

PROPERTY: 25 slaves, 1790; assessed value £835.0.0, including 21 slaves and 64 oz. plate, 1810. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 649 acres in Prince George's and Charles counties, plus 1 lot in Nottingham, Prince George's County (inherited at least 1 lot in Nottingham, Prince George's County, from his father; purchased at least 498 acres, plus another 2 acres in partnership with James Swann). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 599 acres in Prince George's County and 387 acres in Charles County probably by inheritance from his mother, 1779; gave 811 acres in Charles County to his son by deed of gift in 1782, but repurchased it in 1790 and sold it in 1793; purchased 417 acres in Baltimore County, 1793; purchased 1,430 acres in Montgomery and Frederick counties from Edward Burgess, against whom Contee had obtained a court judgment in 1793, but sold 1,359 acres of it in 1806; by 1810 he disposed of the 599 acres in Prince George's County that he probably inherited from his mother; acquired 567 additional acres in that county by 1810; acquired 4,833 acres in Kentucky by 1811. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in January 1811 in Prince George's County; buried at "Brookefield," Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$9,167.75 (including 19 slaves, books, and silver); FB, \$1,884.42; there were still debts outstanding against the estate in 1821, including a judgment obtained by James Allston for the Union Bank of Maryland amounting to over \$12,000. LAND: 1,082 acres in Prince George's, Baltimore, and Frederick counties, 4 lots in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, plus 4,833 acres in Kentucky.

COODE, JOHN (ca. 1648–1708/9). BORN: ca. 1648 in Penryn, Cornwall, England; second son. IMMIGRATED: in 1672 as a free adult. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Coode (1622–1713), a lawyer. MOTHER: Grace (?–1694), daughter of Thomas Robins, of Glasney College. BROTHERS: Thomas (1642–1685); William (1652–1716). MARRIED first, in 1674 Susannah (?–by 1683), widow of *Robert Slye* (ca. 1628–1670/71); daughter of *Thomas Gerard* (1608–1673). Her brothers were Thomas (?–1686); Justinian (?–1688); and John. Her sisters were Frances; Temperance; Elizabeth (?–1716), who married first, *Nehemiah Blakiston* (?–1693), second, *Ralph Rymer*, and third, *Joshua Guibert* (?–1713); and Mary, who married *Kenelm Cheseldyne* (1640–1708). MARRIED second, by 1685 Elizabeth, who subsequently married by 1710 Wil-

liam Hook. CHILDREN. SONS: John, Jr. (?–1718), the sheriff of St. Mary's County from 1704 to 1707; William (1679–?), the sheriff of St. Mary's County from 1707 to 1709; and Richard. STEPSON: Gerard Slye (1654–by 1703). DAUGHTERS: Winnifred; Anne; and Mary, who married *Justinian Jordan* (ca. 1686–1749). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; Exeter College, Oxford University, England, 1664–1666, "literated." RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, took orders as a priest in England, ca. 1669; he was an atheist in later life. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: descended from a distinguished English family with a long tradition in the law; Gent. on arrival; attained much wealth and political power through his marriage to Susannah Slye; had a controversial career in politics; his sons held no provincial offices. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: Anglican priest, Penryn, Cornwall, England, ca. 1669–1672, "turned out" in 1672; some minor officiating as a priest during his initial years in Maryland; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1676–1682 (Accounts 2; Security and Defense 2; Laws 2), 1688 (elected to the 2nd session); Associates' Convention, St. Mary's County, 1689–1690 (went to England before the 3rd session); Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1696 (elected to the 7th session; dismissed on the grounds that he was ineligible because he was a former priest), 1708A (election voided), 1708B (dismissed from 1708B–1711 Assembly on the grounds that he was ineligible as a former priest). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: commander in chief (acting chief executive), 1689–1690; naval officer, North Potomac, 1689–1690; agent to England, 1690–1692. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, St. Mary's County, 1676–1681 (dismissed), 1689–1690 (quorum, 1677–1681, 1689–1690; president, 1679–1681); coroner, St. Mary's County, 1678; King and Queen Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, 1693–1696; sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1694–1696. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1676–1681, 1689–1694; lieutenant colonel, 1694–1696. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: involved in four rebellions (1681, 1689, 1693, 1696–1698), one of which was successful in 1689; always unable to work cooperatively for any appreciable length of time under any government; he lost all his offices in 1681 and 1696 for opposition to government; convicted for blasphemy, 1699. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: controlled at least 1,000 acres that belonged to his wife and stepchildren from the estate of *Robert Slye* (ca. 1628–1670/71). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between Feb-