Swan (?-1707) of St. Mary's County. CHILDREN. STEPSON: James Swan (?-1745/ 46). DAUGHTERS: Mary; Martha; and probably Eleanor, who married John (1678-1734), son of Philip Briscoe (?-ca. 1724/25). STEPDAUGHTER: Susannah Swan, who married first. Thomas Hatton, and second, John Attaway. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: was transported to Maryland by Joshua Williamson of Liverpool, a merchant, and apparently assigned as a servant to Capt. John Gerard. OC-CUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1715, 1725-1727. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, St. Mary's County, by 1710-1729 (quorum, by 1720-1729). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND: ca. 555 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH, DIED: administration bond dated October 2, 1729, in St. Mary's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £497.16.11 (including 4 slaves); FB, £459.7.6.

WILLSON, JONATHAN (ca. 1715–1806). BORN: ca. 1715 in Charles County. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Charles County; in Frederick (later became Montgomery) County by 1756. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Willson (?–1751) of Charles County. BROTHER: William. SISTERS: Ann, who married (first name unknown) Bond; Catherine, who married Nathan Waters; Mary, who married John, son of William