

tion to his surviving son and daughter, was Mrs. Sebilla Coucher, a widow, of England. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: admitted to Middle Temple, London, May 23, 1715. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1725; Hon., by 1746. Member of a prominent Virginia family; married well; attained high social and political position in Maryland. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: officeholder; lawyer; admitted to the English bar May 19, 1721; Anne Arundel and Prince George's County courts in August 1723; Provincial Court in September 1723; Court of Chancery by February 1723/24; Charles and Baltimore County courts in March 1723/24; fined for non-attendance at the Charles County Court, but the fine was remitted in August 1724; again fined for non-attendance at the Charles County Court in March 1725/26; refused to take the new attorney's oath before the Prince George's County Court, November 1725, but accepted the oath and was again sworn in before the Prince George's County Court in June 1726. **Stephen Bordley** (ca. 1710–1764) described Jennings as the "most eminent practising attorney in Maryland" in a letter dated August 30, 1729. Jennings was also a partner with Richard Snowden and others in an ironworks, furnace, and forge on the Patuxent River, ca. 1735–1749. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Annapolis, 1728–1731 (Laws 1–5); Upper House, 1732/33–1734 (appointed before the 2nd session of the 1732–1734 Assembly), 1734/35–1737, 1738, 1739–1741, 1742–1744, 1745, 1745/46–1748, 1749–1751, 1751–1752 (left Maryland before the 3rd session of the 1751–1754 Assembly). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1732–1753 (qualified October 21, 1732; left Maryland ca. September 1753 and went to England; resignation noted December 1754); deputy secretary, 1733–1753; judge of the Land Office, 1733–1738; collector of Patuxent, 1744–1745. LOCAL OFFICE: St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, elected 1728. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: one-half interest in 1 lot in Annapolis; however his wife owned at least 160 acres in Anne Arundel County, 5 lots in Annapolis, and ca. 250 acres in Cecil County in her own name, plus a one-third interest in ca. 3,380 acres in Cecil and Kent counties, which was the real property of her two previous husbands. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold his interest in the Annapolis lot in 1729. In 1733 Ariana gave him 8 lots (4 acres) in Annapolis. The

following year she deeded her 160 acres in Anne Arundel County to him, plus 1,000 acres in Kent County which she had acquired in 1731 by foreclosing on a three-year mortgage after one year of non-payment by the mortgagor. Jennings purchased 400 acres in Anne Arundel County in the late 1730s, and an additional 203 acres in Anne Arundel County, plus 5.25 acres and 1 lot in Annapolis, in 1743. He sold the 1,000-acre tract in Kent County in 1747. That year and in 1753 he transferred his life interest in the Frisby land and his late wife's 250 acres in Cecil County to her Frisby heirs. The Bordley property in Kent County had gone to the heirs of **Thomas Bordley** (ca. 1683–1726) in the mid 1730s. While in London, shortly before his death, Jennings sold his 5.25 acres and 1 lot in Annapolis. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in March 1756 in Bath, England. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV in Maryland, £428.6.5 sterling, £816.9.1 current money, 3,850 pounds of tobacco (including 14 slaves); FB, estate overpaid £64.19.1 current money and 350 pounds of tobacco, including over £700.0.0 sterling paid to Edmund Jennings, Jr. from his legacy apparently prior to his father's death. LAND: 723 acres in Anne Arundel County, plus 4 acres (8 lots) in Annapolis.

JENNINGS, THOMAS (ca. 1736–1796). BORN: ca. 1736, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: probably from England ca. 1759 as a free adult. RESIDED: probably in Annapolis, at least after 1772; in the Paca House, Prince George Street, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, 1780 until death. MARRIED Juliana. CHILDREN. SONS: Thomas, alive in 1800; George, alive in 1797; William, who married on October 17, 1796, Elizabeth Ann MacGill; John, a minor in 1797; Daniel, a minor in 1797; Horner, a minor in 1797; and Horatio, a minor in 1797. DAUGHTERS: Anne, who married on October 30, 1783, **Nicholas (Maccubbin) Carroll** (1750/51–1812); Juliana (ca. 1764–?), who married on May 23, 1781, **James Brice** (1746–1801); and Elizabeth, who married on October 13, 1808, Benjamin Hodges. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: studied law in England with James Best. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County; held pew 59. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1770; Esq., by 1773; on March 1, 1786, he was elected a member of the Board of St. John's College by the visitors of the Annapolis school, served until death; "poet laureate" of the Homony Club. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: In August 1775 Jennings requested permission from the Council to go to