

**James Pearce.** PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1774; Gent., 1778; Esq., 1788. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, 1760, 1779; farmer, 1772. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Caroline County, 1783 (elected, but did not attend), 1784, 1786–1787. LOCAL OFFICES: tobacco inspector, Queen Anne's County, in office 1762, 1766; churchwarden, St. John's Parish, Queen Anne's County, in office 1762–1763; St. John's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office 1763–1766; justice, Caroline County, 1777—at least 1787; commissioner of tax, Caroline County, appointed 1777 and 1779; justice, Orphans' Court, Caroline County, commissioned 1779, 1780, 1786, and 1787. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,251.0.0, including 18 slaves, 1783; 20 slaves, 1790; 25 slaves, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,575 acres in Caroline County (all by purchase or patent). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Hardcastle had inherited at least 257 acres from his father, but had given it to his son John, Jr., before his first election. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: by ca. 1805 he owned 1,890 acres in Caroline County, but his will indicated that most of it had been given or sold to his children before the will was written. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on September 29, 1808, in Dorchester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,147.10.0 (including 16 slaves and books); FB, estate overpaid £51.13.2. LAND: he gave or sold most of his land to his children prior to his death.

**HARFORD, HENRY** (ca. 1759–1834). BORN: ca. 1759 in London, England; eldest child, natural son. RESIDED: in England, at his house in London or his country estate, "Down Place," near Windsor, Berkshire, England; in Maryland, at the Annapolis home of Dr. Upton Scott, 1783–1786. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Frederick Calvert, 6th Lord Baltimore* (1731/32–1771). STEPFATHER: Peter Prevost, Esq. GUARDIANS: Dr. John Moore (1730–1805), archbishop of Canterbury; Hugh Hammersley, Esq., principal secretary of Maryland from 1765 to at least 1771 (date of last commission); and his stepfather Peter Prevost, Esq. MOTHER: Hester Whalen (?–1812), of Ireland. HALF UNCLE: *Benedict Calvert* (ca. 1724–1788). AUNT: Caroline Calvert, who married *Robert Eden* (1741–1784). SISTER: Frances Mary (ca. 1760–1822). HALF SISTERS: Sophia Hales (1765–?); Elizabeth Hales (1765–?); and Charlotte Hope (1770–?). MARRIED first, in June 1792 Louisa (?–ca. 1802), daughter of Peter Pigou, Esq. MARRIED

second, in June 1806 Esther Rycroft (ca. 1775–1853). CHILDREN. SONS: Henry (1793–died in infancy); Frederick Paul (ca. 1802–1860), who married Elizabeth Louisa Halifax (ca. 1810–1876); George (1807–?); and Charles (1811–?). DAUGHTERS: Louisa Ann (1794–?); Frances (1796–?); Fredericka Louisa Elizabeth (1797–?), who married Robert T. J. Glyn; Charlotte Penelope (1808–died young); Esther (1810–?); and Emily (1814–?), who married Rev. William H. W. Bowyer. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: Richmond School near Epsom, Eton, England, 1772–1775; Exeter College, Oxford University, 1776–1779. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq.; did not inherit the title of Lord Baltimore because of his illegitimacy. PUBLIC CAREER. PROVINCIAL OFFICE: proprietor of Maryland, 1771–1776. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: tied for a seat in Parliament from Lyme Regis, Dorsetshire, in 1780, but lost when the election was decided by the House of Commons. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited ca. £96,000 in deposits and investments from his father's estate. Received a £60,000 settlement from proprietorship litigation, 1781. Submitted a claim of £327,441 to the Maryland government for the loss of land and revenues, which was denied by the General Assembly in 1786. A similar claim for £447,000 presented to the British government was partially allowed and Harford received probably £70,000 in compensation. He also received £10,000, which was deducted from Maryland's bank stock in England in 1805. After further petitions to the British government for compensation for debts owed him by Maryland residents but not paid because of the war, Harford's claim was allowed in 1813 and he may have received a part of the £43,000 requested. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: during Harford's minority his father left Maryland in the control of his executors *Robert Eden* (1741–1784), Hugh Hammersley, Esq., Peter Prevost, Esq., and Robert Morris (who was removed by 1776). The provisions in the will of *Frederick Calvert, 6th Lord Baltimore* (1731/32–1771), leaving the proprietorship to his illegitimate Harford children was contested by John Browning and the Edens and remained in litigation until 1781. Although Harford inherited the proprietor's rights to lands in Maryland under the will of his father in 1771, the resulting litigation and war made his ownership of little value. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: Harford estimated that his inheritance included 71,000 acres of manor lands and 125,000 acres of undeveloped land west of Fort Cumberland, 1786.