

**WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 10 slaves, 1776; assessed value £888.16.8, including 19 slaves and 2 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 442 acres in Dorchester County (all by purchase or patent). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** controlled 305 acres in Dorchester County for the heirs of James Kirkman, 1783; inherited from his father 245 acres in Dorchester County, ca. 1783; purchased 1 lot in Vienna, plus 633 acres, but later sold 442 acres, all in Dorchester County, between 1783 and 1790. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** ca. 1790 in Dorchester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £841.11.2; balance as of fourth account, £54.6.11. **LAND:** 878 acres in Dorchester County, plus 1 lot in Vienna, Dorchester County. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** at death Kirkman was heavily in debt and *James Shaw* (ca. 1747–ca. 1795) was appointed trustee to sell enough of Kirkman's real estate to raise £900 to pay his creditors.

**KNIGHT, STEPHEN** (?–ca. 1745). **BORN:** probably in Kent County, of age in 1708. **RESIDED:** in Cecil County; Kent County, ca. 1737. **MARRIED** first, on February 24, 1708, Sarah, widow of Thomas Robinson, daughter of *James Frisby* (ca. 1651–1704). Sarah was the granddaughter of James Frisby (?–1674) and wife Mary. She was the niece of *William Frisby* (by 1664–1713). Her brothers were James (1676–died in infancy); Thomas (1681–ca. 1715/16); *James Frisby* (1684–1719); *Peregrine Frisby* (1688–1739); Jacob (1693–by 1704); Francis, baptized July 7, 1697; and William (1699–1724). Her sisters were Mary (1678/79–?), who never married; Mary (1690–by 1704); and Frances (1696–by 1704). Her nieces were Ann (1727–1793), who married second, *William Fitzhugh* (ca. 1722–1798); Ariana Margaret (1717–?), who married *William Harris* (1704–1748). **MARRIED** second, on November 30, 1731, Ann Seaton. **CHILDREN. SONS:** William (1709–1746), clerk of Cecil County, 1733–1746, and deputy commissary, who married on November 7, 1741, Rachel, who was the daughter of *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753), and who subsequently married Rev. Henry Addison; Frisby (1712–1712); and John (1716–1743), who married on May 15, 1740, Mary, who was the daughter of John Thompson and wife Mary, and who subsequently married Adam Vanbibber. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (1714–?), who married on December 31, 1731, Humphrey Wells, son of Capt. John Stokes of Baltimore County; Sarah (1719–?), who married (first name un-

known) Philips; and Cordelia. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Stephens Church, North Sassafras Parish, Cecil County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., by 1708; Gent., by 1713; Esq., by 1716. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Cecil County, 1720 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1719–1721/22 Assembly to fill vacancy; Knight was asked to withdraw from the Lower House on October 14, 1720, after the Committee of Elections and Privileges reported that through the sheriff's oversight, no indenture was returned for his election), 1728–1731. **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** riding surveyor of Bohemia and Sassafras, 1706/7–1743 (resigned); naval officer of Cecil County, 1711–1733 (resigned); justice, Provincial Court, 1735–1744/45 (quorum by 1743–1745); judge, Assize Court, Eastern Shore, 1737—at least 1743. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Cecil County, 1715/16–1730, Kent County, commissioned 1733; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Cecil County, commissioned 1715, Kent County, commissioned 1736; North Sassafras Parish Vestry, Cecil County, 1717–1722; clerk, Cecil County, 1718–1733 (resigned in favor of his son); deputy commissary, Cecil County, by 1723–1733/34. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,373 acres in Cecil County (by personal acquisition); he also held a mortgage on 550 acres. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** deeded as a gift 300 acres in Cecil County to his son, 1741. Acquired 3 lots in Chester Town, Kent County, ca. 1732. Sold two of the Chester Town lots in 1737, and deeded the third lot as a gift to his sister-in-law, Ann Frisby, 1743. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on March 21, 1745; his residence at death was in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** requested no appraisal of estate. **LAND:** ca. 1,000 acres in Cecil County.

**LADD, RICHARD** (?–ca. 1691/92). **BORN:** in England, perhaps in Norwich. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1668 as a free adult. **RESIDED:** on "Charles' Gift," Calvert County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. BROTHER:** John, of Norwich, England. **SISTER:** Ellen, who married Henry Rigdon. **MARRIED** by May 1676 Rosamond (?–ca. 1692), widow of Joseph Horsley (?–1671) of Calvert County. She subsequently married, by February 1691/92, Samuel Holdsworth (?–1710/11). **CHILDREN.** None who survived him. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Christ Church