

MORRIS, WILLIAM (?–1799). BORN: in Worcester County, of age by 1770. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Queponco Hundred, Worcester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Capt. John Morris (1720–1782), a mariner, who immigrated to Worcester County from New Jersey by 1747. He was the son of John Morris of New Jersey. MOTHER: Mary (1723–?), daughter of James Round (1693/94–1738/39) and wife Catherine Watts (1692–1764). BROTHERS: James Round (ca. 1750–1795), Esq., clerk of Worcester County from 1778 to 1795, who married in 1780 Leah, daughter of *William Winder* (1714/15–1792); Justus (Justice) (?–by 1787), who married Rachel (?–by 1796). SISTERS: Catherine; Mary. MARRIED first, by 1780, his first cousin Catherine (?–by 1786), daughter of Capt. Edward Round (?–1773) and wife Ann. Catherine's stepfather was Dr. Henry Stevenson of Baltimore County, a prominent physician and a British loyalist. She was the granddaughter of James Round (1693–1738/39). Her brother was Edward Henry. MARRIED second, by 1788, Esther, daughter of David Wilson. Esther was the stepdaughter of Sarah Done. She was the granddaughter of both *David Wilson* (1704–1750) and *William Winder* (1714/15–1792). She was the niece of *John Winder* (1745–1822); *William Winder, Jr.* (?–1808); *Levin Winder* (1757–1819); *Samuel Wilson* (1735–1790); and Esther Winder, who married first, *Isaac Handy* (1743–ca. 1774), and second, *William Polk* (1752–1812). Her brother was Ephraim King. Her stepbrother was *John Done* (ca. 1747–1831). Her sisters were Nancy, who married Levin Handy; Polly. Her cousin was Henrietta Wilson, who married *Arnold Elzey* (ca. 1758–1818). MARRIED third, by Nov. 25, 1796, Nancy, widow of James Polk (?–1795). CHILDREN. SONS: Edward Round (?–by 1801); David Wilson (?–by 1812); and William Justus (Justice) (?–by 1799). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1783. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter; owned a 116-ton brigantine in partnership with eleven others, 1789. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions. Worcester County, 1st, 1774, 5th, 1775; Lower House, Worcester County, 1780–1781 (Grievances; Public Taxes 2), 1781–1782 (Grievances 2), 1782–1783, 1783, 1784 (elected, but did not serve). OTHER STATE OFFICES: Constitution Ratification Convention, Worcester County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICE: register of wills, Worcester County, 1770–1780; commissioner of the tax, Worcester County, appointed 1778, 1779; justice, Worcester County,

1777, 1782, and 1784 (appointed, but did not qualify); judge, Court of Appeals appointed under the "Act to Procure Troops," Worcester County, 1778; justice, Orphans' Court, Worcester County, 1777, 1782, 1784; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Worcester County, 1786; associate justice, Fourth District, Worcester County, 1791; associate justice, Worcester County, 1796–1799. MILITARY SERVICE: major, Snow Hill Battalion, Worcester County Militia, 1777; lt. colonel, Synepuxent Battalion, Worcester County Militia, 1778. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: provided by deed and will for the manumission of his slaves over a period of time extending to 1824; subscriber to Washington College; his personal library included literature, philosophy, religion, and law books. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £618.15.0, including 14 slaves, 9 oz. plate, and between 30 and 38 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 210 acres in Worcester County (all by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: received 240 acres from his father by deed of gift, purchased 350 acres from his father, and sold 400 acres with his father, all in Worcester County, 1774; acquired 1,932 acres in Worcester County and a lot in Snow Hill through his wife's inheritance, 1774–1780; purchased 100 acres and sold 335 acres in Worcester County, 1780–1781; purchased 413 acres in Worcester County and a lot in Snow Hill, 1782, land which had been confiscated as British property and which had belonged to his wife's stepfather, Dr. Henry Stevenson of Baltimore County; conveyed 1,242 acres in Worcester County and a lot in Snow Hill to relatives between 1782 and 1790; purchased 327 acres in Worcester County in 1790, probably for a new dwelling plantation; assessed for 400 acres and a house on one acre in Wicomico Hundred, Somerset County, 1798; sold 478 acres between 1788 and 1799, all in Worcester County, including his dwelling plantation, "Linnath." WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between February 5 and February 14, 1799, in Worcester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$8,990.79 (including 22 slaves, 41 oz. plate, and 36 book titles); FB, \$7,795.55. LAND: ca. 1,900 acres in Worcester, Somerset, and Baltimore counties.

MOUNTAGUE, STEPHEN (ca. 1636–1672). BORN: ca. 1636, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1659, as a free adult. RESIDED: in Charles County. CHILDREN. No known descendants. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate.