

times between 1811 and 1813 and sold it in 1820. When Sophia died in 1812, she left her land to her children, but Mercer remained tenant by courtesy. He released his interest to 606 acres of the farm to his son in 1818. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on August 30, 1821, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he had gone to consult a physician about his health; buried in St. Peter's churchyard, Philadelphia. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$19,976.75 (including 72 slaves); FB, zero (outstanding debts totalled more than \$37,490 at the time of the final account of his estate in 1829). **LAND:** none in Maryland.

**MIDDLETON, WILLIAM** (1686–1769). **BORN:** in 1686 in Charles County; youngest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** at "Middleton's Rich Thickett," Charles County, ca. 1758 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Robert Middleton (ca. 1651–1708), who was transported to Maryland prior to 1671 by *Benjamin Rozer* (?–1681). Robert resided in Prince George's County and was an appraiser and land boundary commissioner between 1692 and 1707. He served as juror in the Provincial Court in 1680 and 1698, and was appointed both coroner and justice for Prince George's County in 1696. He served as warden and vestryman of St. John's Church, Piscataway Parish, at Broad Creek, Prince George's County, from 1704 to 1708. **MOTHER:** Mary (1658–?), daughter of Maj. John Wheeler (1630/31–1693/94). **BROTHERS:** Capt. John (ca. 1673), his father's principal heir, who established his seat at "Wheeler's Hope," the family estate, and was granted a license to operate an ordinary in 1704, and who was a constable of Piscataway Hundred in 1719 and a vestryman of St. John's Church, Piscataway Parish, Prince George's County, in 1707, and who married ca. 1695 Mary (last name unknown); James (ca. 1675–1769), who married Sarah, daughter of John Smith; Thomas (ca. 1677–1744), Gent., a builder, vestryman at Broad Creek Parish Church, 1706–1733, who married first, ca. 1702, Penelope, daughter of *William Hatton* (?–1712) and wife Mary, married second, in 1735, Alice, widow of Thomas Smallwood, married third, in 1735/36, Susanna, widow of George Brett of Charles County; and Robert (ca. 1682–ca. 1729), who married Elizabeth Smith (ca. 1700–?), sister of Sarah, his brother James's wife. **NIECE:** Charity Middleton, who married *William Luckett* (1711–ca. 1783). **MARRIED** first, between July 13, 1710, and April 1712, Elizabeth (ca. 1689–by 1758), widow of John Keech, daughter of Hugh Teares

and wife Ruth Holland. Elizabeth was the stepdaughter of Ellinor Bayne (1667–by 1717), the stepgranddaughter of *Walter Bayne* (?–1670), the niece of Elizabeth Holland, who married second, *Henry Hawkins* (?–1699), and the stepniece of *John Bayne* (ca. 1662–1701). **MARRIED** second, by August 30, 1758, Henrietta (last name unknown). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Robert (by 1727–?), who resided in Richmond, Virginia, by 1770, moved to Fayette County, Kentucky, after the Revolutionary War where he became a large land owner, married Ann (last name unknown), and died in Natchez, Mississippi after 1800; William (ca. 1718–1755), a planter and ordinary keeper at Charlestown, Charles County, from 1753 until death, who married Mary, daughter of William Coghill and wife Anne Smallwood; Hugh (ca. 1715–1803), who resided on the Savannah River, McCormick County, South Carolina, and who married first, Martha Haynie, married second, Lydia (ca. 1714–?), daughter of William Coghill and Anne Smallwood, married third, Lucy Williams, and married fourth, Agatha Garrett; Holland (1719/20–1795), who was residing in South Carolina by February 1767, and in Georgia by the Revolutionary War until his death, who married first, by 1738, Sarah, and married second, Mary (last name unknown); and Samuel (?–1764), who married first, Sarah, daughter of William Hutchinson, and married second, Elizabeth (?–1783), daughter of Henry Ward and wife Margaret. **DAUGHTERS:** Eleanor, who married ca. 1735/36 Benjamin Tyler, and who resided in Virginia. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. His mother was Catholic. Two of his brothers were Catholic and two were Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1738. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1732–1734, 1734/35–1737, 1738, 1739–1741, 1748 (elected to the 4th session of the 1745/46–1748 Assembly to fill vacancy). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Charles County, 1739—at least 1747 (quorum, 1743—at least 1747); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, commissioned 1743. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** While in the Assembly he voted against the imposition of additional tax levies for the support of the provincial government; also voted against the exportation of inferior grade tobacco from the province. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** owned at least 5 slaves in 1738, which he sold that year. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,119 acres in Charles County (733